



The Current Status of the Pig Sector in NE Scotland

North East Scotland Agriculture Advisory Group

23rd November, 2022



Scottish Pig Producers



History



**GRAMPIAN
PIGS
GO FOR
QUALITY**

SINCE ITS formation in late 1979, Gramplan Pig Producers Limited, a pig procurement and marketing co-operative in the North East of Scotland, has made giant strides in its marketing activities.

Speaking at its first agm chairman Douglas Cargill of Coldstream, Laurencekirk, illustrated the success of the co-operative by comparing achievements at the beginning and end of its first year of trading. These were:— an increase of throughput from

This was the essential ingredient in achieving the long term aim of the co-operative, which was to substitute part of the importation of pig meats from Denmark, Eire, Holland and Poland by increasing volume sales of Scottish pig products in Scotland.

To achieve this aim Gramplan Pig Producers has been working closely on a contractual basis with two well-known meat processing firms, William Donald of Portlethen and Halls of Breuchnan.



Display involving Halls and Gramplan Pig Producers Ltd.

A television advertising campaign in the Gramplan region on the theme of "Quality comes First" advertises the link-up between Halls of Breuchnan and Gramplan Pig Producers. This is being supported by point of sale material throughout the full gamut of Halls' retail

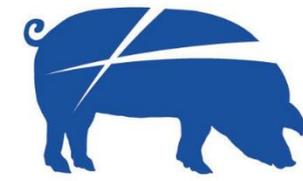
Margaret College for Home Economics for distribution at retail points in late January. The recipes will be applicable to Scottish cuts of meat.

This tie in between an efficient farmers' co-operative and sophisticated meat companies must be seen as one of the most important concerns

The resulting covered questions of and processing and awareness that all pig marketing chain has strengthened to ensure Scottish quality reached the British shopping basket.



Scotland



Quality comes first

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Northern Ireland



Operations





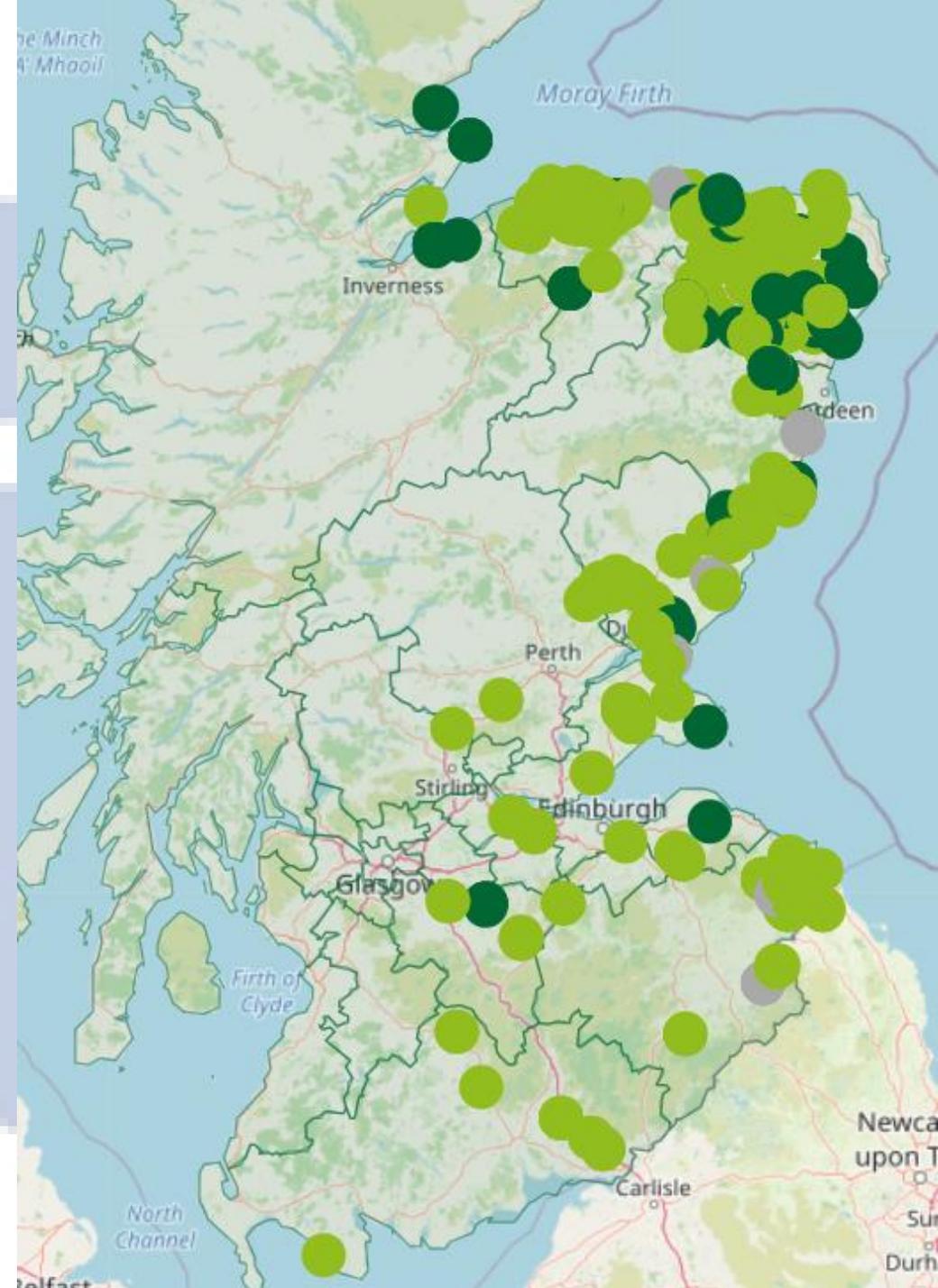
The Scottish Pigmeat Supply Chain

Pig Farming in Scotland

- @50 businesses
- 184 commercial sites
- Roughly half outdoor bred



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Halls of Broxburn -2013



Halls of Broxburn - 2014



QPL Supply Chain

SCOTTISH
PRODUCTION



BRECHIN
SLAUGHTER



ENGLISH
CUTTING &
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International Ltd



QPL Brechin



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Boost for Brechin firm as China welcomes pork

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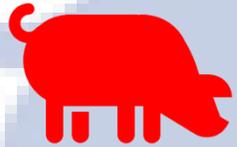
Excellence Awards

Success Through Partnership

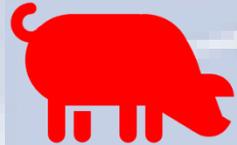
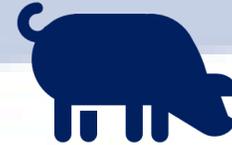
WINNER 2018



Scottish Pig Sales

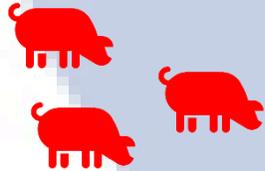


Karro: 500,000 (est)
slaughtered in England



SPP/Scotlean: 100,000
slaughtered in England

SPP/Scotlean: 350,000
slaughtered in Scotland



Weaners: 50,000
finished in England

70%?

30%?

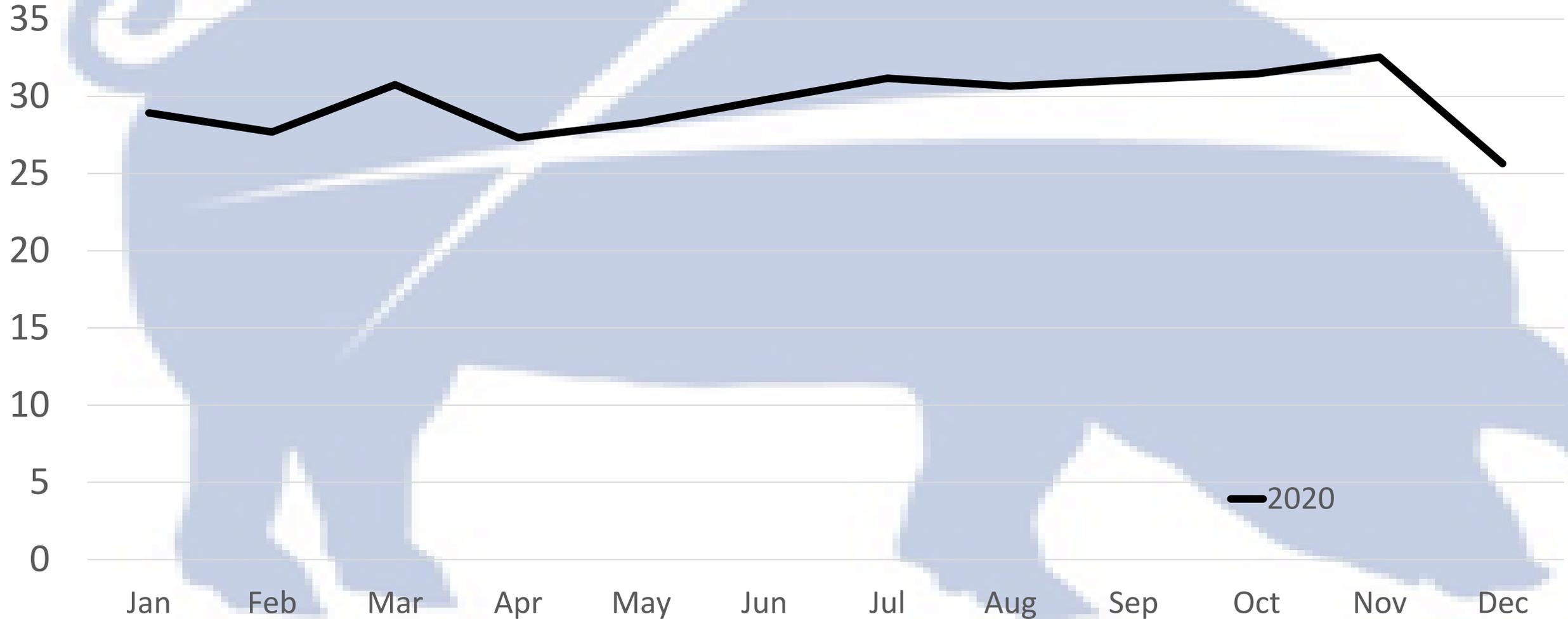


10,000t



Breeding stock sold to
other farmers: 100,000

Scottish Monthly Pig Slaughter ('000 pigs)



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By Graham Brown

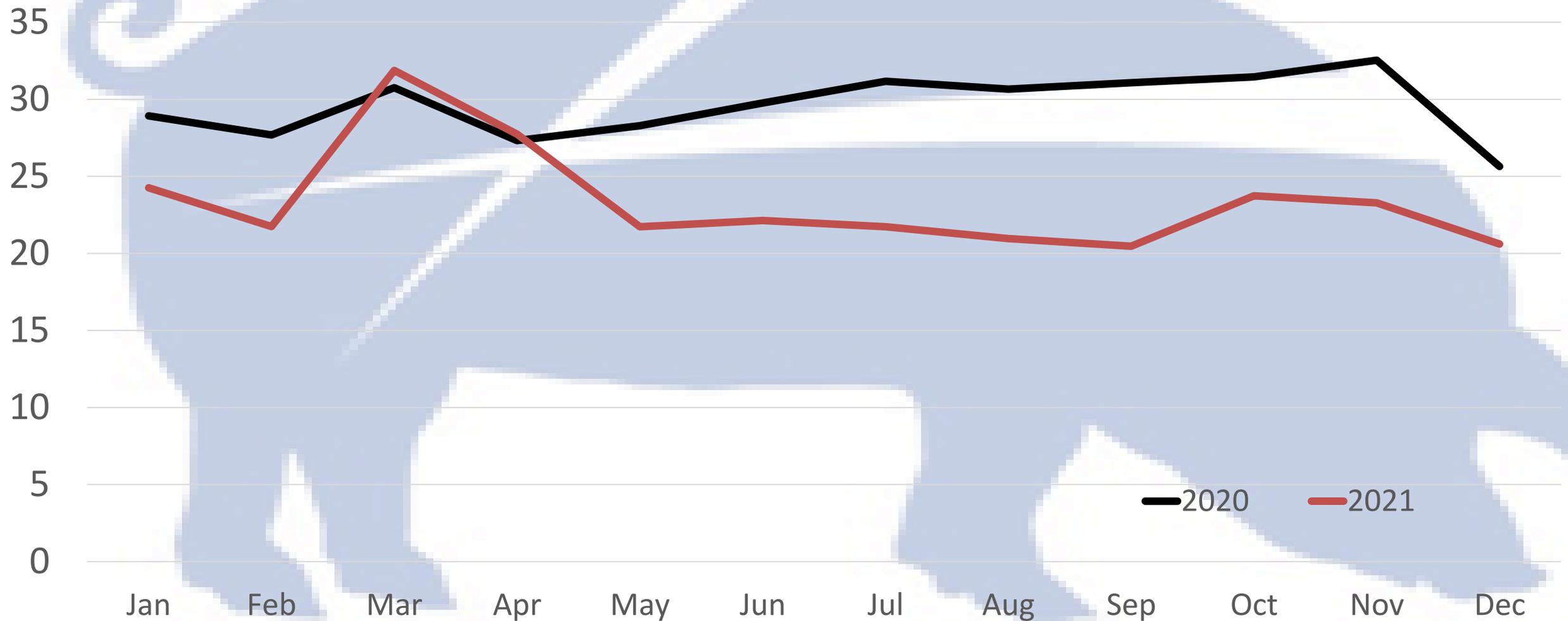
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WHERE THE NATION PLAYS

NEW CUSTOMER OFFER
18+ New customers only. Certain deposit

Scottish Monthly Pig Slaughter ('000 pigs)



QPL Supply Chain

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Pilgrims Exit

UK meat industry cuts production as Brexit labour shortages bite

Industry 'heading for brick wall' and calls on government to relax immigration rules



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Pilgrim's UK in crisis talks over future of Scotland's only major pork processing facility

By David Porter - david.porter@hnmedia.co.uk

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Brechin Restructuring Group



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Thorntons⁺



OPPORTUNITY NORTH EAST

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Browns Food Group buys Brechin abattoir

The Brechin abattoir has been bought by Browns Food Group.

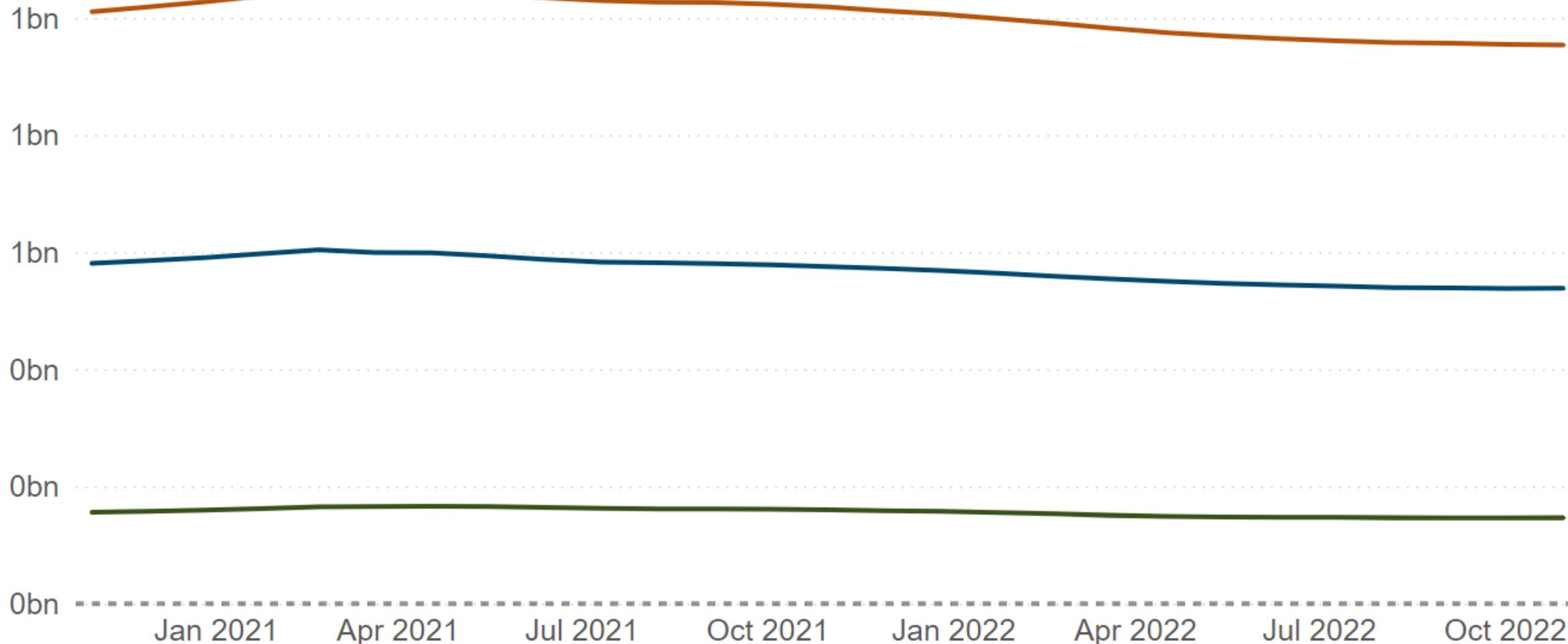




Current Sales Efforts

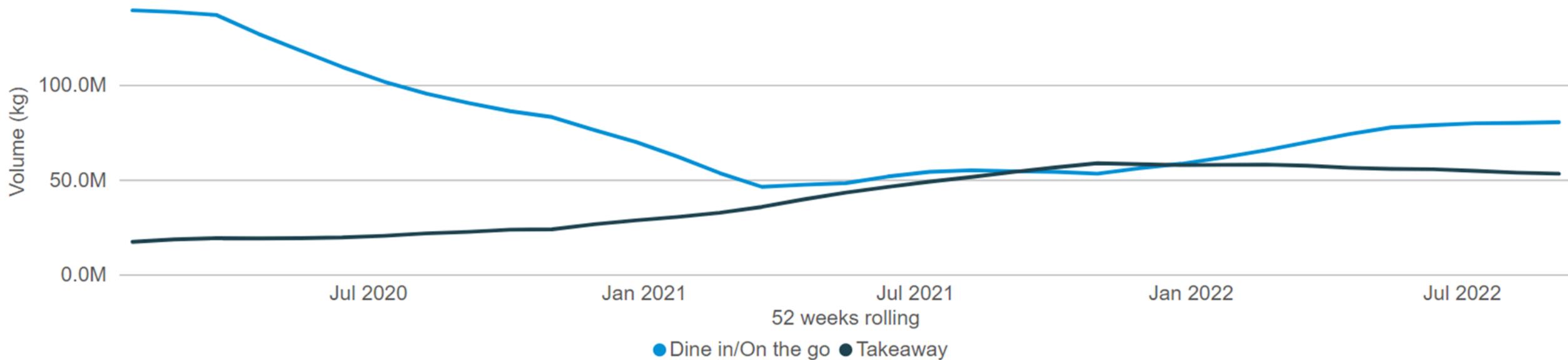
Pork Volumes in UK Retail

● Primary pork ● Processed pork ● Total pork



Pork Volumes In Foodservice

52 we rolling volume by method



● Dine in/On the go ● Takeaway

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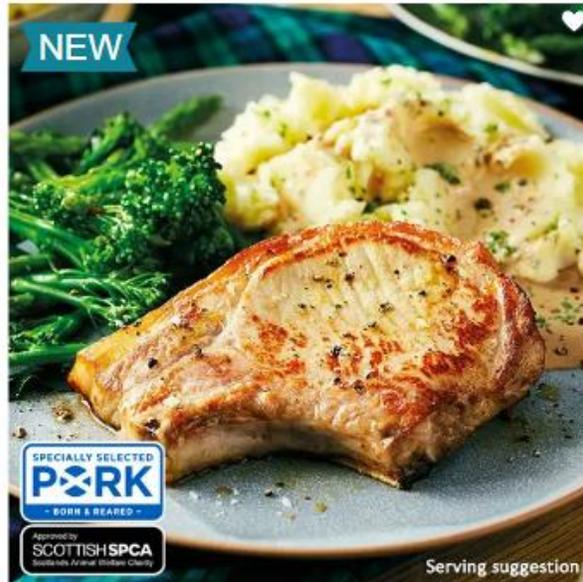
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Specially Selected Pork Loin Roast

£7.00



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From £2.25



Specially Selected Pork Loin Steaks

From £2.75



Specially Selected Pork T-Bone Steak

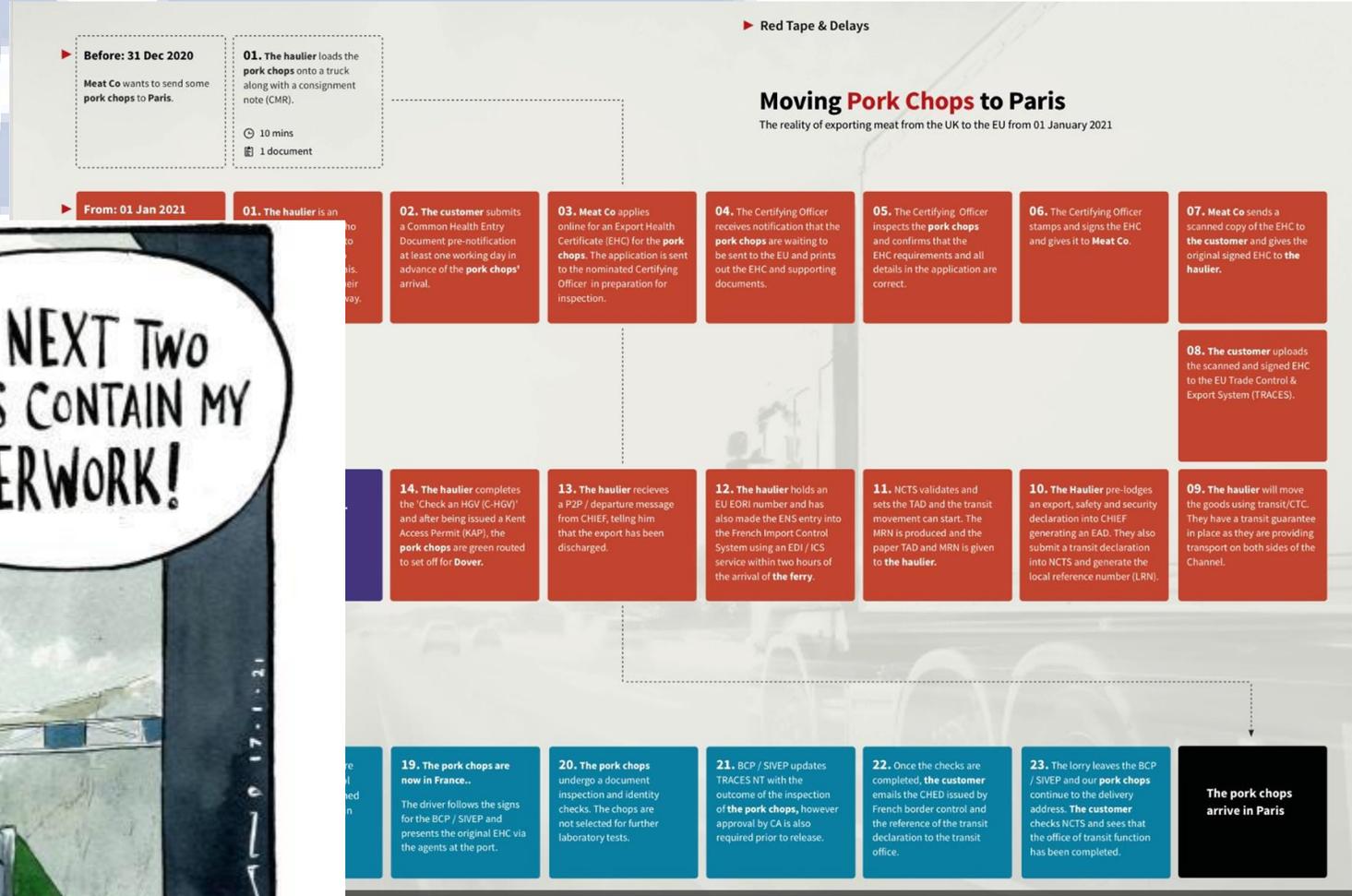
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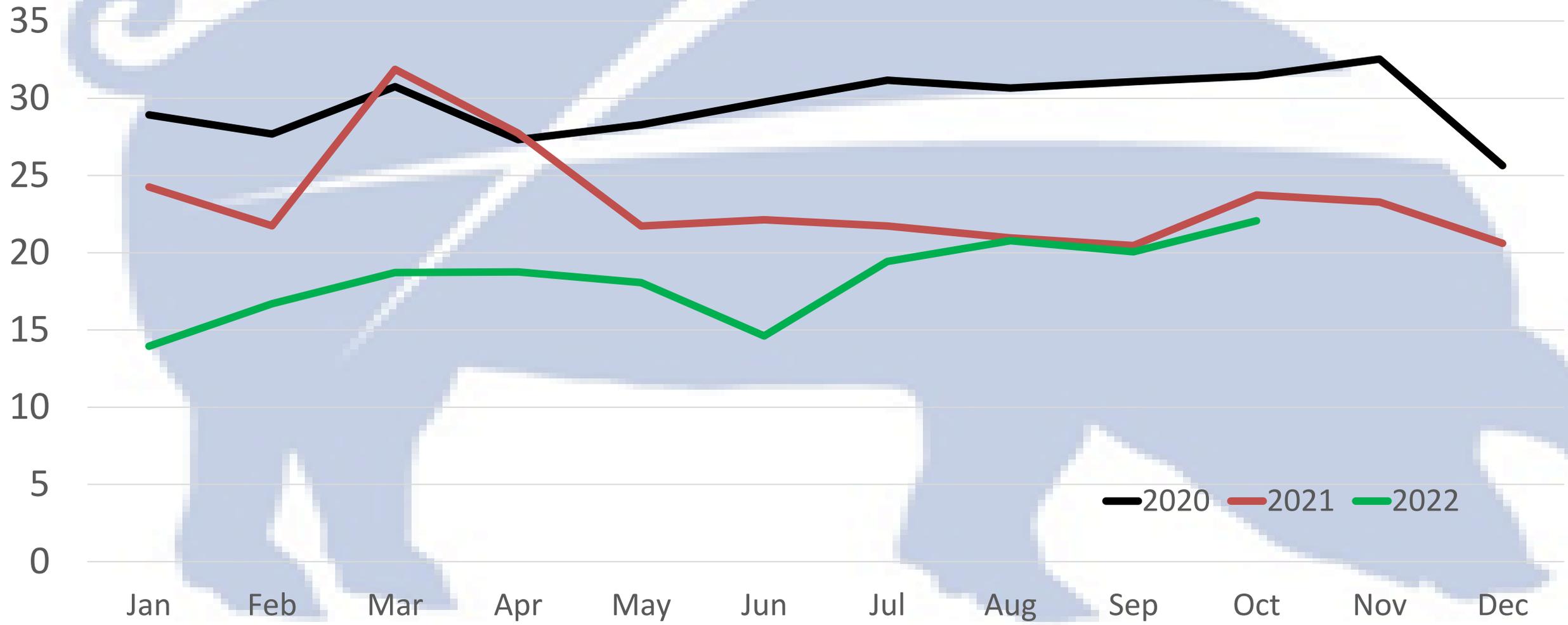
Butchers



Exporting to EU



Scottish Monthly Pig Slaughter ('000 pigs)





Other Challenges

Lack of Butchery Staff



Up to 120,000 pigs in UK face culling due to lack of abattoir workers

National Pig Association fears 'acute welfare disaster' within weeks if farmers cannot get stock processed

Crisis in pig sector deepens as welfare cull tops 30,000



Thousands of East Yorkshire pigs culled due to butcher shortage

🕒 15 December 2021

Average UK Carcass Weight (kg)



Government Support



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Press release

UK-wide review of pig supply chain launched

Rural and Environment

Extension of the Pig Producers' Hardship Support Scheme

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Notice To Traders 87/21 - Private Storage Aid (PSA) Pigmeat

Updated 14 January 2022

Impact of Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Pig to feed wheat price ratio
(Feed wheat price as a % of the pig price)

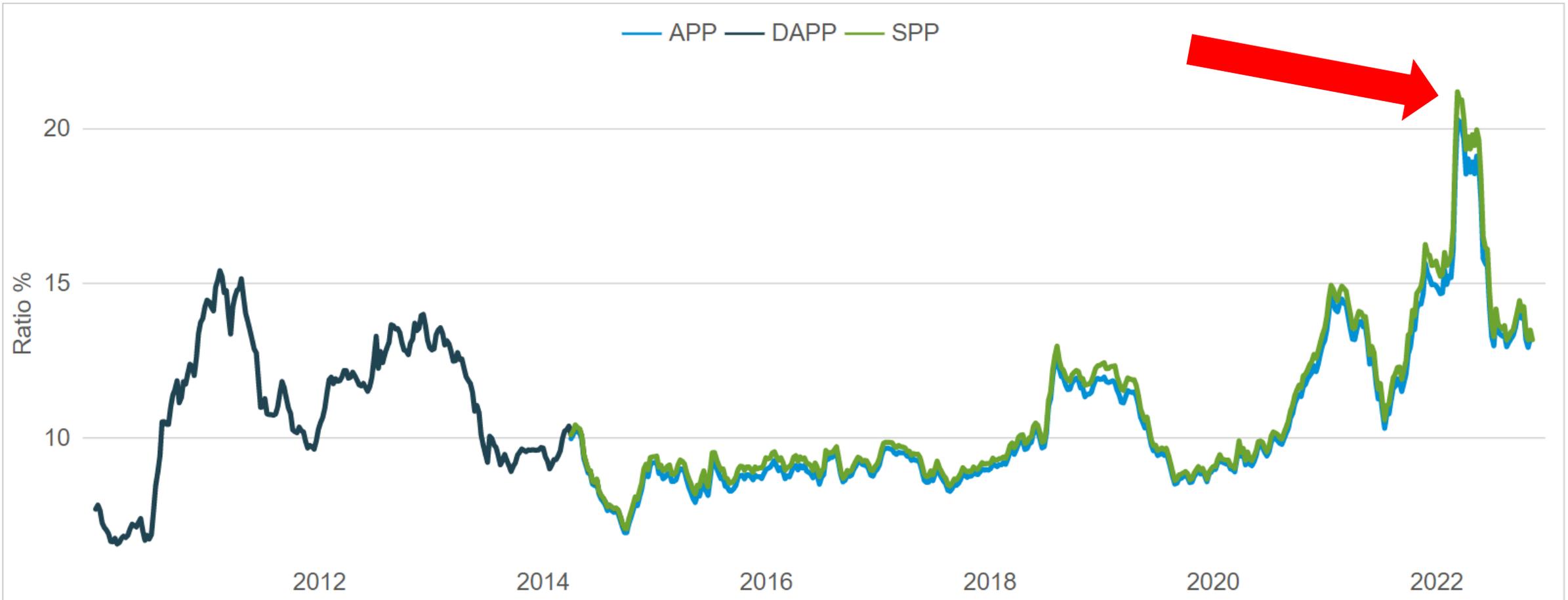
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AHDB



Source: ICE UK Feed Wheat (nearby contract), AHDB

Current Pig Price

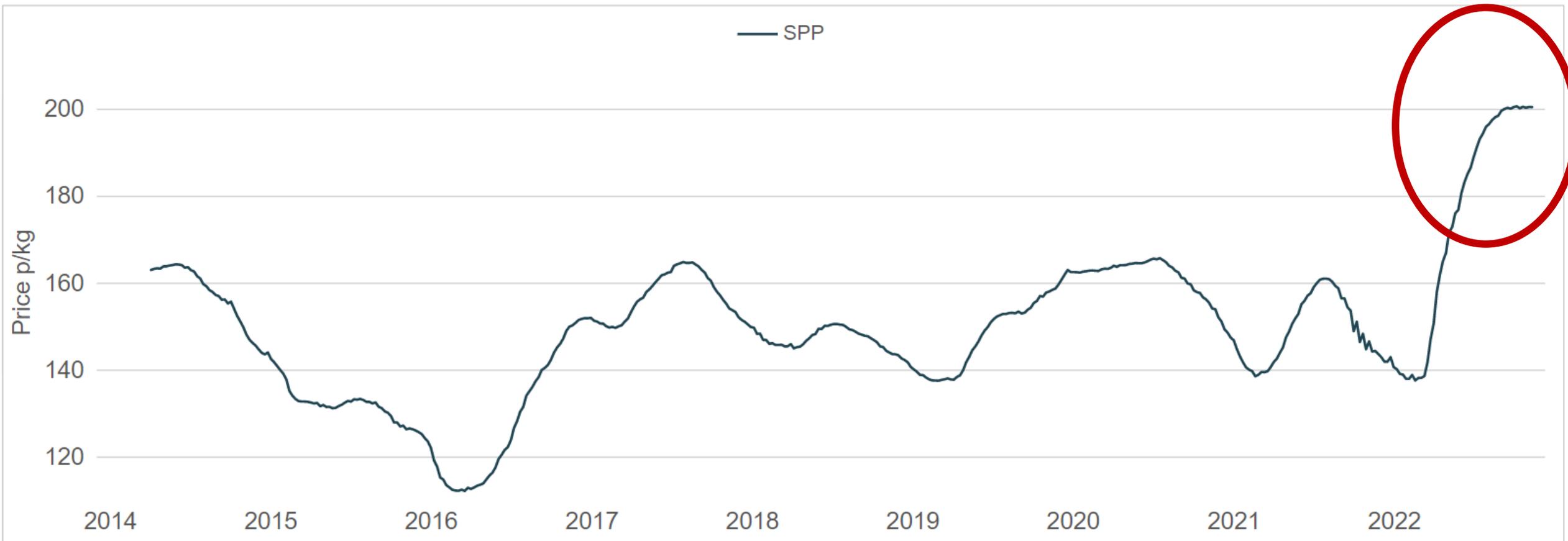
Average weekly EU spec prices

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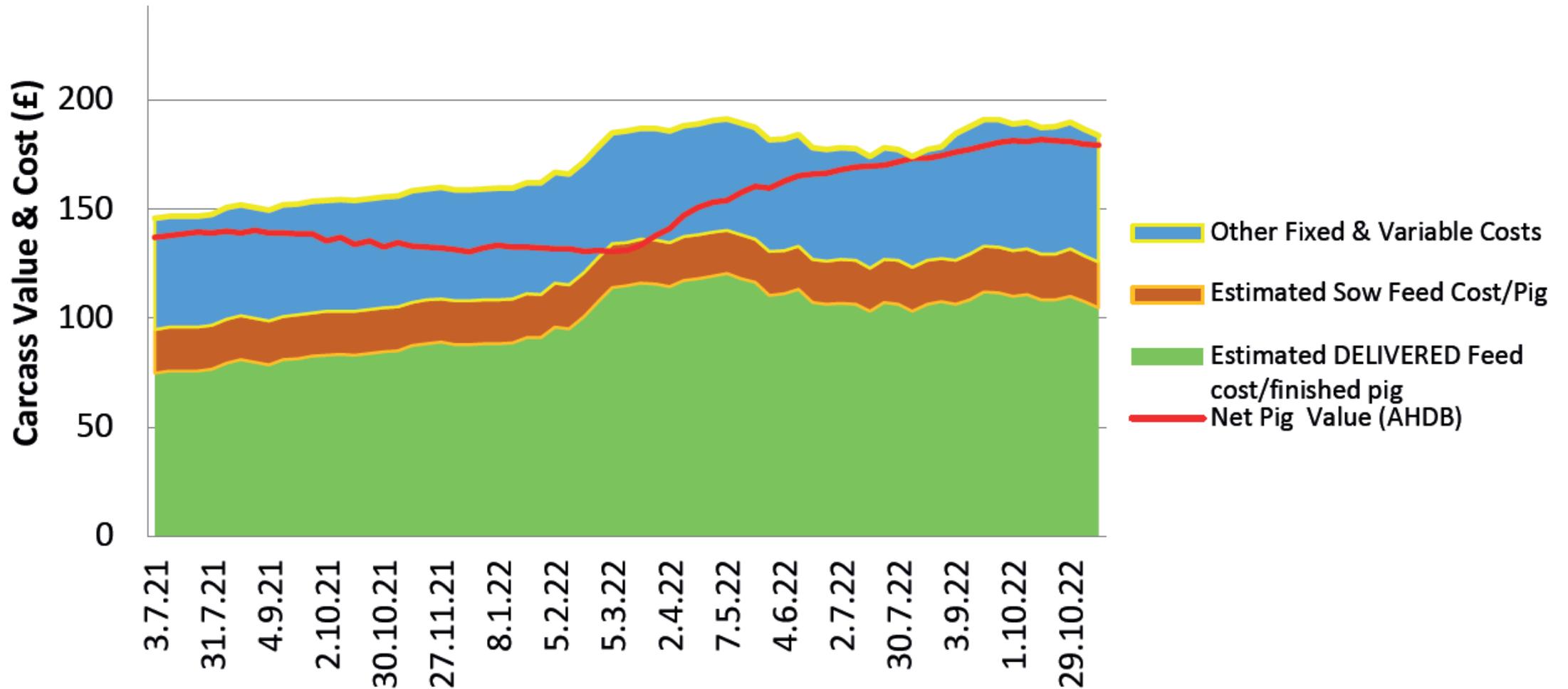
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Two Years of Negative Margins

FEED COST/PIG AND CARCASS VALUE TRENDS

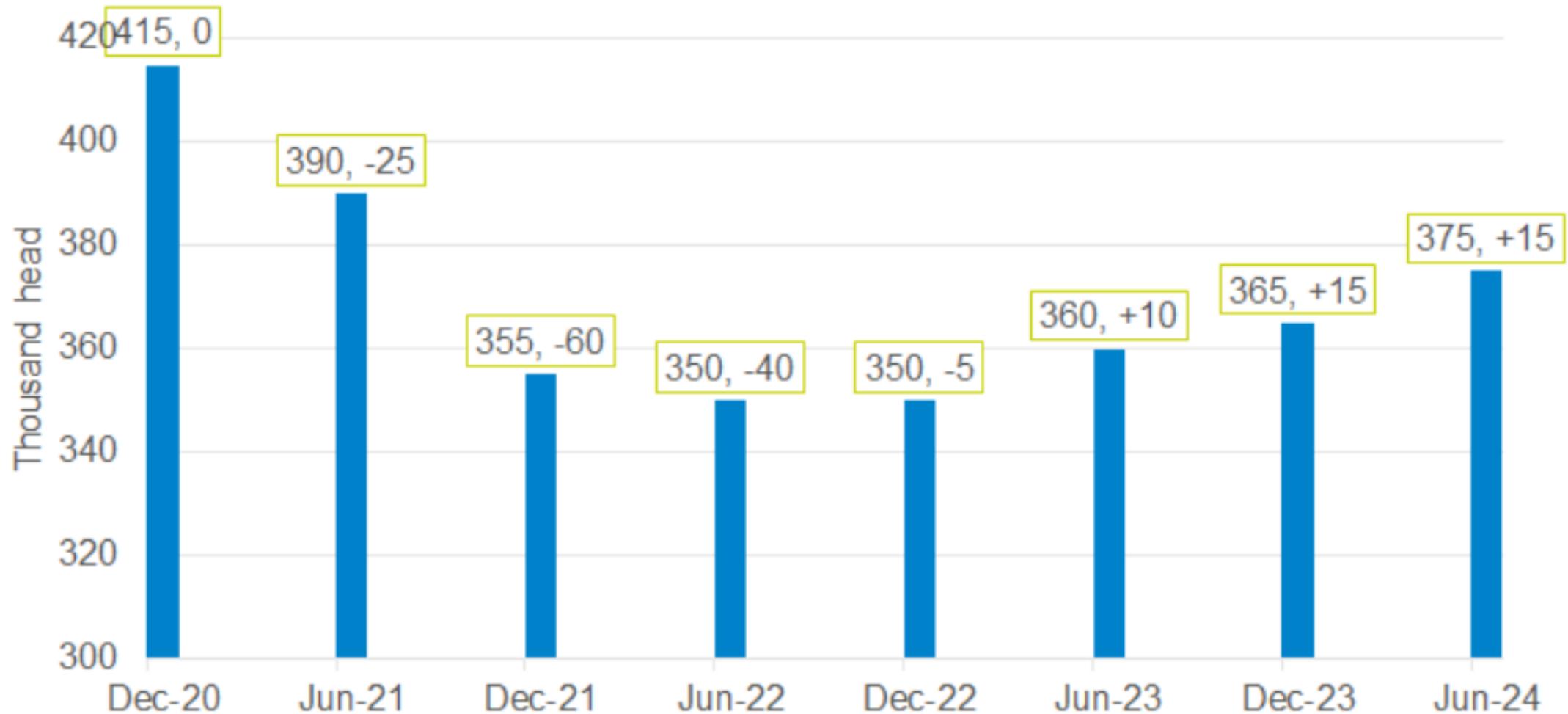




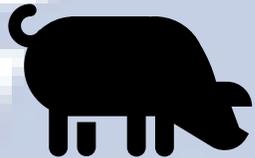
Effect Upon North East Pig Producers

Breeding Herd Down 16% by Year End

UK sow herd (AHDB estimates)



Benefits of Scottish Pigs



Growth rates 8% higher than UK average



100% family farms supplying through 2 cooperatives



$\frac{3}{4}$ cereals grown on own farm or neighbour

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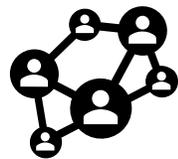
Every farm independently inspected every year



37% reduction in GWP in last 20yrs



6% more pigs weaned than UK average



Health status openly shared with other producers & vets



93% carcasses eating quality score \geq Good



Antibiotic use much lower than UK av. (currently 66% less)

Questions?

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