

# MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

3 April 2023

Week 14

## MARKET SITUATION

**Europe:** Legs and other cuts are being traded at largely unchanged prices this week.

**UK:** Stable trade. New contracts are being signed at increasing prices.

**China:** Very quiet trading continues. **Japan and other Asian markets:** trading has improved at increasing prices.

## Slaughtering in Denmark

Weekly slaughtering figures for pigs and sows as reported to the Danish Classification Control Service. The figures exclude culled pigs.

	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Weeks 1-12 2023:22
Carcass weight >110 kg	9,095	9,747	8,170	-48.5%
Carcass weight <110 kg	295,227	285,553	301,425	-14.7%
Total	304,322	295,300	309,595	-16.4%

## USA

### Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	31/3	17/3	Change	30/3	17/3	Change
<b>2023</b>						
Apr	76.45	79.88	-3.43	76.45	86.88	-10.43
May	84.75	86.78	-2.03	84.75	94.03	-9.28
Jun	91.60	93.33	-1.73	91.60	99.15	-7.55
Jul	93.58	95.63	-2.05	93.58	100.53	-6.95
Aug	93.78	95.95	-2.17	93.78	100.10	-6.32
Oct	84.10	84.33	-0.23	84.10	93.03	-8.93
Dec	79.05	78.00	1.05	79.05	86.50	-7.45
<b>2024</b>						
Feb	82.40	81.33	1.07	82.40	88.03	-5.63
Apr	85.95	85.23	0.72	85.95	90.10	-4.15
May	91.10	90.38	0.72	91.10	97.33	-6.23
Jun	95.60	94.68	0.92	95.60	102.55	-6.95
Jul	95.50	94.58	0.92	95.50	105.45	-9.95

Conversion factors:  
1 lbs. = 0.4536 kg  
1 \$ = 6.8430 kr.

 **China**
**Futures**

Dalian (Yuan per kg)	Pigs					
	27/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	31/3	Change 20/3-31/3
May 2023	17.11	16.76	15.74	15.85	15.08	-0.77
July 2023	17.70	17.81	17.04	16.99	16.80	-0.19
September 2023	18.13	18.30	18.00	18.25	18.02	-0.23
November 2023	18.53	18.72	18.54	18.62	18.69	0.07
January 2024	19.03	18.99	19.00	18.94	18.94	0.00
March 2024					17.36	

Conversion factors:  
1 Y = DKK  
0.9946 1Y =  
EUR 0.14

 **EU**
**African Swine Fever**

According to the EU Commission's reporting system for the outbreak of disease, outbreaks of ASF were reported for the following countries, including Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova and North Macedonia between 11 March-19 March.

Countries	Period 11 Mar-19 Mar		Year to date 1 Jan-19 Mar		2022		2021	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia				19		57	1	67
Latvia		6		103	6	913	2	338
Lithuania		14		93	16	302		238
Poland		65		875	14	2,152	124	3,023
Italy		23	1	247	4	277	1	14
Ukraine			2	1	7	2	13	3
Czech Republic		1		6		1		
Romania	5	6	48	161	329	465	1,648	1,019
Hungary		21		191		550		2,568
Bulgaria		1		113	2	387	6	318
Slovakia		15		227	5	550	11	1,622
Serbia	3	24	22	135	107	146	33	71
Moldova	2	1	14	3	14	3	1	
North Macedonia				12	30	9		
Belgium								
Germany		19	1	432	3	1,628	4	2,431
Greece				2				
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>11,712</b>



## USA

### Pig census 1 March 2023

The results of the American pig census as at 1 March 2023 were published last week by the USDA.

Compared to the corresponding census one year ago, the results show a slight rise of 0.2 per cent in the total pig herd, while the breeding herd rose by 0.5 per cent.

Projected farrowings for the current quarter are 1.2 per cent lower than the same quarter last year while projected farrowings for the coming quarter are 2.9 per cent lower compared to last year.

'000 head	2023 1 March	2022 1 March	% change
Breeding herd	6,127	6,098	0.5
Piglets and finishers	66,734	66,591	0.2
Total	72,861	72,689	0.2
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	
Projected farrowings:			
March-May	2,930	2,967	-1.2
June-Aug	2,973	3,062	-2.9



## USA

### Pig meat storage 9 per cent higher compared to one year ago

With the USDA as the source, the table below shows the latest calculations for U.S. pig meat storage as at 28 February compared with the previous month and one year ago.

Total pig meat storage at the end of February was marginally higher compared to the previous month and 9 per cent higher compared to one year ago.

Compared to one year ago, bellies are having a substantial impact on overall storage figures, increasing by 42 per cent and corresponding to more than 20,000 tonnes.

As at 28 February, beef storage was 6 per cent lower compared to both the previous month and to one year ago.

Poultry storage was 3 per cent higher than the previous month and 10 per cent higher compared to one year ago.

1,000 lbs	28 Feb 2022	31 Jan 2023	28 Feb 2023
Picnics	7,685	9,050	8,478
Legs	84,212	78,585	85,069
Bellies	50,115	69,991	70,955
Loins	42,723	45,098	42,555
Ribs	106,804	116,368	116,456
Trimmings	53,972	53,109	51,089
Butts	23,611	27,926	26,475
By-products	62,936	72,656	70,494
Other	46,257	46,151	49,617
<b>Total pig meat</b>	<b>478,315</b>	<b>518,934</b>	<b>521,188</b>
Beef	531,568	534,028	500,206
Poultry	1,080,604	1,158,853	1,188,145

 **CHINA**
**1.7 per cent increase in China's sow herd compared to last year**

According to Reuters, China's sow herd totalled 43.4 million head at the end of February. This is a rise of 1.7 per cent compared with a year earlier. However, it contracted by 0.6 per cent compared with the previous month.

 **JAPAN**
**Imports of pig meat**

The tables below show Japan's total imports of pig meat including fresh/frozen pig meat for Jan-Feb 2023 compared to the same period last year.

<b>Total pig meat</b>			
<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>2023 Jan-Feb</b>	<b>2022 Jan-Feb</b>	<b>% change 2023:22</b>
US	44,995	52,796	-14.8
Canada	36,410	39,126	-6.9
Spain	28,406	25,053	13.4
Mexico	19,149	19,975	-4.1
Denmark	11,505	14,172	-18.8
Holland	4,683	7,299	-35.8
Chile	5,285	4,593	15.1
Brazil	5,271	4,105	28.4
Ireland	1,968	2,637	-25.4
China	1,962	2,199	-10.8
France	3,323	2,557	30.0
Thailand	1,482	1,598	-7.3
Italy	65	1,491	-95.6
Austria	490	688	-28.8
Portugal	109	210	-48.1
Finland	238	134	77.6
UK	71	72	-1.4
South Korea	92	54	70.4
Australia	21	48	-56.3
Belgium	14	0	
Others	33	36	-8.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>165,572</b>	<b>178,843</b>	<b>-7.4</b>

<b>0203 Fresh/frozen pig meat</b>			
<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>2023 Jan-Feb</b>	<b>2022 Jan-Feb</b>	<b>% change 2023:22</b>
US	36,270	41,020	-11.6
Canada	35,475	38,555	-8.0
Spain	27,938	24,572	13.7
Mexico	17,789	19,106	-6.9
Denmark	9,964	11,589	-14.0
Holland	4,148	5,757	-27.9
Chile	4,265	3,537	20.6
Brazil	4,502	3,243	38.8
Ireland	1,727	2,277	-24.2
France	3,257	2,533	28.6
Austria	432	672	-35.7
Italy	45	1,196	-96.2
Portugal	85	210	-59.5
Finland	192	87	120.7

UK	71	72	-1.4
Belgium	14	0	
Australia	16	44	-63.6
Others	1	2	-50.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,191</b>	<b>154,472</b>	<b>-5.4</b>



## GERMANY

### **Pig meat storage remains at a low level, show February figures**

The most recent calculations from AMI for German storage of frozen pig meat in February amount to 95,000 tonnes.

This is a slight fall compared to January when storage amounted to 103,000 tonnes. However, the figure has more than halved in just one year, i.e. from 200,000 tonnes.

The fall should be seen against the background of an improved demand/supply situation for pig meat in the German market and high energy costs making it less attractive to freeze product.

### **N.B.**

**Please note that Market News will not be published next week because of holidays.**

**The next Market News will be published on Thursday 13 April.**