

BEEF & LAMB FARM ASSURANCE PRICE ANALYSIS UPDATE 2019

**An analysis of farm assurance price data from English
livestock markets price reporting to AHDB for the period
January to December 2019**

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Summary

During 2019 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)	13.30 p/kg
Prime Steers	10.60 p/kg
Prime Heifers	12.30 p/kg
Young Bulls	8.70 p/kg
Older Steers	16.40 p/kg
Older Heifers	11.80 p/kg
Cull Cows	-0.90 p/kg
Cull Bulls	17.40 p/kg
New Season Lambs (SQQ)	8.50 p/kg
Old Season Lambs (SQQ)	7.80 p/kg
Cull Ewes	£0.00/head

(Source: LAA)

Points to note if comparing to reports from previous years

- 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

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	11.70	83.13
Midlands	14.50	85.43
Eastern	13.50	55.41
SW	23.30	86.07
England	13.30	83.28

Source: LAA

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

Prime Steers

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	11.00	83.65
Midlands	12.90	85.10
Eastern	10.00	53.71
SW	15.70	89.82
England	10.60	83.11

Source: LAA

Prime Heifers

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	11.30	84.92
Midlands	13.90	86.22
Eastern	12.50	59.53
SW	16.80	88.97
England	12.30	84.74

Source: LAA

Young Bulls

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	7.80	81.84
Midlands	10.00	87.46
Eastern	-10.60	59.70
SW	24.10	56.67
England	8.70	83.74

Source: LAA

Older Steers

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	15.40	73.07
Midlands	15.30	65.65
Eastern	6.50	51.76
SW	21.20	74.64
England	16.40	68.97

Source: LAA

Older Heifers

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	0.70	78.39
Midlands	9.90	76.44
Eastern	25.70	29.58
SW	17.60	72.07
England	11.80	74.01

Source: LAA

Cull Cows

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	-3.90	87.20
Midlands	-2.10	78.34
Eastern	1.80	58.58
SW	-0.80	75.85
England	-0.90	82.31

Source: LAA

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

Cull Bulls

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	10.20	77.53
Midlands	22.30	66.26
Eastern	19.70	46.21
SW	1.50	53.50
England	17.40	71.24

Source: LAA

New Season Lambs (SQQ)

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	9.90	76.58
Midlands	7.50	71.55
Eastern	7.20	51.41
SW	10.20	59.21
England	8.50	71.94

Source: LAA

Old Season Lambs (SQQ)

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (p/kg liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	10.60	76.45
Midlands	4.20	71.63
Eastern	0.50	50.46
SW	4.10	55.84
England	7.80	71.83

Source: LAA

Cull Ewes

Region	Difference between FA and Non FA (£/head liveweight)	% Sold as FA
Northern	-3.50	65.85
Midlands	1.90	61.94
Eastern	2.30	38.03
SW	6.20	66.41
England	0.00	63.38

Source: LAA

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