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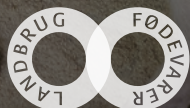


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Structure of the Herd

Structure of Pig Herd in Denmark

Specialisation of the Pig Herd

	1990	2000	2010	2020	2023
Number of farms with pigs	29,903	13,231	5,068	2,921	2,131
Of which:					
With pigs and sows	13,902	6,110	2,089	1,080	806
With pigs only	8,010	4,876	2,239	1,226	791
With sows only	6,503	1,588	493	427	385
Neither "pigs or sows" ¹	1,488	657	247	125	149

¹Danmarks Statistik defines a slaughter pig as one of 50 kg an upwards. Farms with pigs less than 50 kg and without sows are therefore included as "Neither pigs or sows."

Source: Danmarks Statistik

Pigs and sows by size of herd

Pigs %	Number of farms		Number of pigs		Sows %	Number of farms		Number of sows	
	2022	2023	2022	2023		2022	2023	2022	2023
1 - 249 head	13.5	19.8	0.1	0.1	1 - 4 head	5.3	11.8	0.0	0.0
250 - 499 head	4.0	2.7	0.3	0.2	5 - 9 head	1.2	1.8	0.0	0.0
500 - 999 head	5.9	6.4	0.9	0.9	10 - 24 head	0.9	0.7	0.0	0.0
1,000 - 1,999 head	13.2	11.6	3.8	3.4	25 - 74 head	2.5	1.2	0.2	0.1
2,000 - 2,999 head	11.1	9.3	5.3	4.5	75 - 199 head	8.0	5.4	1.5	1.0
3,000 - 4,999 head	14.5	13.8	11.0	10.7	200 - 499 head	23.0	19.9	10.8	9.3
5,000 - 7,499 head	15.4	13.4	18.4	16.1	500 - 749 head	23.1	21.2	19.2	17.2
7,500 - 9,999 head	7.8	8.4	13.0	14.3	750 - 999 head	11.1	12.3	12.6	13.6
10,000 - 14,999 head	7.8	7.4	18.4	17.9	1,000 - 1,499 head	13.7	12.9	21.9	20.4
15,000 - 19,999 head	3.6	4.0	11.9	13.7	1,500 - 1,999 head	5.6	5.8	12.8	13.0
20,000 - 24,999 head	1.5	1.8	6.5	8.1	2,000 - 2,999 head	3.6	5.0	11.4	15.2
25,000 -	1.5	1.4	10.5	10.2	3,000 -	1.9	1.8	9.6	10.2
Total	100	100	100	100	Total	100	100	100	100

Source: Danmarks Statistik

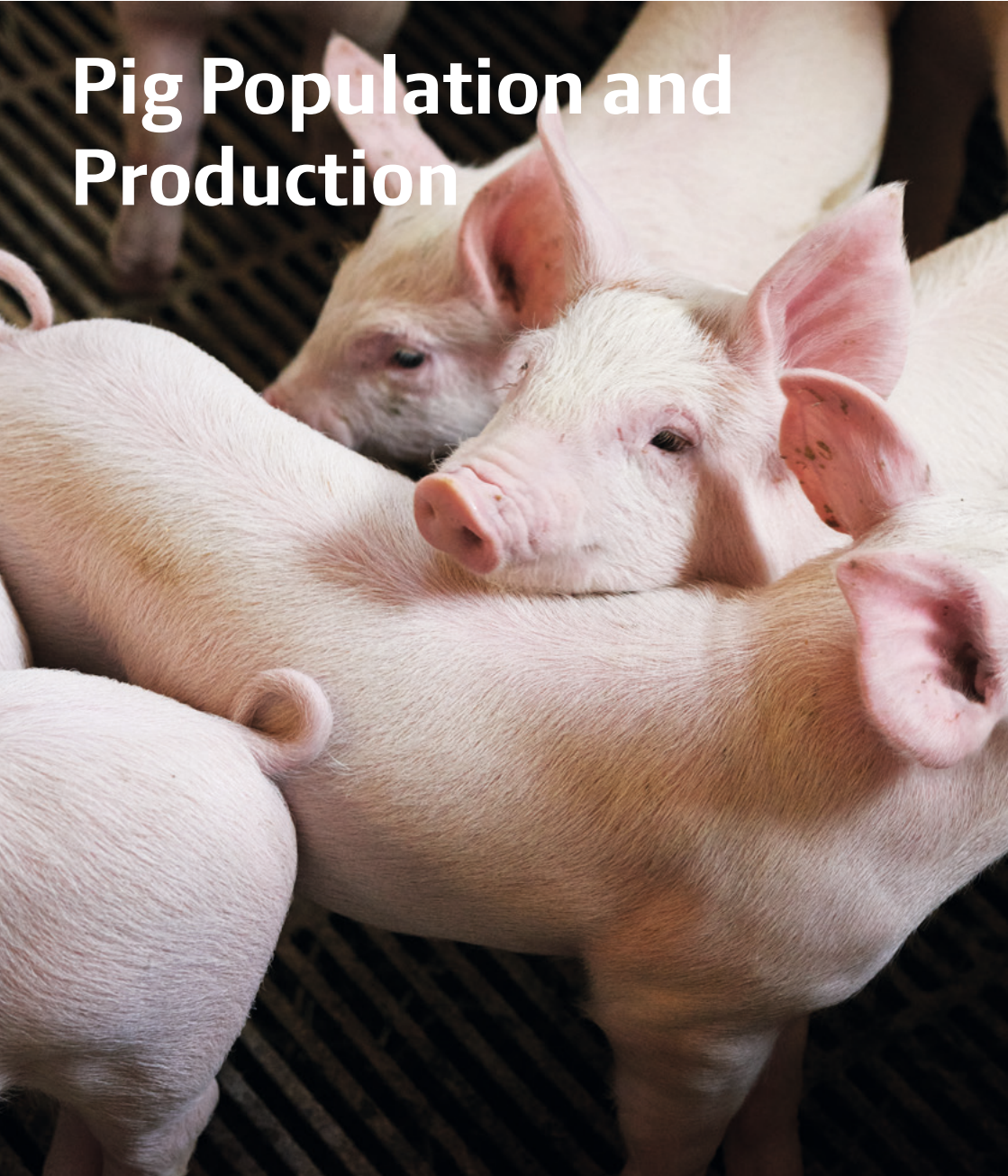
Structure of Pig Herd in EU

	Main Livestock Indicators (Amount of LSU in %)									Holding structure in EU (Amount of LSU in %)								
	1-9.9 LSU	10-19.9 LSU	20-49.9 LSU	50-99.9 LSU	100-199.9 LSU	200-299.9 LSU	300-499.9 LSU	> 500 LSU	Total	1-9.9 LSU	10-19.9 LSU	20-49.9 LSU	50-99.9 LSU	100-199.9 LSU	200-299.9 LSU	300-499.9 LSU	> 500 LSU	Total
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	5.3	9.5	21.0	63.0	100	2.1	1.4	3.5	7.3	17.9	17.7	22.9	27.1	100
Bulgaria	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.3	0.8	2.5	92.9	100	86.0	5.1	4.2	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.6	1.5	100
Czechia	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	2.0	93.3	100	54.2	14.7	13.8	4.5	2.2	1.3	1.6	7.7	100
Denmark	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	1.4	4.4	93.2	100	8.4	2.3	3.0	3.0	6.4	6.4	12.1	58.4	100
Germany	0.2	0.4	2.3	4.3	12.6	14.2	22.8	43.3	100	15.0	8.2	13.2	12.0	16.6	12.1	13.4	9.5	100
Estonia	0.1	0.0	0.2	-	3.7	-	-	96.0	100	25.0	0.0	12.5	-	12.5	-	-	50.0	100
Ireland	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.9	4.0	93.6	100	23.6	12.9	20.0	12.1	8.6	3.6	5.0	14.3	100
Greece	1.6	1.1	3.0	3.8	6.2	5.7	9.2	69.5	100	54.7	14.0	17.8	7.4	2.5	0.8	1.0	1.7	100
Spain	0.2	0.2	0.9	2.0	5.5	5.4	12.0	73.9	100	28.3	7.2	11.9	10.3	11.4	6.7	8.8	15.4	100
France	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.5	6.0	9.3	23.8	58.5	100	14.4	6.3	10.6	11.1	15.5	12.1	15.7	14.4	100
Croatia	30.6	8.9	7.0	3.9	4.0	1.5	4.2	39.9	100	87.5	7.3	3.8	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	100
Italy	1.3	0.8	2.1	2.9	5.1	4.3	8.4	75.1	100	58.7	10.4	14.6	6.6	3.4	1.4	1.5	3.4	100
Cyprus	0.1	0.0	-	0.0	-	-	2.8	97.0	100	43.8	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	-	6.3	25.0	100
Latvia	2.8	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.1	91.5	100	70.0	14.7	9.5	3.3	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.8	100
Lithuania	4.7	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.7	91.8	100	86.4	7.3	4.3	1.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.4	100
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	-	1.1	7.3	6.6	16.7	68.3	100	0.0	0.0	-	14.3	28.6	14.3	14.3	28.6	100
Hungary	6.9	1.4	1.9	1.4	2.3	1.8	4.3	79.9	100	91.4	3.9	2.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	100
Malta	0.3	0.0	6.9	15.9	27.2	-	9.1	40.6	100	11.1	0.0	22.2	22.2	22.2	-	11.1	11.1	100
Netherlands	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	2.2	4.0	9.8	83.0	100	5.3	2.0	4.5	6.7	12.0	10.9	15.1	43.4	100
Austria	1.0	1.4	6.0	18.7	45.6	14.5	7.7	5.0	100	27.2	19.8	27.1	13.5	9.7	1.8	0.6	0.2	100
Poland	5.0	5.5	10.8	10.6	12.9	7.2	10.8	37.2	100	49.2	19.8	17.6	6.6	3.6	1.1	1.0	1.0	100
Portugal	3.0	0.8	1.5	1.6	3.3	3.2	7.6	79.0	100	85.4	5.0	4.2	2.2	1.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	100
Romania	40.3	2.1	2.0	0.7	0.5	0.1	1.1	53.1	100	96.3	1.9	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100
Slovenia	21.4	12.1	17.4	16.2	15.0	9.8	8.2	-	100	69.1	15.3	10.9	3.0	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	100
Slovakia	2.5	0.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.6	1.9	90.3	100	81.1	7.0	5.0	2.3	1.3	0.7	0.7	2.0	100
Finland	0.1	0.2	2.2	5.8	14.7	13.2	18.7	45.1	100	3.3	2.2	13.0	17.4	26.1	14.1	12.0	12.0	100
Sweden	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.9	5.2	5.9	14.3	73.0	100	19.0	7.8	10.3	7.8	13.8	7.8	12.1	21.6	100
Iceland	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	100.0	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-	100.0	100
Norway	0.2	0.3	3.7	14.2	47.3	20.4	8.9	5.0	100	9.7	5.1	11.8	21.0	35.9	11.3	4.1	1.0	100
Switzerland	0.3	1.1	12.1	30.4	34.7	11.0	8.6	1.8	100	5.0	7.2	32.4	33.1	17.7	2.9	1.4	0.2	100
Total	2.1	0.8	2.1	3.3	7.5	7.0	13.3	63.9	100	2.1	0.8	2.1	3.3	7.5	7.0	13.3	63.9	100

LSU = Livestock units

Source: Eurostat, updated numbers from 2020

Pig Population and Production



Pig Population in Denmark

2023

1,000 head	1. Jan.	1. April	1. July	1. Oct.
--- Gilts in pig	174	173	184	174
--- Other sows in pig	524	518	520	519
Total sows in pig	698	691	704	693
Boars	10	10	10	9
Sows with piglets	186	185	187	189
Dry sows	31	30	30	30
Cullud sows and boars for slaughter	6	5	5	5
Gilts (over 50 kg) for breeding	203	197	202	207
Piglets	2,332	2,333	2,350	2,383
Weaners < 50 kg	5,357	5,078	5,187	5,239
Slaughter pigs over 50 kg	2,718	2,196	2,332	2,435
Total pig population	11,541	10,725	11,007	11,190

The census is based on a sample of about 1,600 farms.

Source: Danmarks Statistik, SVIN

Percentage distribution of pig population in counties (June census)

County	2021	2022	2023
Eastern part of Denmark	12.3	12.7	12.6
Funen	9.2	9.6	9.4
South Jutland	19.9	20.3	19.4
East Jutland	14.5	14.4	13.5
West Jutland	21.7	21.5	21.3
North Jutland	22.4	21.6	23.9
Total Denmark	100	100	100

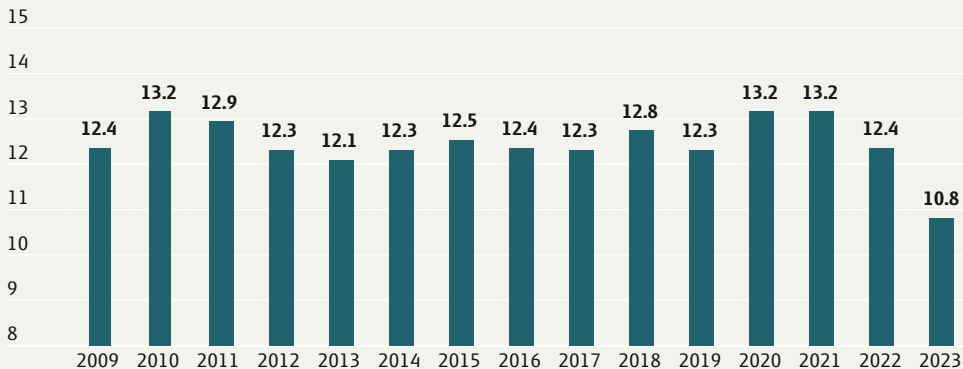
The figures are based on the annual agricultural census from Danmarks statistik.

Source: Danmarks Statistik

Development in the Pig Herd

Development in the pig herd

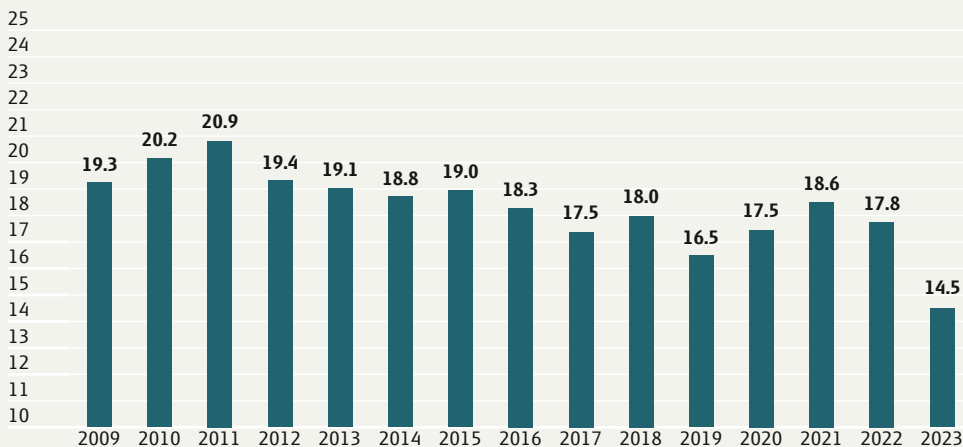
M head



The figures are from Danmarks Statistik's agricultural census.

Development in slaughterings

M head



The slaughtering includes slaughtering of pigs at the cooperative slaughterhouses, private slaughterhouses, public slaughterhouses and private butchers in Denmark.

Production of Pigs in Denmark

M head	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Slaughtering in Denmark	17.5	18.0	16.5	17.5	18.5	17.8	14.5
Export of slaughter pigs and sows	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Danish production of slaughter pigs and sows	17.7	18.3	16.8	17.7	18.7	18.0	14.7
Export of weaners	14.1	14.4	14.9	14.8	14.1	13.9	15.1
Total	31.9	32.7	31.7	32.5	32.9	31.9	29.7



World Pigmeat Production and Pig Population in Selected Countries

	Pigmeat production - 1,000 tonnes		Pig population - M head	
	2022	2023 ¹⁾	2022	2023 ¹⁾
Spain	5,150	4,948	34.5	34.1
Germany	4,249	3,856	23.8	21.4
France	2,183	2,047	12.9	12.2
Denmark	2,032	1,769	13.2	11.5
Netherlands	1,951	1,872	10.9	10.7
Poland	1,606	1,527	10.2	9.4
Italy	1,203	1,165	8.4	8.2
Belgium	1,045	974	6.0	5.8
UK	1,004	834	4.2	4.0
Austria	445	414	2.8	2.6
Hungary	392	360	2.7	2.6
Ireland	332	292	1.7	1.6
Portugal	260	251	2.2	2.2
Romania	303	308	3.6	3.3
Czechia	240	234	1.5	1.3
Sweden	255	248	1.4	1.4
Finland	170	155	1.1	1.0
Croatia	110	106	1.0	1.0
Lithuania	80	71	0.6	0.5
Slovakia	71	69	0.5	0.4
Greece	78	73	0.8	0.7
Bulgaria	84	77	0.7	0.6
Estonia	44	39	0.3	0.3
Cyprus	40	36	0.4	0.3
Latvia	41	37	0.3	0.3
Slovenia	26	27	0.2	0.2
Luxembourg	14	12	0.1	0.1
Malta	4	4	0.0	0.0
EU-28 in total	23,412	21,805	145.9	137.6
China	48,000	49,800	414.0	435.0
USA	12,245	12,378	72.3	72.7
Brazil	5,186	5,290	44.4	45.2
Russia	4,532	4,730	26.2	27.6
Canada	2,262	2,235	13.9	13.8
Mexico	1,730	1,775	19.2	19.5
South Korea	1,419	1,435	11.2	11.1
Japan	1,293	1,298	8.9	9.0
Total selected countries	100,079	100,746	756.0	771.5

¹⁾ Provisional figures.

EU's Supply Balance with Pigmeat

1,000 tonnes (deadeight)	2021 EU-27	2022 EU-27	2023 EU-27	2024 [*] EU-27
Production	23,615	22,276	20,805	20,730
Import (cwe)	97	121	108	106
Export (cwe)	4,752	3,991	3,011	2,891
Consumption	18,960	18,406	17,902	17,946
Consumption per capita (kg)	33.0	32.0	31.0	31.0
Self sufficiency, %	125	121	116	116

¹⁾ Forecast

Source: EU Commission, April 2023

Supply Balance of Pigmeat in Selected Countries (excl. stocks)

1,000 tonnes (CWE)

2021	Canada	USA	Mexico	China	Brazil	Russia	Japan
Production	2,285	12,553	1,687	46,000	4,899	4,304	1,318
Import	361	631	1,224	3,859	6	49	1,417
Export	1,572	3,186	305	78	1,205	206	4
Consumption	982	9,902	2,449	49,451	3,700	4,149	2,789

2022	Canada	USA	Mexico	China	Brazil	Russia	Japan
Production	2,262	12,245	1,730	48,000	5,186	4,532	1,293
Import	344	690	1,330	2,198	7	53	1,484
Export	1,491	2,878	263	86	1,231	165	3
Consumption	1,007	9,977	2,830	49,837	3,963	4,424	2,808

2023 ¹⁾	Canada	USA	Mexico	China	Brazil	Russia	Japan
Production	2,235	12,378	1,775	49,800	5,290	4,730	1,298
Import	365	594	1,410	2,001	5	39	1,418
Export	1,415	3,089	224	75	1,233	191	3
Consumption	1,077	9,799	2,953	51,436	4,062	4,577	2,823

2024 ²⁾	Canada	USA	Mexico	China	Brazil	Russia	Japan
Production	2,250	12,190	1,800	51,000	5,359	4,880	1,303
Import	368	642	1,453	2,032	5	36	1,408
Export	1,500	3,102	234	85	1,242	251	3
Consumption	1,010	9,641	3,013	52,753	4,121	4,664	2,834

¹⁾ Provisional figures ²⁾ Forecast

Source: EU Commission, April 2023

Slaughterhouses



Monthly Pig Slaughtering in Denmark

Pig Slaughtering

2022	Slaughtering
January	1,641,965
February	1,548,187
March	1,728,517
April	1,320,367
May	1,450,973
June	1,464,276
July	1,429,159
August	1,542,525
September	1,416,569
October	1,421,464
November	1,490,769
December	1,355,073
Jan.-dec. 2022	17,809,844
Jan.-dec. 2021	18,507,257
Qty. Change	-697,413
Pct. Change	-3.8

2023	Slaughtering
January	1,491,939
February	1,280,291
March	1,401,512
April	1,032,824
May	1,106,755
June	1,136,773
July	1,070,259
August	1,229,182
September	1,120,507
October	1,240,565
November	1,284,988
December	1,088,394
Jan.-dec. 2023	14,483,989
Jan.-dec. 2022	17,809,844
Qty. Change	-3,325,855
Pct. Change	-18.7

Source: Svineslagtedata

Structure of Slaughterhouses

Development in Number of Slaughterhouses

	End year						
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2023
Cooperatives	50	18	5	3	2	1	1
Private owned*	4	2	8	12	8	6	6
Total slaughterhouses	54	20	13	15	10	7	7

* Slaughterhouses with more than 20,000 pigs per year. No exact figures are available for private owned slaughterhouses in 1970 and 1980.



Slaughterhouses in Denmark



¹⁾ DC Sæby closed from June 2023

Pig Slaughtering in EU and Selected Countries

M. head.	2022	2023 ¹⁾	2024 ²⁾	%-change 2024:23
Spain	56.7	55.5	54.2	-2.3
Germany	47.2	43.4	42.2	-2.9
France	23.0	21.7	20.8	-4.1
Poland	19.3	18.4	18.0	-2.2
Denmark	17.8	14.5	15.3	5.5
Netherlands	16.9	16.0	15.8	-1.3
Italy	10.8	10.4	10.7	2.4
Belgium	10.5	9.3	9.2	-1.4
Portugal	5.6	5.3	5.2	-2.3
Austria	4.9	4.6	4.5	-1.7
Hungary	4.5	4.2	4.0	-4.8
Romania	3.4	3.4	3.3	-2.1
Ireland	3.6	3.2	3.4	5.6
Sweden	2.7	2.6	2.3	-11.9
Czechia	2.3	2.4	2.3	-3.4
Finland	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.1
Croatia	1.2	1.1	1.3	14.0
Greece	1.2	1.1	1.2	5.4
Lithuania	0.8	0.8	0.9	13.2
Bulgaria	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.0
Slovakia	0.6	0.5	0.6	3.8
Cyprus	0.7	0.6	0.7	3.2
Estonia	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.3
Latvia	0.4	0.4	0.3	-10.5
Slovenia	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Luxembourg	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Malta	0.2	0.2	0.1	-6.7
EU-27	248.7	231.8	228.2	-1.6
UK	11.3	9.7	9.7	0.0
USA	125.3	127.8	128.6	0.6
Canada	21.8	22.0	21.2	-3.6
Mexico	20.9	21.5	21.7	0.9
Brazil	56.5	57.0	57.4	0.7
Russia	50.3	52.0	53.5	2.9
Japan	16.6	16.5	16.6	0.6
China	540.0	580.0	550	-5.2
South Korea	18.6	18.8	18.8	0.0
Thailand	10.0	10.5	11.5	9.5
India	8.6	8.4	8.3	-1.2

¹⁾ Provisional ²⁾ Forecast

The figures include slaughtering of pigs, i.e. imported pigs are included.

Source: GIRA

Employment and Wages in the Slaughterhouse Sector

Number of Workers Employed in the Slaughterhouses		Average Wages for Danish Slaughterhouse workers	
year	Number employed	year	DKK/hour*
2012	7,053	2012	259.54
2013	6,904	2013	261.78
2014	6,609	2014	263.23
2015	6,680	2015	265.14
2016	6,461	2016	270.70
2017	6,298	2017	274.75
2018	6,481	2018	281.49
2019	6,218	2019	283.30
2020	6,392	2020	294.21
2021	6,856	2021	302.50
2022	5,787	2022	313.30
2023	5,731	2023	318.20

Source: Dansk Industri

* Including holiday pay and sickness benefit.

Source: Dansk Industri

Comparative Labor Costs in Selected Countries (Manufacturing Industry)

	Year-on-Year rise (in percentages)					DKK per hour
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022
Denmark	2.4	2.4	0.7	3.4	4.8	364.26
Germany	3.0	2.7	0.9	-0.2	4.6	327.34
Sweden	3.1	3.6	-0.8	4.8	2.9	333.07
UK	2.6	2.0	2.5	0.3	3.6	319.16
France	2.4	2.2	4.1	1.3	7.3	
Netherlands	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.3	6.9	344.45
Poland	7.8	6.9	5.6	8.1	11.2	85.10
Spain	0.8	2.0	4.1	-0.9	2.2	182.27
Italy	1.3	3.4	2.6	-2.0	2.7	217.24
U.S.	-1.0	0.9	0.5	2.6	4.1	301.35

Source: Confederation of Danish Employers, DA, International Wages and Labour Costs Statistic

Producer Pig Prices and Economy



Producer Pig Prices

Payment to the producer

DKK/kg	Average Pig Price ¹⁾	Bonus payment	Interest paid from producer accounts	Production levy	Total
2019	11.42	1.05	0.02	-0.02	12.47
2020	12.00	1.35	0.03	-0.07	13.31
2021	10.15	1.30	0.03	-0.07	11.41
2022	11.38	1.30	0.03	-0.06	12.65
2023	13.44	1.10	0.03	-0.07	14.50

¹ Including all pigs

* After weight and meat percentage payment, and incl. discounts/cost at slaughterhouse.

² Includes payment in connection with the sale of Plumrose

Producer Pig Prices

Producer pig prices DKK/kg, Danish Crown (best weight group)

Week	2021	2022	2023	Week	2021	2022	2023
1	9.50	8.40	12.20	27	10.70	11.30	13.80
2	9.50	8.40	12.00	28	10.70	11.30	13.80
3	9.50	8.10	11.70	29	10.30	11.30	13.80
4	9.50	7.90	11.30	30	10.10	11.30	13.80
5	9.50	7.90	11.10	31	9.90	11.50	13.80
6	9.50	7.90	11.10	32	9.50	11.50	13.80
7	9.50	7.90	11.40	33	9.10	11.80	13.80
8	9.50	8.10	11.80	34	8.90	12.10	13.50
9	9.50	8.10	12.00	35	8.90	12.40	13.30
10	10.00	8.30	12.00	36	8.70	12.40	13.30
11	10.50	8.70	12.00	37	8.70	12.40	12.90
12	10.50	9.30	12.20	38	8.70	12.40	12.70
13	10.50	10.00	12.80	39	8.70	12.40	12.50
14	10.50	10.50	13.00	40	8.70	12.40	12.50
15	10.50	10.50	13.30	41	8.40	12.40	12.50
16	10.80	10.50	13.50	42	8.40	12.40	12.50
17	10.80	10.70	13.80	43	8.40	12.40	12.70
18	11.00	10.90	13.80	44	8.40	12.40	12.70
19	11.00	10.90	13.80	45	8.40	12.40	12.70
20	11.30	11.10	13.80	46	8.40	12.40	12.70
21	11.70	11.10	13.80	47	8.40	12.40	12.90
22	11.70	11.10	13.80	48	8.40	12.60	12.90
23	11.90	11.10	13.80	49	8.40	12.60	12.90
24	11.90	11.10	13.80	50	8.40	12.60	12.90
25	11.30	11.10	13.80	51	8.40	12.60	12.90
26	11.10	11.10	13.80	52	8.40	12.20	12.70
				Avg.	9.71	10.90	12.92

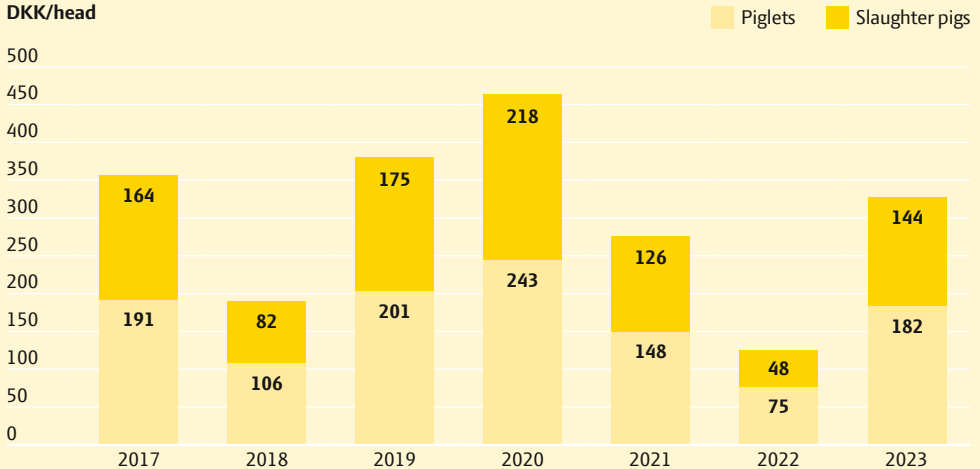
Economy in Pig Production

The ratio between the price for slaughter pigs and compound feeding stuff (FEsv)

Monthly ratio	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	7.28	6.31	5.27	9.85	6.56	4.60	4.75
February	7.28	6.22	5.36	9.78	6.32	4.11	4.54
March	7.31	6.52	5.57	9.63	6.68	4.30	4.89
April	7.79	6.23	6.57	9.20	6.94	4.70	5.35
May	8.14	6.17	7.09	8.39	7.42	4.36	5.62
June	8.24	6.03	7.46	7.73	7.74	4.49	5.78
July	7.99	5.71	7.45	7.49	6.99	4.72	5.84
August	7.79	5.67	7.45	7.45	6.18	4.88	6.00
September	7.68	5.31	8.59	7.48	5.57	5.19	6.00
October	7.35	4.92	9.11	7.33	5.21	5.22	6.09
November	7.11	5.05	9.72	6.98	5.11	5.21	6.41
December	6.97	5.20	9.54	6.63	4.82	5.20	6.46
Total year	7.58	5.77	7.43	8.16	6.29	4.75	5.65

Gross margin 2017-2023

DKK/head



Source: Seges

Social Importance of the Pig Industry

The Total Danish Pig Production

Year	Tonnes	%-change from the year before	Value ex producer DKK M	%-change from the year before
2020	1,952,300	4.4	27,019	8.6
2021	2,078,600	6.5	23,705	-12.3
2022	1,956,600	-5.9	24,125	1.8
2023	1,662,500	-15.0	27,374	13.5

The production is estimated by Danmarks Statistik and does not include discarded animals
Source: Danmarks Statistik and own estimates.

Value of the Danish Export

Year	Total export		Agricultural export	
	DKK M	%-change from the year before	DKK M	%-change from the year before
2020	701,562	-4.6	163,862	-1.8
2021	788,312	12.4	173,602	5.9
2022	927,477	17.7	196,634	13.3
2023	935,922	0.9	199,281	1.3

Year	Export of pigmeat products		Share of pigmeat export percentage	
	Value DKK M	%-change from the year before	Total export	Agricultural export
2020	35,574	5.8	5.1	21.7
2021	32,989	-7.3	4.2	19.0
2022	34,839	5.6	3.8	17.7
2023	38,254	9.8	4.1	19.2

Source: Danmarks Statistik and own estimates

Export and Import of Pigmeat



Denmark's Export of Pigmeat

2023

Country	Tonnes	M. DKK	Country	Tonnes	M. DKK
Germany	396.711	8.697	Vietnam	1.795	40
Poland	353.939	7.440	Faroe Islands	1.553	75
China	205.828	3.365	Thailand	1.521	38
UK	150.223	3.810	Austria	1.305	42
Italy	117.020	2.599	Finland	1.221	62
Japan	73.719	2.173	New Caledonia	1.087	35
Australia	34.308	933	Mexico	1.027	29
USA	32.980	1.067	South Africa	949	18
Netherlands	30.691	671	Papua New Guinea	939	31
Sweden	26.979	762	Iceland	675	25
Phillipines	25.691	488	Ivory Coast	523	3
Spain	22.224	676	Colombia	522	9
France	20.212	417	Guam	503	15
South Korea	15.095	374	The United Arab Emirates	431	8
Romania	14.339	298	Azerbaijan	409	4
Malaysia	14.146	349	The Bahamas	360	11
Greece	11.941	366	Belize	319	13
Slovakia	11.762	258	Malta	318	12
Croatia	11.197	288	Qatar	265	14
Lithuania	9.088	179	Belarus	260	21
Taiwan	8.464	235	Slovenia	226	6
Latvia	8.226	162	Cyprus	209	8
Canada	8.226	249	Argentina	200	3
Belgium	7.711	114	Moldova	187	11
Hungary	7.391	187	Oman	180	3
Ireland	5.233	177	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	152	6
Estonia	5.229	145	The Seychelles	148	5
Ukraine	4.223	87	Grenada	144	6
The Czech Republic	4.051	112	North Macedonia	140	5
New Zealand	3.838	109	Peru	136	5
Bulgaria	3.513	72	Curaçao	103	4
Portugal	3.399	76	Lebanon	102	5
Singapore	3.052	63	St. Lucia	90	3
Norway	2.950	197	Bahrain	87	1
Indonesia	2.476	72	Bosnia Herzegovina	85	3
Serbia	2.303	64	The Democratic Republic of the Congo	79	1
Greenland	2.185	121	Antigua and Barbuda	77	3
Hong Kong	2.049	76	French Polynesia	73	2
Panama	1.951	77	Other countries	1.104	62
			Total ¹⁾	1.684.064	38.254

¹⁾ Export to a total of 124 countries

Denmark's Export of Pigmeat (tonnes)

2022

Tonnes	EU-27	3 rd countries	Total
By-products	44,716	197,267	241,983
Live pigs and sows	445,214	2,767	447,981
Prepared or preserved	18,359	36,871	55,230
Bacon	2,923	59,846	62,769
Carcasses pigs/sows	80,385	1,633	82,018
Cuts	460,030	548,461	1,008,491
Sausages	18,477	19,027	37,504
Total	1,070,104	865,872	1,935,976
%-share	55.3	44.7	100

2023

Tonnes	EU-27	3 rd countries	Total
By-products	48,207	165,437	213,644
Live pigs and sows	482,999	3,508	486,506
Prepared or preserved	18,188	33,968	52,156
Bacon	3,104	56,335	59,439
Carcasses pigs/sows	69,590	5,286	74,876
Cuts	433,929	325,845	759,774
Sausages	18,128	19,541	37,669
Total	1,074,145	609,920	1,684,064
%-share	63.8	36.2	100



Denmark's Export of Pigmeat (1,000 DKK)

2022

1,000 DKK	EU-27	3 rd countries	Total
By-products	638,486	3,169,719	3,808,205
Live pigs and sows	6,692,072	166,107	6,858,179
Prepared or preserved	555,569	1,213,334	1,768,903
Bacon	106,405	1,325,949	1,432,354
Carcasses pigs/sows	898,160	27,130	925,290
Cuts	6,930,316	11,826,527	18,756,843
Sausages	598,867	690,313	1,289,180
Total	16,419,875	18,419,079	34,838,954
%-share	47.1	52.9	100

2023

1,000 DKK	EU-27	3 rd countries	Total
By-products	595,223	2,647,371	3,242,594
Live pigs and sows	11,650,663	255,810	11,906,473
Prepared or preserved	676,413	1,210,272	1,886,685
Bacon	127,531	1,495,963	1,623,494
Carcasses pigs/sows	1,121,335	102,809	1,224,145
Cuts	8,950,467	7,905,587	16,856,054
Sausages	707,358	806,709	1,514,066
Total	23,828,990	14,424,520	38,253,510
%-share	62.3	37.7	100



Denmark's Export of Pigmeat to EU (tonnes)

2022

Tonnes	Germany	Poland	Italy	Other EU	Total EU-27
By-products	12,170	1,108	1,686	29,752	44,716
Live pigs and sows	175,628	203,503	20,285	45,799	445,214
Prepared or preserved	9,873	34	443	8,008	18,359
Bacon	157	6	106	2,655	2,923
Carcasses pigs/sows	76,535	113	656	3,080	80,385
Cuts	126,012	139,438	111,758	82,822	460,030
Sausages	6,081	87	381	11,928	18,477
Total	406,457	344,288	135,315	184,044	1,070,104
%-share	38.0	32.2	12.6	17.2	100

2023

Tonnes	Germany	Poland	Italy	Other EU	Total EU-27
By-products	14,715	1,740	1,722	30,031	48,207
Live pigs and sows	197,148	222,078	22,358	41,414	482,999
Prepared or preserved	9,727	14	372	8,074	18,188
Bacon	157	1	265	2,681	3,104
Carcasses pigs/sows	67,652	0	808	1,131	69,590
Cuts	101,526	130,057	91,123	111,223	433,929
Sausages	5,786	48	372	11,922	18,128
Total	396,711	353,939	117,020	206,475	1,074,145
%-share	36.9	33.0	10.9	19.2	100



Denmark's Export of Pigmeat to EU (1,000 DKK)

2022

1,000 DKK	Germany	Poland	Italy	Other EU	Total EU-27
By-products	155,573	21,711	52,840	408,363	638,486
Live pigs and sows	2,841,560	2,636,122	359,922	854,468	6,692,072
Prepared or preserved	257,014	1,366	13,930	283,260	555,569
Bacon	6,403	201	3,796	96,004	106,405
Carcasses pigs/sows	848,515	1,100	8,802	39,743	898,160
Cuts	1,846,842	1,834,873	1,712,834	1,535,767	6,930,316
Sausages	189,532	1,652	13,829	393,854	598,867
Total	6,145,438	4,497,027	2,165,953	3,611,458	16,419,875
%-share	37.4	27.4	13.2	22.0	100

2023

1,000 DKK	Germany	Poland	Italy	Other EU	Total EU-27
By-products	147,361	25,597	55,780	366,485	595,223
Live pigs and sows	4,883,191	4,970,055	584,779	1,212,638	11,650,663
Prepared or preserved	327,081	558	14,051	334,723	676,413
Bacon	7,052	56	9,945	110,478	127,531
Carcasses pigs/sows	1,085,898	0	14,639	20,798	1,121,335
Cuts	2,014,427	2,441,923	1,899,574	2,594,543	8,950,467
Sausages	232,372	1,386	20,545	453,054	707,358
Total	8,697,382	7,439,575	2,599,314	5,092,720	23,828,990
%-share	36.5	31.2	10.9	21.4	100



Denmark's Export of Pigmeat to 3rd Countries (tonnes)

2022

Tonnes	China Hong Kong	Japan	UK	Other 3 rd countries	Total 3 rd countries
By-products	157,409	1,020	4,540	34,298	197,267
Live pigs and sows	0	6	38	2,723	2,767
Prepared or preserved	1,093	4,233	10,608	20,937	36,871
Bacon	0	0	58,091	1,755	59,846
Carcasses pigs/sows	-	-	1,379	254	1,633
Cuts	343	1,293	10,988	6,403	19,027
Sausages	213,083	99,512	66,920	168,947	548,461
Total	371,927	106,064	152,563	235,318	865,872
%-share	43.0	12.2	17.6	27.2	100

2023

Tonnes	China Hong Kong	Japan	UK	Other 3 rd countries	Total 3 rd countries
By-products	133,251	1,663	2,994	27,528	165,437
Live pigs and sows	93	5	44	3,366	3,508
Prepared or preserved	591	4,601	10,116	18,660	33,968
Bacon	70	2	54,712	1,551	56,335
Carcasses pigs/sows	-	-	5,162	125	5,286
Cuts	500	1,137	11,042	6,862	19,541
Sausages	73,372	66,310	66,154	120,008	325,845
Total	207,877	73,719	150,223	178,100	609,920
%-share	34.1	12.1	24.6	29.2	100



Denmark's Export of Pigmeat to 3rd Countries (1,000 DKK)

2021

1,000 DKK	China Hong Kong	Japan	UK	Other 3 rd countries	Total 3 rd countries
By-products	2,582,830	15,090	60,604	511,194	3,169,719
Live pigs and sows	370	3,560	16,422	145,755	166,107
Prepared or preserved	27,580	129,112	329,157	727,485	1,213,334
Bacon	31	0	1,238,476	87,442	1,325,949
Carcasses pigs/sows	-	-	24	27,107	27,130
Cuts	3,867,443	2,935,054	1,002,051	4,021,979	11,826,527
Sausages	13,528	39,926	393,486	243,373	690,313
Total	6,491,782	3,122,743	1,002,051	7,802,503	18,419,079
%-share	35.2	17.0	5.4	42.4	100

2022

1,000 DKK	China Hong Kong	Japan	UK	Other 3 rd countries	Total 3 rd countries
By-products	2,112,547	24,805	41,045	468,974	2,647,371
Live pigs and sows	29,156,899	3,681	10,224	212,748	255,810
Prepared or preserved	17,221	144,991	365,095	682,964	1,210,272
Bacon	2,820,87	62	1,411,301	81,779	1,495,963
Carcasses pigs/sows	-	-	100	102,709	102,809
Cuts	1,257,003	1,960,990	1,415,377	3,272,216	7,905,587
Sausages	22,418	38,552	467,052	278,687	806,709
Total	3,441,168	2,173,081	1,415,377	7,394,894	14,424,520
%-share	23.9	15.1	9.8	51.3	100



Trend in Pigmeat Export

Products

Tonnes	2003	2013	2022	2023
Bacon	118,466	84,184	62,769	59,439
By-products	290,207	311,483	241,983	213,644
Live pigs and sows	86,793	328,970	447,981	486,506
Sausages	35,996	33,529	37,504	37,669
Prepared or preserved	65,037	58,639	55,230	52,156
Cuts	1,013,604	1,010,722	1,008,491	759,774
Carcasses pigs/sows	69,291	73,346	82,018	74,876
Total	1,679,393	1,900,874	1,935,976	1,684,064

1,000 DKK	2003	2013	2022	2023
Bacon	2,791,892	1,827,937	1,432,354	1,623,494
By-products	1,391,719	3,133,368	3,808,205	3,242,594
Live pigs and sows	926,892	5,611,227	6,858,179	11,906,473
Sausages	703,305	888,498	1,289,180	1,514,066
Prepared or preserved	1,408,152	1,482,605	1,768,903	1,886,685
Cuts	16,071,816	18,222,558	18,756,843	16,856,054
Carcasses pigs/sows	570,566	831,250	925,290	1,224,145
Total	23,864,343	31,997,443	34,838,954	38,253,510



Trend in Pigmeat Export

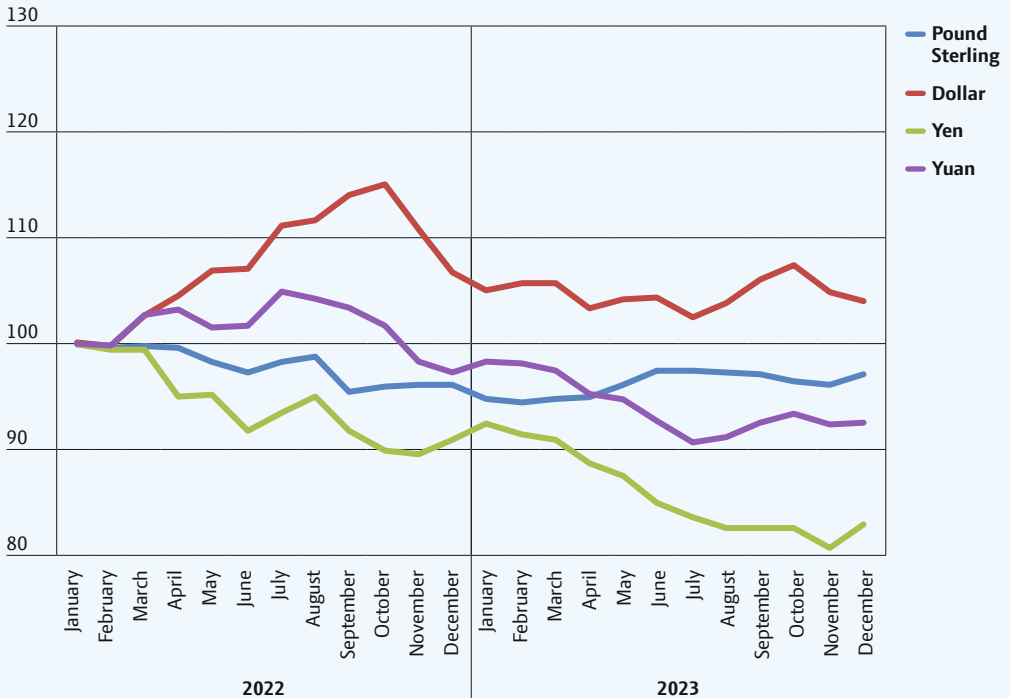
Main Markets

Tonnes	2003	2013	2022	2023
Germany	399,665	583,629	406,457	396,711
Poland	24,115	222,328	344,288	353,939
Italy	135,133	105,532	135,315	117,020
Sweden	88,908	47,513	27,507	26,979
Other EU-countries	164,226	124,595	156,537	179,496
Total EU	812,047	1,083,596	1,070,104	1,074,145
China/Hong Kong	71,731	218,957	371,927	207,877
UK	307,114	212,273	152,563	150,223
Japan	244,120	122,910	106,064	73,719
Australia	24,084	38,981	50,010	34,308
USA	72,514	33,604	43,139	32,980
Other countries	454,898	190,553	142,169	110,813
Total 3rd countries	867,346	817,278	865,872	609,920
Total	1,679,393	1,900,874	1,935,976	1,684,064

1,000 DKK	2003	2013	2022	2023
Germany	4,406,738	8,116,521	6,145,438	8,697,382
Poland	214,627	3,289,795	4,497,027	7,439,575
Italy	1,673,552	1,715,652	2,165,953	2,599,314
Sweden	1,101,135	1,232,016	697,139	762,354
Other EU-countries	2,132,119	2,352,765	2,914,318	4,330,366
Total EU	9,528,171	16,706,749	16,419,875	23,828,990
China/Hong Kong	315,168	2,216,056	6,491,782	3,441,168
UK	5,361,958	4,141,973	3,063,754	3,810,409
Japan	5,366,818	3,688,667	3,122,743	2,173,081
Australia	1,512,502	905,132	1,390,785	1,066,646
USA	336,554	904,608	1,115,655	933,455
Other countries	6,805,131	3,434,259	3,234,360	2,999,762
Total 3rd countries	14,336,172	15,290,693	18,419,079	14,424,520
Total	23,864,343	31,997,443	34,838,954	38,253,510

The Development in Rate of Exchange

DKK per 100 units	Pound Sterling		Dollar		Yen		Yuan	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
January	891.11	843.24	657.69	690.79	5.72	5.29	103.47	101.66
February	888.08	840.76	656.08	694.86	5.70	5.23	103.41	101.65
March	889.63	844.28	675.26	695.55	5.70	5.21	106.42	100.89
April	888.84	845.36	687.96	679.26	5.45	5.08	106.86	98.58
May	875.80	855.64	703.65	685.04	5.46	5.00	105.20	98.07
June	867.31	867.83	704.67	686.81	5.25	4.86	105.21	95.86
July	876.12	867.86	731.27	673.87	5.35	4.78	108.60	93.75
August	880.44	867.63	734.60	683.15	5.44	4.72	108.00	94.22
September	850.41	865.48	751.08	697.97	5.25	4.73	106.99	95.64
October	854.51	859.52	757.17	706.32	5.14	4.72	105.26	96.64
November	856.13	856.82	729.53	690.14	5.13	4.61	101.68	95.51
December	855.51	865.27	702.43	683.88	5.21	4.74	100.70	95.75



Denmark's Import of Pigmeat (tonnes)

2022

Tonnes	Germany	Poland	Netherlands	Other EU-27	Other countries	Total
Bacon	7,919	2,600	3,510	2,947	182	17,158
By-products	32,761	390	6,362	17,024	3,668	60,205
Live pigs and sows	395	-	-	0	-	395
Sausages	13,124	11,437	411	3,789	230	28,991
Prepared or preserved	18,688	4,551	777	4,389	238	28,642
Cuts	38,362	8,577	4,681	5,882	2,322	59,823
Carcasses pigs/sows	0	0	111	41	0	152
Total	111,248	27,555	15,852	34,071	6,640	195,366
%-share	56.9	14.1	8.1	17.4	3.4	100

2023

Tonnes	Germany	Poland	Netherlands	Other EU-27	Other countries	Total
Bacon	6,950	1,829	4,494	5,477	106	18,856
By-products	21,018	416	16,367	12,047	2,740	52,588
Live pigs and sows	0	-	-	-	-	677
Sausages	13,104	9,266	402	3,993	225	26,990
Prepared or preserved	16,247	4,545	1,570	5,173	144	27,679
Cuts	32,452	8,294	5,849	3,530	2,558	52,682
Carcasses pigs/sows	1	0	130	10	0	140
Total	89,771	24,350	28,905	30,812	5,773	179,612
%-share	50.0	13.6	16.1	17.2	3.2	100

Source: Own calculations based on Danmarks Statistik



EU's Export to 3rd Countries

Without the UK

Products

Tonnes (product weight)	2023 EU-27	2022 EU-27
Live pigs	58,678	55,450
Fresh/frozen pigmeat	1,995,284	2,798,314
Bacon	227,532	234,315
Other processed products	441,545	477,338
By-products	1,344,716	1,447,152
Total	4,067,755	5,012,569

Source: Eurostat

By country

Importers of EU Pigmeat

Tonnes	2023 EU-27	2022 EU-27
China	1,145,890	1,514,003
UK	866,746	856,764
Japan	317,280	402,992
Philippines	281,767	402,721
South Korea	223,965	284,861
Vietnam	117,647	87,989
USA	91,389	119,349
Australia	74,041	120,351
Ivory Coast	79,368	99,867
Serbia	71,882	79,621
Hong Kong	64,679	74,927
Others	733,101	969,124
EU-27	4,067,755	5,012,569

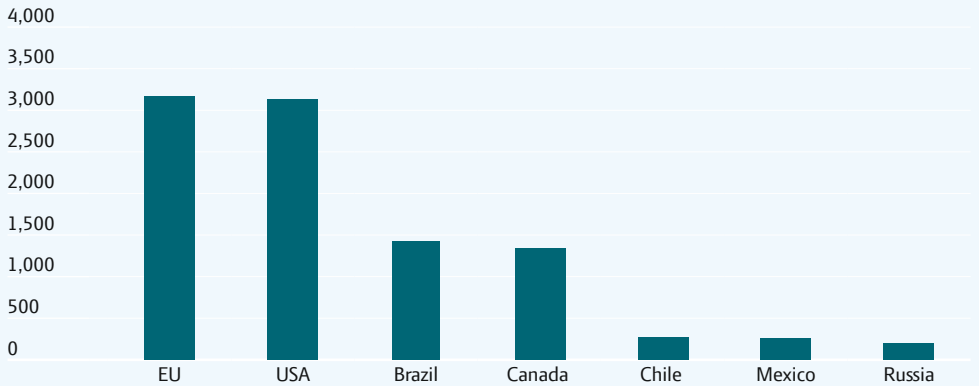
Exporters of EU Pigmeat

Tonnes	2023 EU-27	2022 EU-27
Spain	1,278,268	1,575,460
Netherlands	698,647	836,230
Denmark	596,560	856,996
Germany	327,000	390,697
France	256,445	294,345
Poland	233,382	294,969
Ireland	211,857	245,817
Belgium	131,082	126,574
Italy	94,318	97,852
Austria	50,028	58,826
Others	190,168	234,803
EU-27	4,067,755	5,012,569

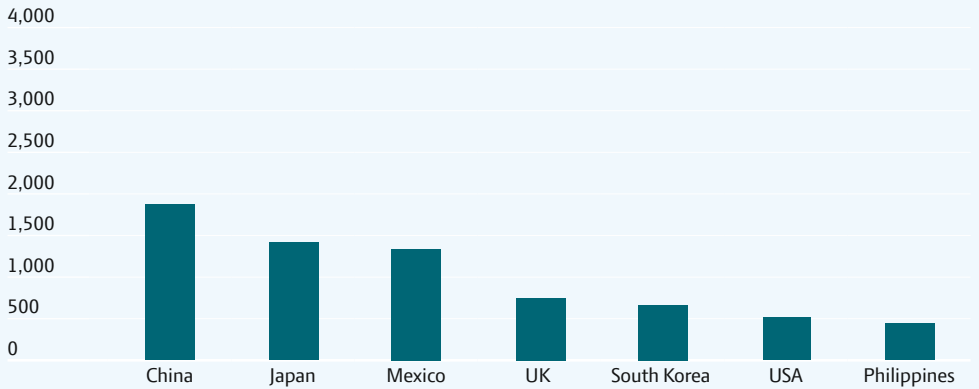
Source: EU-Commission

World Trade in Pigmeat

Main Exporters of Pig Products in 2023
1,000 tonnes



Main Importers of Pig Products in 2023
1,000 tonnes



The above exports and imports are stated in tonnes slaughter weight and include fresh, chilled or frozen and processed pigmeat but not offal of swine or live pigs.

Kilde: USDA

World Trade In Pigmeat

Importing Countries

China

Tonnes	Fresh/frozen pigmeat		By-products	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Brazil	402,175	416,712	20,102	22,003
Spain	378,101	469,109	223,535	220,092
Canada	131,869	113,959	107,946	52,397
USA	122,504	126,078	302,477	264,772
Netherlands	120,449	122,971	120,493	110,137
Denmark	114,225	194,160	120,274	156,807
Chile	84,162	71,866	38,802	38,298
UK	66,123	74,313	49,683	52,853
France	60,817	64,120	74,325	76,944
Ireland	32,973	37,282	23,170	23,499
Others	27,229	52,971	15,009	20,056
Total	1,540,627	1,743,541	1,095,816	1,037,858

Hong Kong

Tonnes	Fresh/frozen pigmeat		By-products	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Brazil	99,726	84,961	15,993	17,462
China	30,236	34,242	58	6
Netherlands	15,252	15,953	3,580	7,563
Vietnam	8,736	7,130	0	234
Poland	6,952	9,019	9,304	8,594
Germany	6,912	5,574	6,967	7,823
Russia	3,609	2,040	584	877
Spain	3,598	5,285	1,569	2,482
USA	2,332	2,869	285	243
Thailand	1,844	1,073	135	162
Canada	1,493	1,834	2,259	1,379
Others	4,482	5,208	5,164	6,811
Others	185,172	175,188	45,898	53,636

Japan

Tonnes	Fresh/frozen pigmeat	
	2023	2022
USA	226,329	235,006
Canada	217,745	211,029
Spain	171,454	186,422
Mexico	122,495	128,518
Denmark	57,238	86,490
Chile	36,066	30,270
Brazil	34,536	23,466
Netherlands	25,197	33,992
Others	28,559	41,873
Total	919,619	977,066

South Korea

Tonnes	Fresh/frozen pigmeat	
	2023	2022
USA	161,840	139,795
Spain	108,365	147,406
Canada	73,584	60,341
Netherlands	36,681	51,208
Chile	32,038	33,435
Austria	23,484	28,479
Mexico	13,705	9,811
Others	64,415	72,585
Total	514,112	543,060

Australia

Tonnes	Fresh/frozen pigmeat	
	2023	2022
USA	58,541	30,481
Denmark	33,512	58,323
Netherlands	24,348	50,513
Ireland	13,400	23,250
Canada	9,849	9,144
UK	871	2,759
Others	632	1,080
Total	141,153	175,550

Philippines

Tonnes	Fresh/frozen pigmeat		By-products	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Brazil	93,925	72,352	6,906	2,961
Canada	78,003	97,256	20,318	21,317
Spain	25,180	93,651	74,045	85,383
Netherlands	22,358	41,936	18,205	21,495
USA	19,120	12,175	23,769	16,451
France	16,148	19,632	17,177	19,492
Denmark	11,141	14,789	11,733	14,239
UK	8,147	19,897	11,092	13,827
Belgium	4,361	7,066	8,890	12,792
Australia	2,266	2,661	3,668	3,835
Others	3,168	6,141	10,624	12,033
Total	283,817	387,556	206,427	223,825

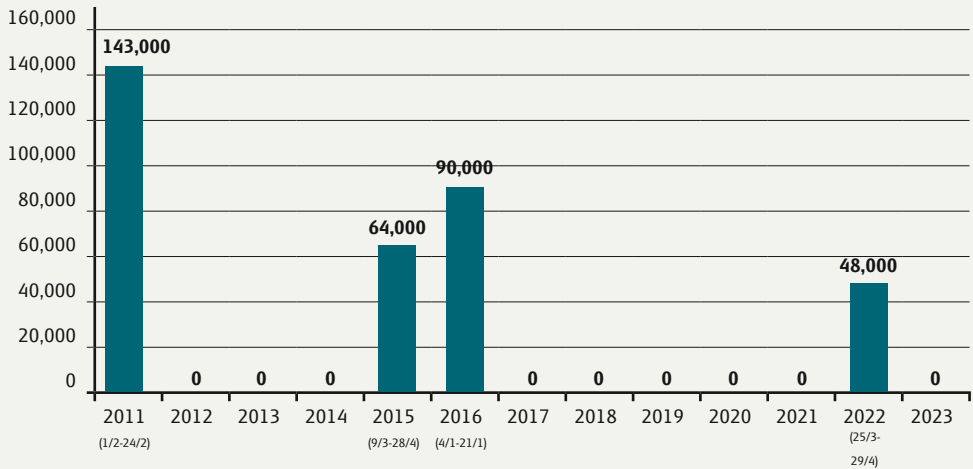
Source: Global Trade Atlas



Common Agricultural Policy for Pigmeat

EU's Market Management for Pigmeat

Private storage Tonnes



Export Refunds

Fresh, chilled and frozen cuts

DKK/kg	Hams, shoulders/ foreends and loins with bones	Bellies with rind	Deboned hams, shoulders/ fore-ends and loins excl. Japan Products	Bellies without rind and bones excl. Japan Products
2011	0	0	0	0
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2023	0	0	0	0

Processed products

DKK/kg	Dried sausages	Cooked sausages	Cooked hams*	Shoulders cooked*	Luncheon meat
2011	1.45	1.13	2.16/1.27	1.70/1.27	0
2012 1/1 - 20/4	1.45	1.13	2.16/1.27	1.70/1.27	0
2012 efter 20/4	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0
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2022	0	0	0	0	0

* Above/below 1 kg

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