

Profit from the pork forequarter

Adding value to the carcase and to your business



Contains 35 innovative cuts from the forequarter







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Increasing carcase value

Consumer demands and eating habits are always changing and, therefore, there is a constant need for new cuts and new product development.

By seam cutting the forequarter, using the bone structure and upgrading individual muscles into modern, consumer-friendly cuts for the retail and foodservice sectors, represents significant profit opportunities for your business.

To stimulate new ideas, we have shown a range of different cuts.

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Removing the pork forequarter





1 Make a mark between the 4th and 5th rib in the centre of the rib cage.



2 Followed by a mark in the centre of the 5th thoracic vertebrae. Draw a straight line and ...



3 ... remove the fore end by cutting and sawing at a right angle.



4 Fore end of pork including the foot.









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Shank Portions – forequarter, rindless

Code: **3080**



Description: Individual slices produced from the rindless forequarter shank.

Carvery Shoulder Roast – boneless

Code: 2002



Description: Produced from a partly deboned round shoulder for easy carving, with the shank left on.



Description: Produced from the boneless round shoulder, which is seam cut and only the highly trimmed feather and LMC muscles are used for this roasting joint.

Shoulder Joint – boneless (Brisket and Blade muscles)

Code: **2022**



Description: Produced from the boneless round shoulder, which is seam cut and only the highly trimmed brisket and blade muscles are used for this roasting joint.

Shoulder – round

Code: 1005



Description: Removed from the forequarter, with the collar muscles and brisket ribs removed.



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Description: Meaty shoulder blade of pork cut into portions.

Dice (shoulder muscles 95%VL)

Code: **4004**



Description: Produced from the round shoulder muscles, fully trimmed 95%VL and cut into dice.

Collar Joint with crackling – boneless
Code: 2019
Description: Trimmed boneless collar with added rind for crackling and rolled into a roasting joint.



Mini Joint with crackling (350–450 g) – collar

Code: 2020



Description: Prepared from the collar with added rind for crackling. Weight range 350–450 g.

Collar of pork – bone-in

Code: 1007



Description: Bone-in pork collar, seam cut from the forequarter.





Collar Steak	Thin Cut Collar Steaks (5–7 mm thick)
🔪 Code: 3001	🔪 Code: 3003
Description: Boneless trimmed collar cut into steaks.	Description: Prepared from a fully trimmed boneless collar of pork.
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