

# **BEEF & LAMB FARM ASSURANCE PRICE ANALYSIS UPDATE 2018**

**An analysis of farm assurance price data from English  
livestock markets price reporting to AHDB for the period  
January to December 2018**

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## Summary

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During 2018 the average differential for Farm Assured and Non-Farm Assured stock sold through English livestock markets and reported to AHDB was:

Total cattle (Prime Steers, Prime Heifers, Young Bulls, Older Steers, Older Heifers)	12.32 p/kg
Prime Steers	13.20 p/kg
Prime Heifers	9.24 p/kg
Young Bulls	8.06 p/kg
Older Steers	18.99 p/kg
Older Heifers	11.69 p/kg
Cull Cows	2.42 p/kg
Cull Bulls	17.00 p/kg
New Season Lambs (SQQ)	10.58 p/kg
Old Season Lambs (SQQ)	12.07 p/kg
Cull Ewes	-£0.15/head

(Source: LAA)

## Points to note if comparing to reports from previous years

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- From November 2005, following the inclusion of over thirty month (post August 1996) cattle into the food chain, we have been able to collate data for:
  - Older Steers (Over thirty months of age at slaughter)
  - Older Heifers (Over thirty months of age at slaughter)
  - Cull Cows
  - Cull Bulls
- In 2005, the category Total Cattle comprised of: Prime Steers, Prime Heifers and Young Bulls. From 2006, following the change of the Over Thirty Month rule, this category extended to also include: Older Steers and Older Heifers. Direct comparison of this category between 2005 and following years is therefore inappropriate.
- In 2011, the basis used to calculate the cull cow numbers and price differentials changed to incorporate non-graded cows. Direct comparison of 2011 onwards cull cow data with pre-2011 figures is therefore inappropriate.

## Total Cattle

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	10.95	83.79
Midlands	13.04	86.07
Eastern	14.61	60.00
SW	22.95	87.21
<b>England</b>	<b>12.32</b>	<b>84.09</b>

Source: LAA

Total Cattle figure includes: Prime Steers, Prime Heifers, Young Bulls, Older Steers and Older Heifers.

## Prime Steers

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	13.36	86.75
Midlands	13.64	86.56
Eastern	9.60	62.12
SW	15.85	90.71
<b>England</b>	<b>13.20</b>	<b>84.63</b>

Source: LAA

## Prime Heifers

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	10.01	84.33
Midlands	10.30	86.52
Eastern	6.30	64.00
SW	15.39	89.74
<b>England</b>	<b>9.24</b>	<b>84.80</b>

Source: LAA84.80

## Young Bulls

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	8.17	82.82
Midlands	7.11	89.27
Eastern	14.74	49.48
SW	6.07	69.53
<b>England</b>	<b>8.06</b>	<b>84.97</b>

Source: LAA

## Older Steers

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	16.17	73.69
Midlands	23.44	66.33
Eastern	8.21	47.78
SW	19.20	76.52
<b>England</b>	<b>18.99</b>	<b>69.63</b>

Source: LAA

## Older Heifers

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	-4.28	78.24
Midlands	9.52	79.69
Eastern	27.76	29.43
SW	19.42	75.51
<b>England</b>	<b>11.69</b>	<b>75.66</b>

Source: LAA

## Cull Cows

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	-0.09	87.99
Midlands	3.36	80.35
Eastern	6.47	66.22
SW	2.69	79.08
<b>England</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>83.99</b>

Source: LAA

NB: In 2011 the basis to calculate the price differential changed to previous years

## Cull Bulls

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Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	12.42	78.52
Midlands	14.59	70.61
Eastern	23.08	33.70
SW	6.47	63.03
<b>England</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>73.62</b>

Source: LAA

## New Season Lambs (SQQ)

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	10.43	76.16
Midlands	11.25	74.50
Eastern	11.31	55.43
SW	18.16	60.77
<b>England</b>	<b>10.58</b>	<b>73.16</b>

Source: LAA

## Old Season Lambs (SQQ)

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	15.03	78.20
Midlands	9.56	74.98
Eastern	10.49	61.14
SW	5.69	57.78
<b>England</b>	<b>12.07</b>	<b>74.88</b>

Source: LAA

## Cull Ewes

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (£/head liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	-2.47	63.76
Midlands	2.66	63.66
Eastern	3.81	41.92
SW	9.51	64.87
<b>England</b>	<b>-0.15</b>	<b>63.07</b>

Source: LAA

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