

The Current Status of the Pig Sector in NE Scotland

North East Scotland Agriculture Advisory Group

23rd November, 2022

A stylized, solid blue silhouette of a pig, facing right. The pig has a large, curly tail on the left, a prominent snout on the right, and four legs. The text "Scottish Pig Producers" is centered over the pig's body.

Scottish Pig Producers



History



GRAMPIAN PIGS GO FOR QUALITY

SINCE ITS formation in late 1979, Grampian 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, Laurence, 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 Grampian Pig Producers has been working closely on a contractual basis with two well-known meat processing firms, William Donald of Portlithen and Halls of Breichburn.



Display involving Halls and Grampian Pig Producers Ltd.

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

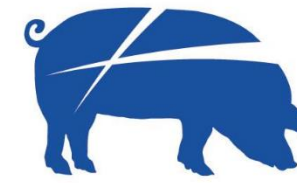
Margaret Cofee for Home Economics for distribution at retail points in late January. The recipes will be applicable to Scottish cuts of meat.

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

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



Scotland



Quality comes first

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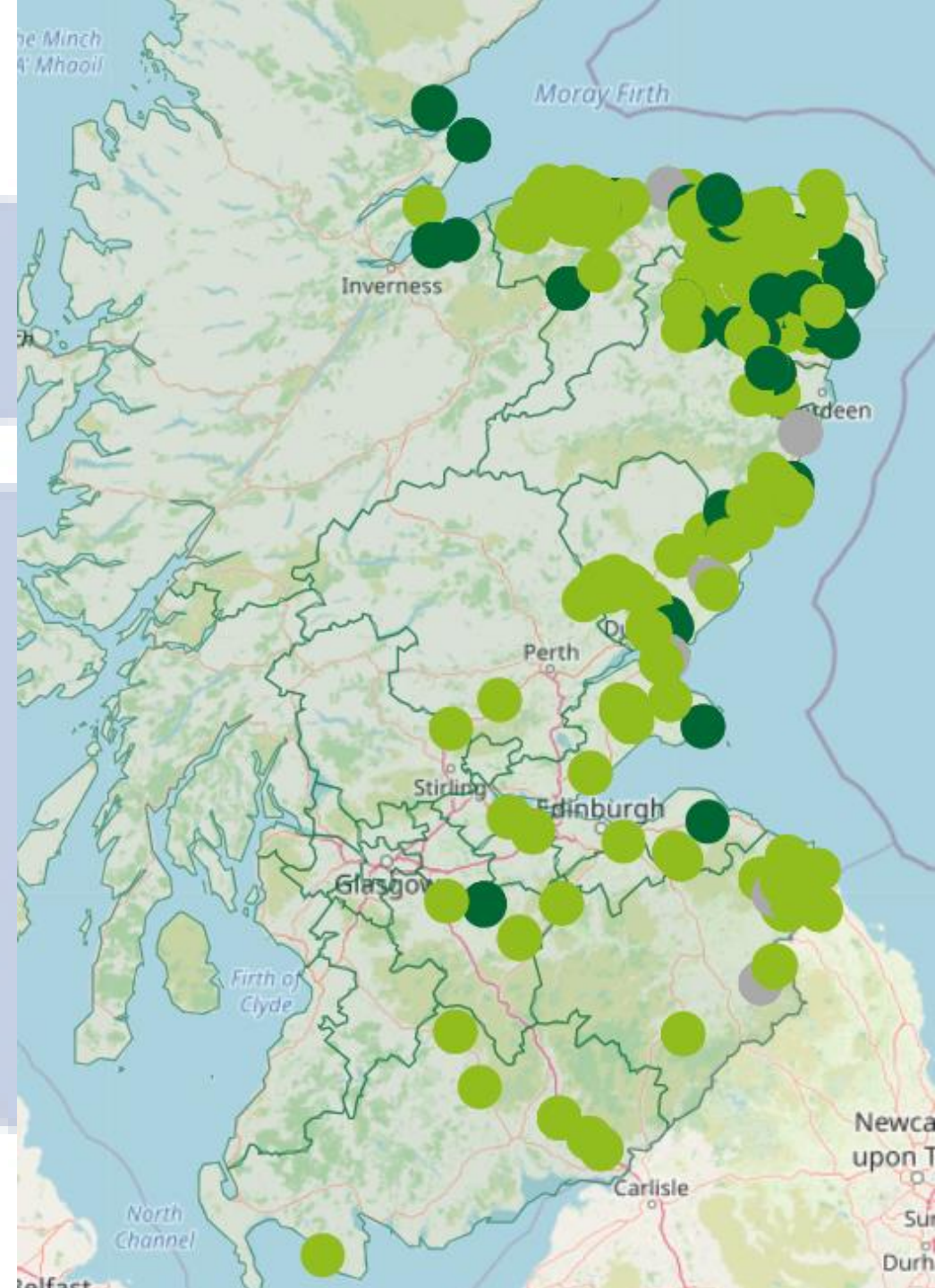
The Scottish Pigmeat Supply Chain

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

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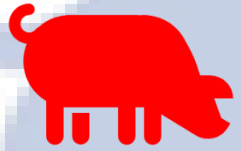
Success Through Partnership

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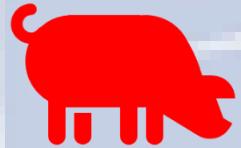
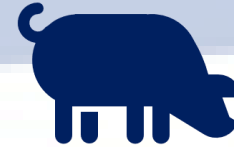


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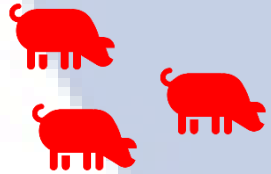
Scottish Pig Sales



Karro: 500,000 (est)
slaughtered in England



SPP/Scotlean: 100,000
slaughtered in England



Weaners: 50,000
finished in England



Breeding stock sold to
other farmers: 100,000

SPP/Scotlean: 350,000
slaughtered in Scotland

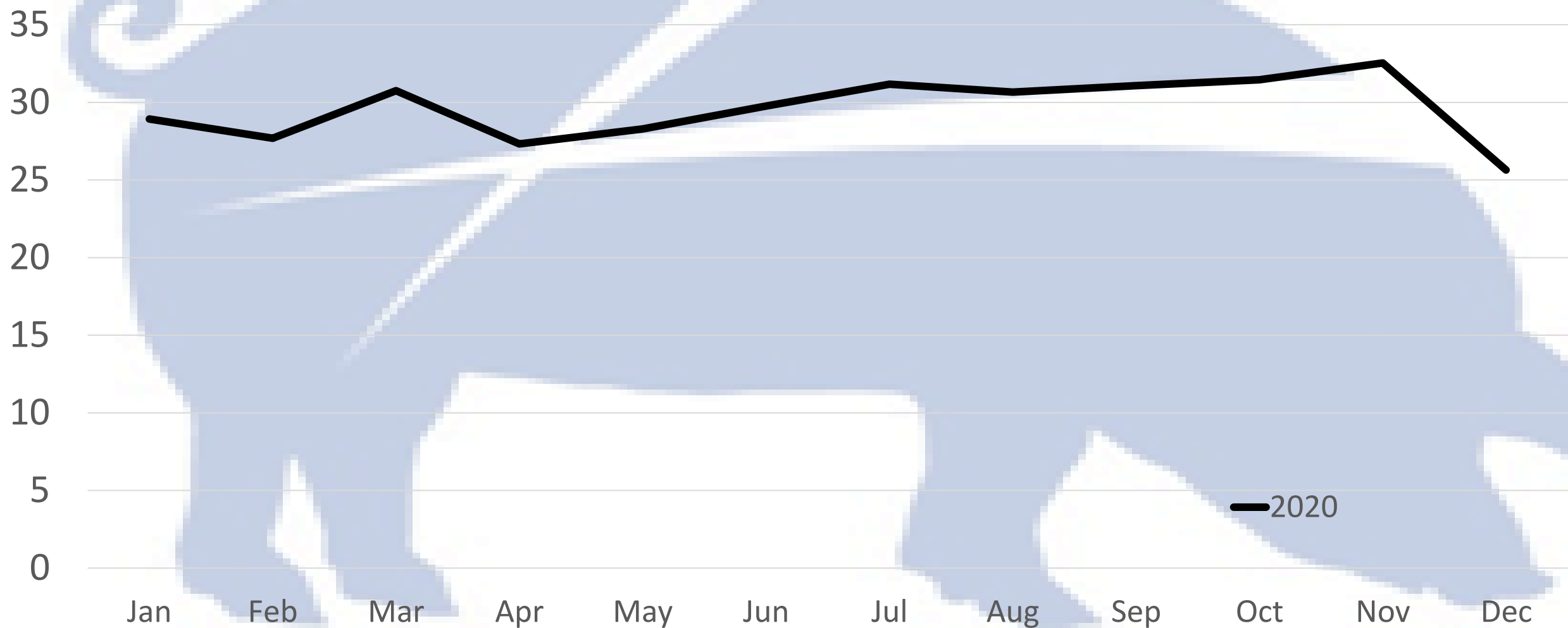
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30%?



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Scottish Monthly Pig Slaughter ('000 pigs)



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By Graham Brown

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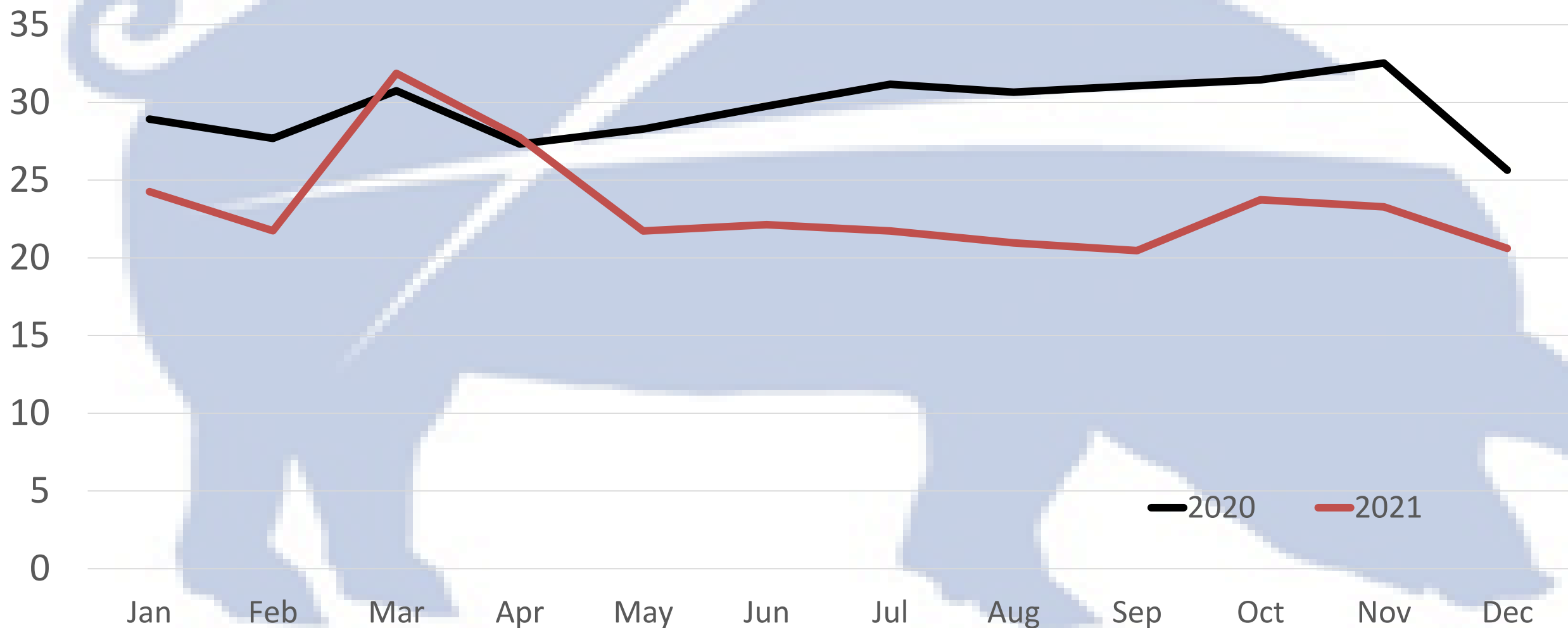
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Pilgrims Exit

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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Browns Food Group buys Brechin abattoir

The Brechin abattoir has been bought by Browns Food Group.

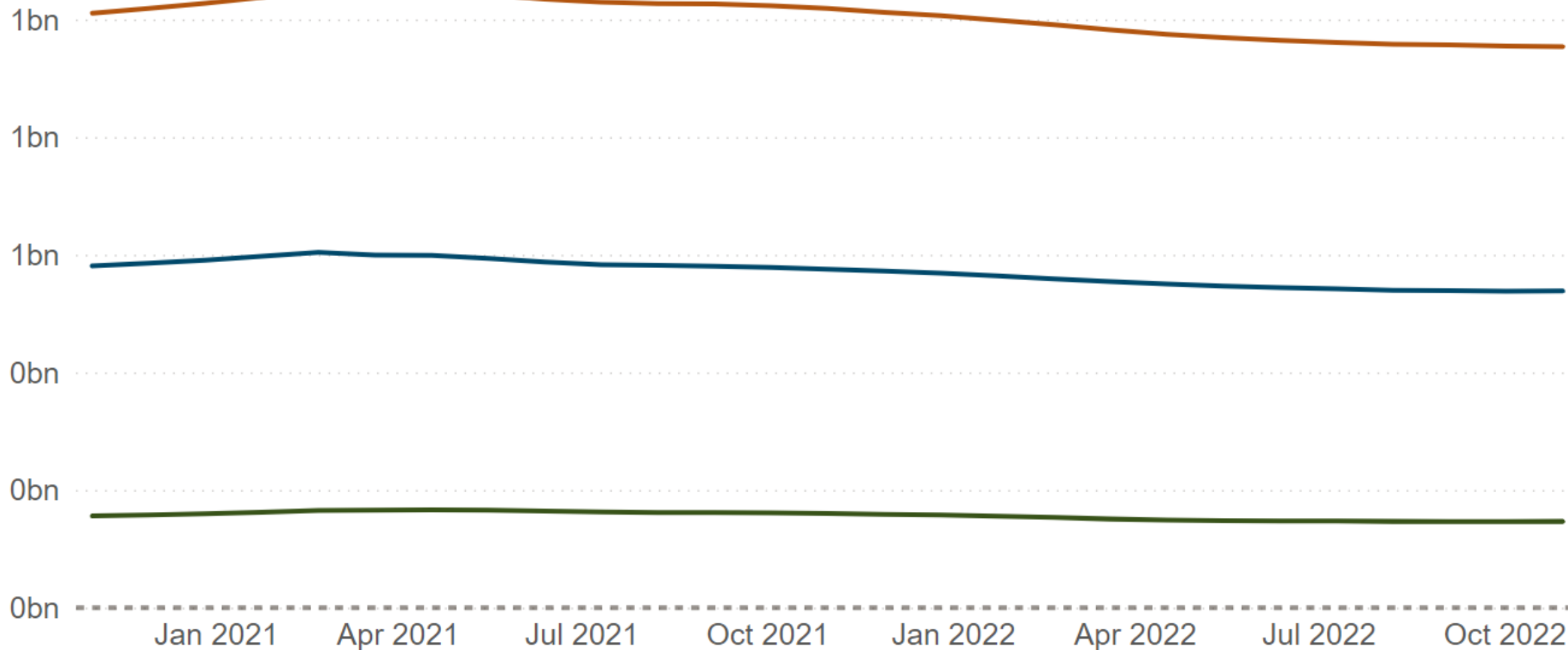




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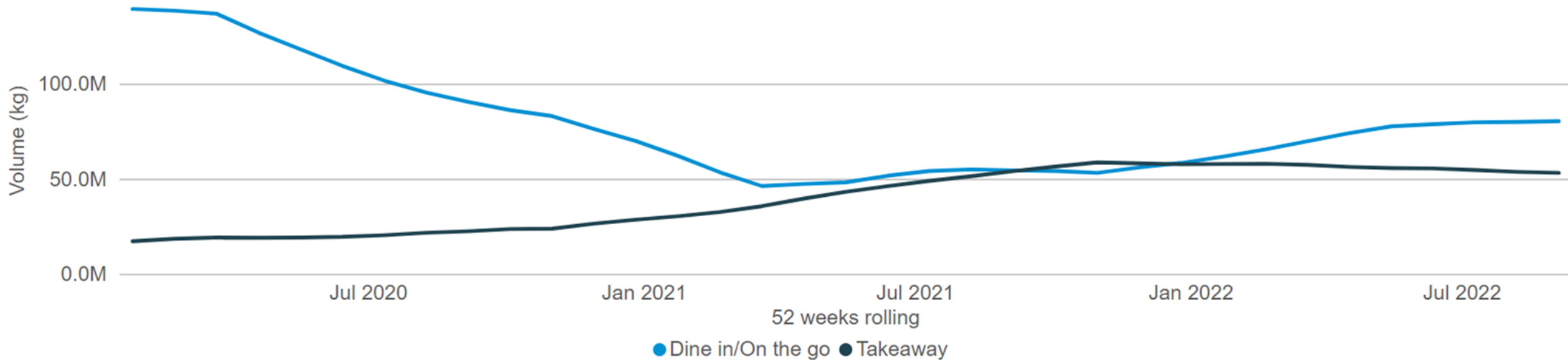
Pork Volumes in UK Retail

● Primary pork ● Processed pork ● Total pork



Pork Volumes In Foodservice

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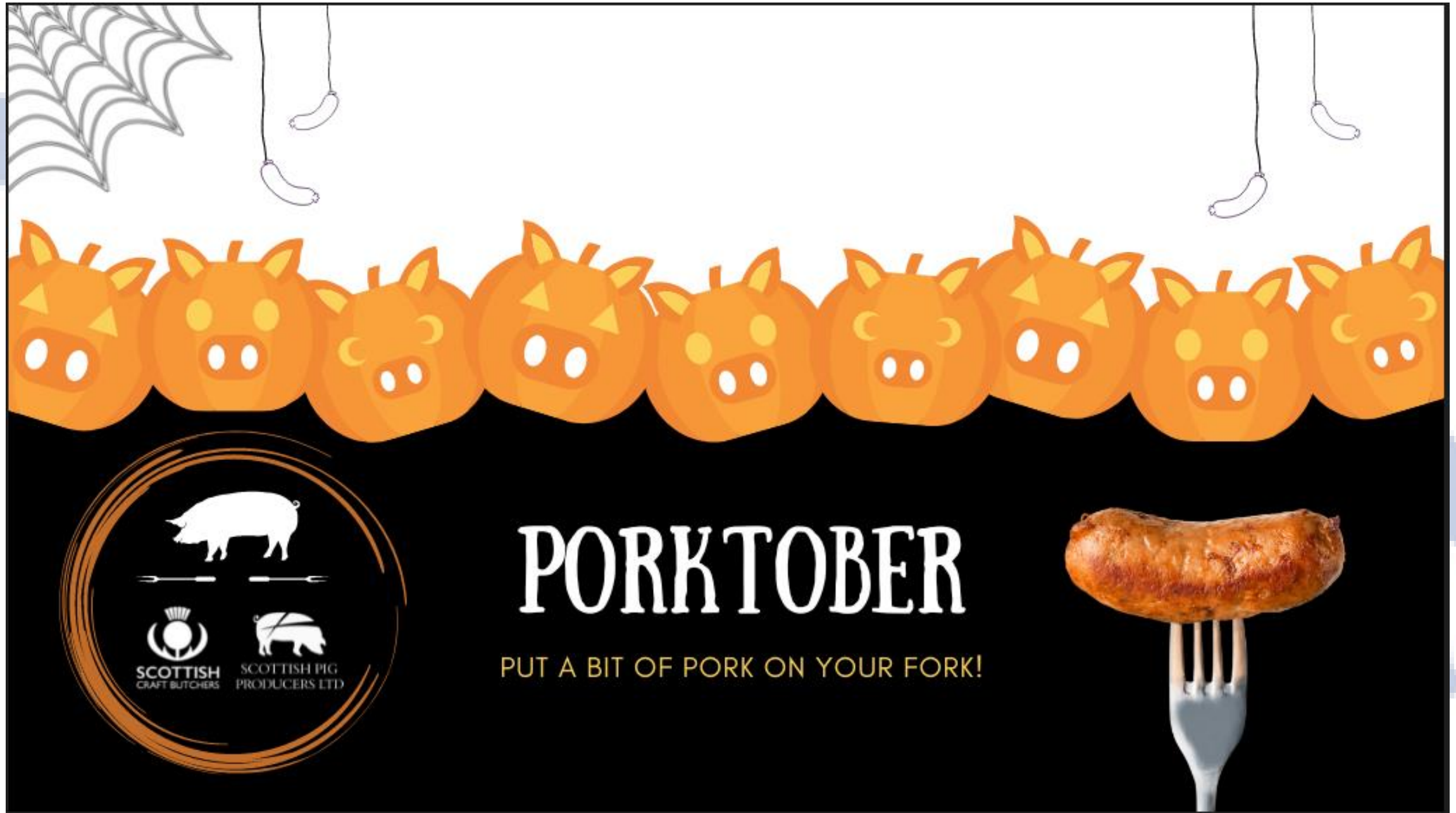


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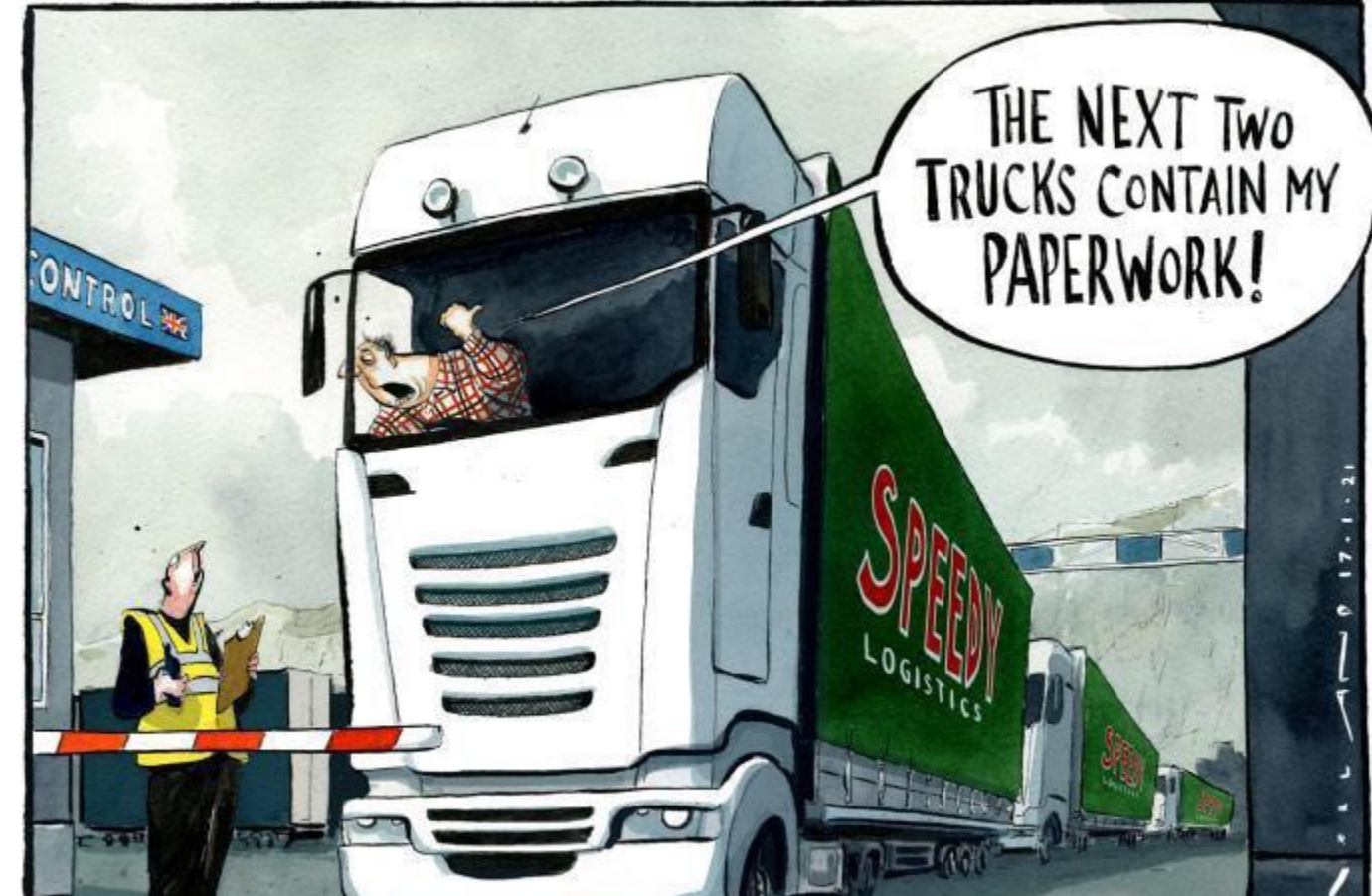
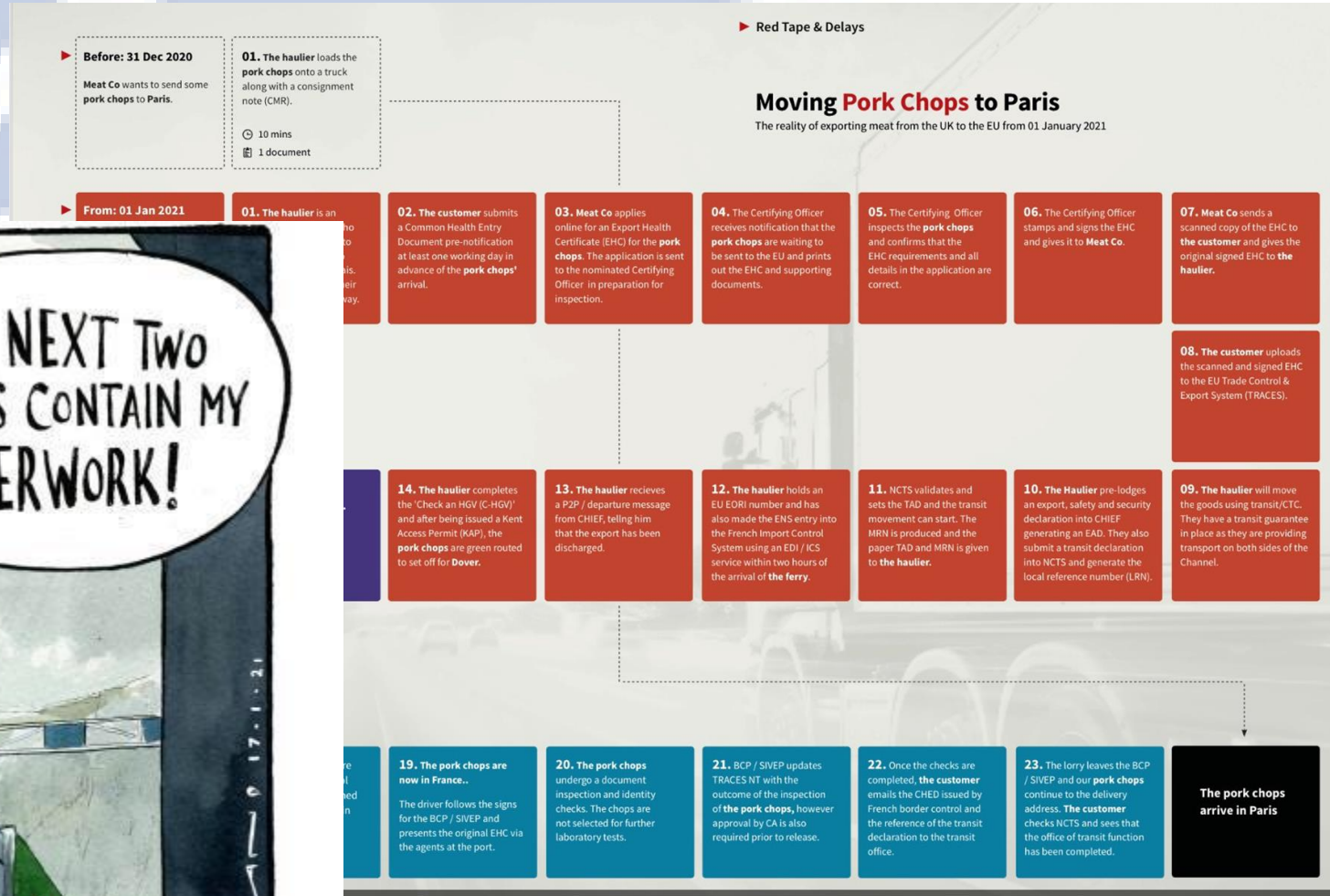
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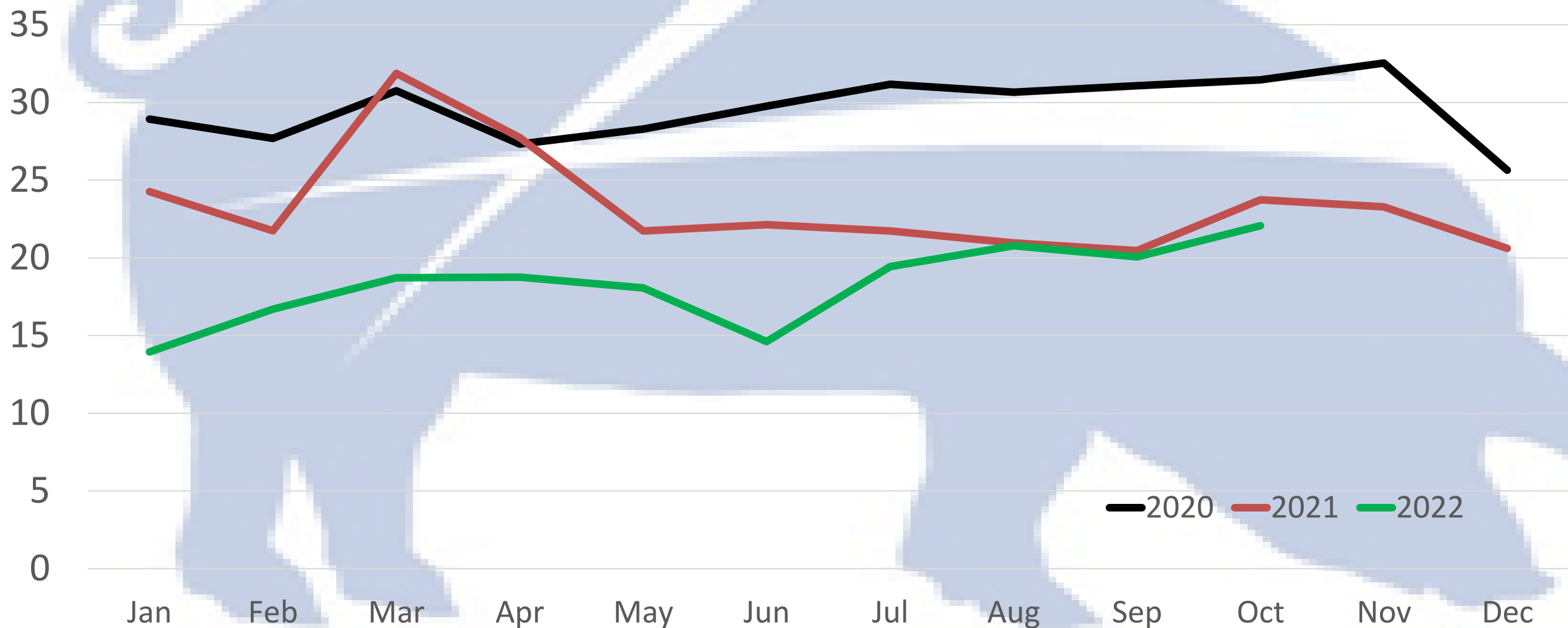
Butchers



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

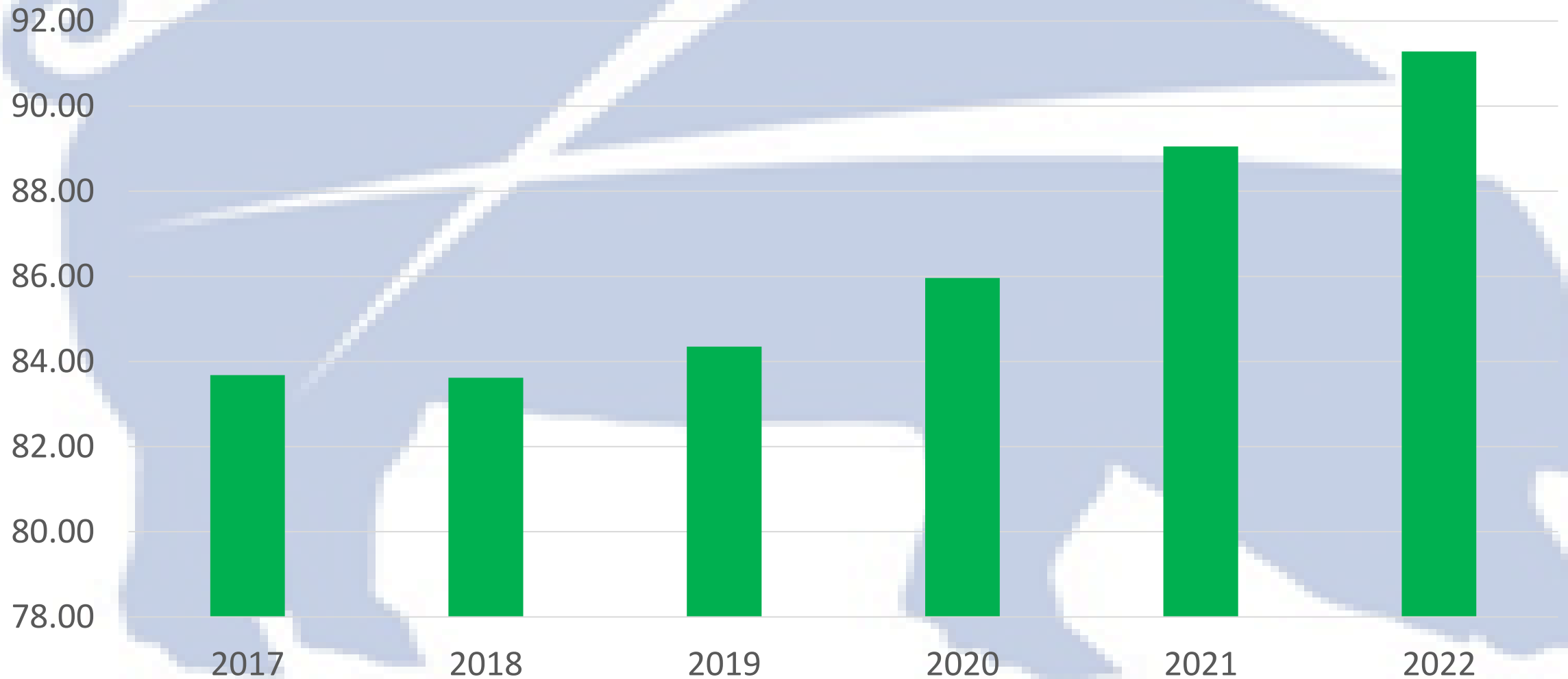
Crisis in pig sector deepens as welfare cull tops 30,000



Thousands of East Yorkshire pigs culled due to butcher shortage

🕒 15 December 2021

Average UK Carcase Weight (kg)



Government Support



Scottish Government
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UK-wide review of pig supply chain launched

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Impact of Russian Invasion of Ukraine

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

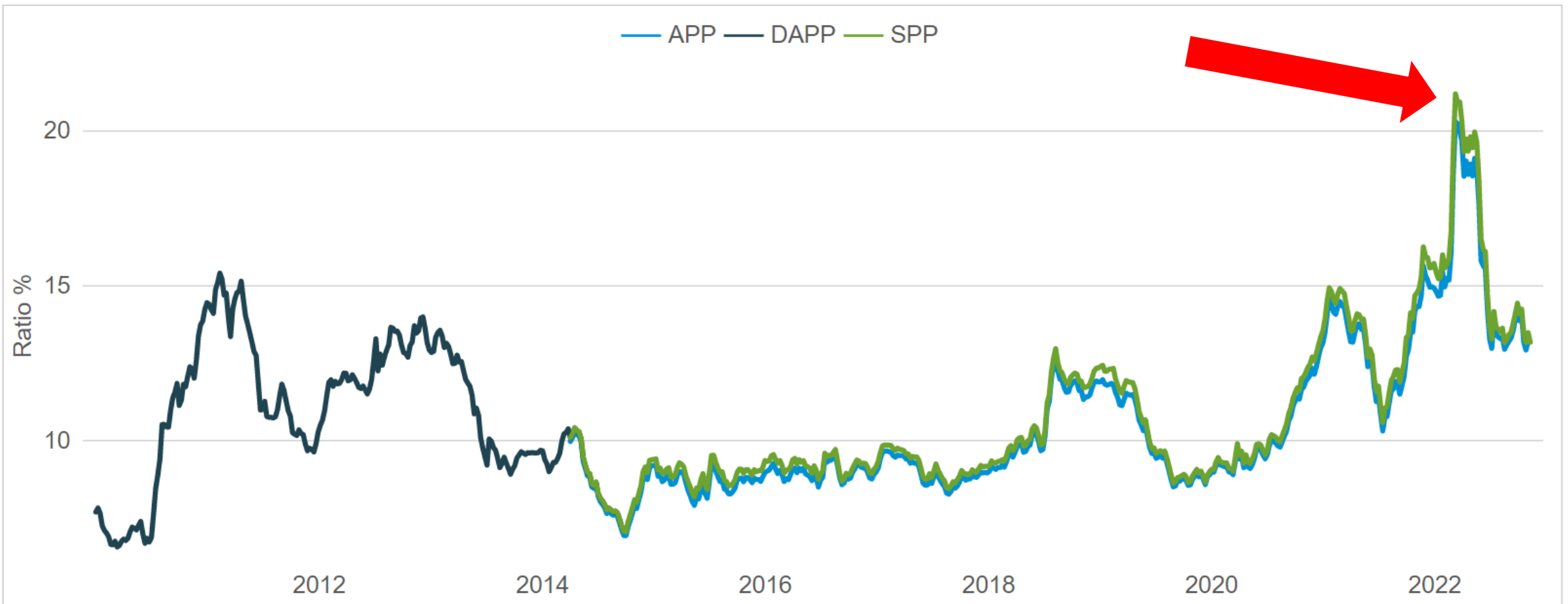
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Source: ICE UK Feed Wheat (nearby contract), AHDB

Current Pig Price

Average weekly EU spec prices

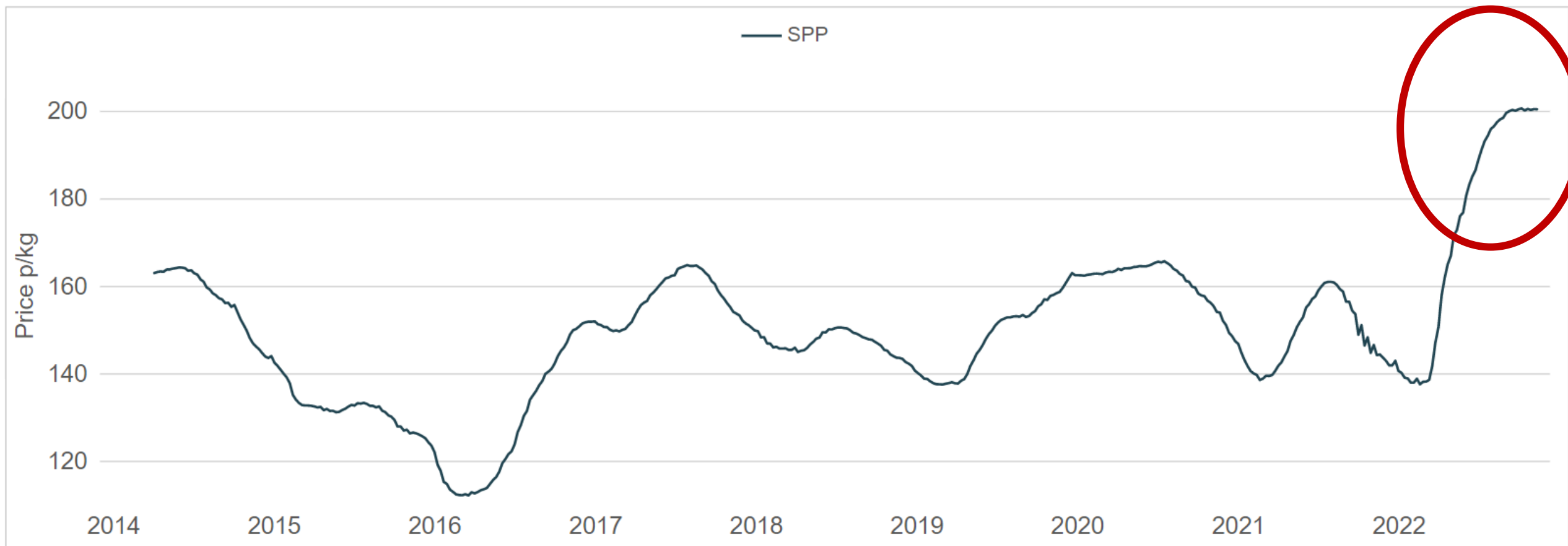
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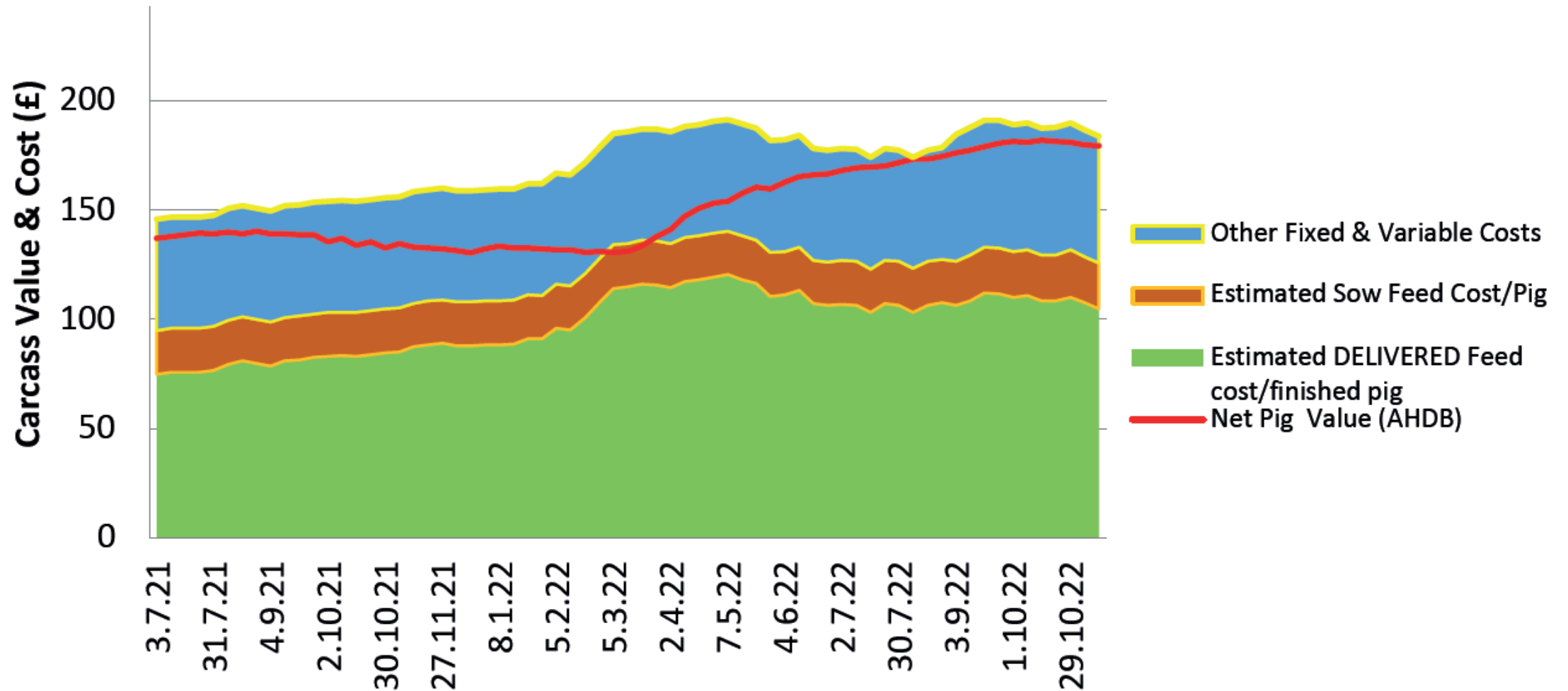
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Two Years of Negative Margins

FEED COST/PIG AND CARCASS VALUE TRENDS

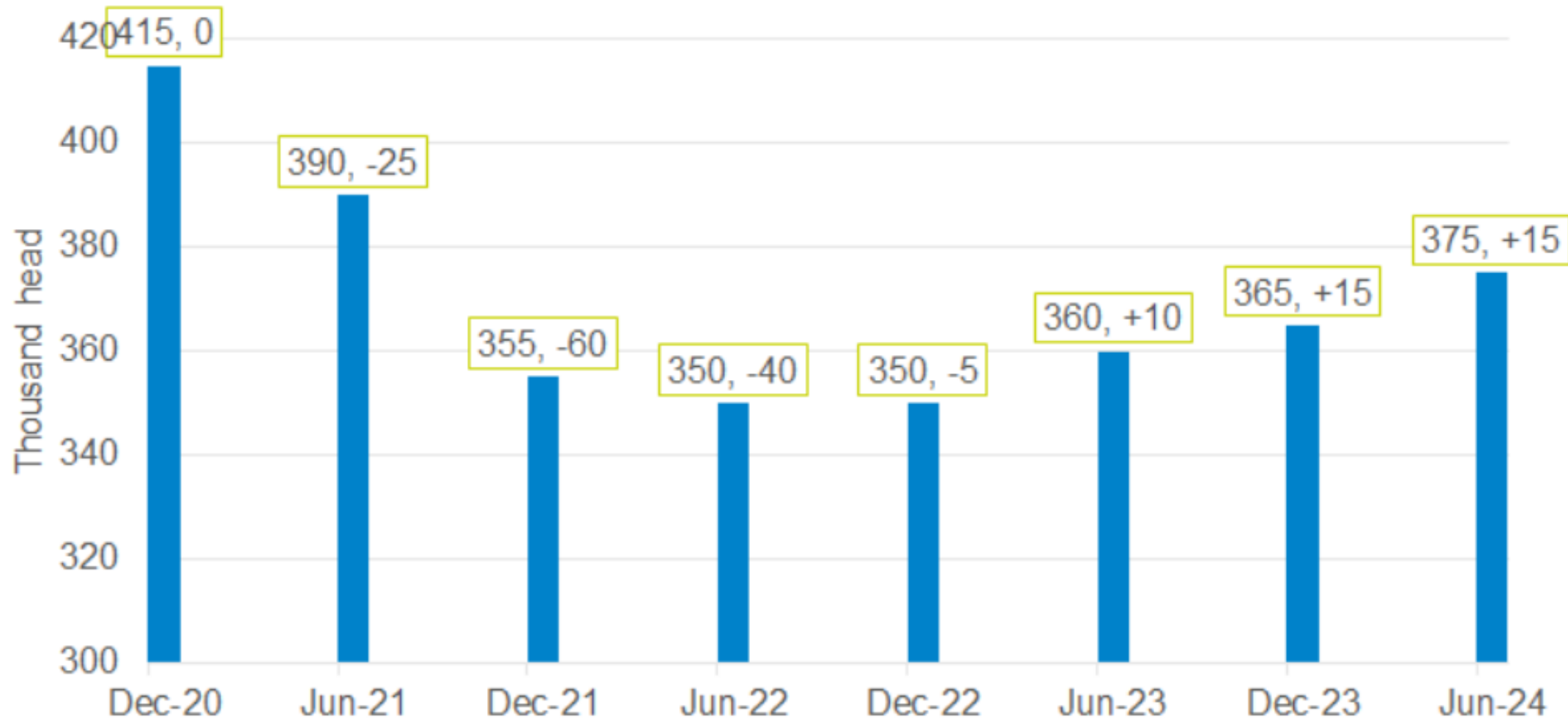




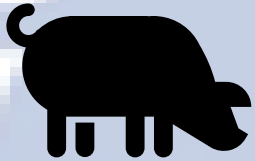
Effect Upon North East Pig Producers

Breeding Herd Down 16% by Year End

UK sow herd (AHDB estimates)



Benefits of Scottish Pigs



Growth rates 8% higher than UK average

Questions?

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