

# MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

17 February 2025

Week 8

## MARKET SITUATION

The market situation is unchanged from previous weeks.

**Europe:** Trade in legs and other cuts is stable and at unchanged prices this week.

**UK:** Stable trade.

**Asian markets:** stable demand for bellies and loins.

## Slaughtering in Denmark

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

	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Weeks 1-6 2025:24
Total	313,940	311,130	314,705	313,455	-1.5%

## USA

### Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcase weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	14/2	7/2	Change	14/2	7/2	Change
<b>2025</b>						
Feb	89.48	87.25	2.23	98.30	93.20	5.10
Apr	92.60	92.15	0.45	96.10	93.98	2.12
May	96.43	96.03	0.40	103.38	101.25	2.13
Jun	104.68	104.28	0.40	111.10	110.00	1.10
Jul	105.35	105.18	0.17	112.45	110.08	2.37
Aug	104.18	104.23	-0.05	111.50	109.13	2.37
Oct	86.25	86.30	-0.05	97.75	95.38	2.37
Dec	77.30	77.08	0.22	92.00	90.60	1.40
<b>2026</b>						
Feb	80.30	79.95	0.35	91.15	89.75	1.40
Apr	83.90	83.50	0.40	91.83	90.43	1.40
May	87.28	86.88	0.40	98.43	97.03	1.40
Jun	94.33	94.08	0.25	103.78	102.38	1.40

Conversion factors:  
 1 lb = 0.4536 kg  
 1 \$ = DKK  
 7.1187



EU

### African Swine Fever

According to the EU Commission's reporting system for the outbreak of disease, outbreaks of ASF have been reported for the following countries plus Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro, and North Macedonia

Countries	Period 6 Feb - 12 Feb		Year to date 1 Jan - 12 Feb		2024		2023	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		2		10		36	2	53
Latvia		32		172	7	961	8	730
Lithuania		23		86	8	561	3	436
Poland		177		608	44	2,311	30	2,686
Italy		22	1	91	31	1,205	17	1,050
Ukraine			9	10	70	15	38	9
Czech Republic						27		56
Romania	5	14	48	61	220	186	737	289
Hungary		19		186		474		403
Bulgaria		23		249	1	717	3	653
Slovakia		7		55	1	165		535
Serbia	3	1	8	9	310	101	992	213
Moldova	8	1	18	1	13	6	18	6
Montenegro						1		
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1	1	5	9	33	38	1,511	29
Croatia		1		1	6	39	1,124	13
North Macedonia					4	51	16	47
Kosovo							9	4
Belgium								
Germany		118		369	10	966	1	887
Sweden						8		60
Greece		12		36	5	21	6	2
Albania					1	3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>7,892</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>8,161</b>

### GERMANY

#### Gradual easing of foot and mouth restrictions

Last week, the authorities in the German state of Brandenburg began to slowly ease the restrictions imposed following the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in a herd of buffalo on the outskirts of Berlin.

The 3 km security zone around the outbreak was lifted and converted to a monitoring zone.

This means that a number of restrictions imposed on farms in the former security zone have been lifted. However, animal transport in and out of the new monitoring zone remains prohibited.

The German Agriculture Minister has expressed his hope that Germany will regain its status as free from foot and mouth disease within the not too distant future.

 **GERMANY**
**Area in Saxony hit by African Swine Fever**

A new case of African Swine Fever in a wild boar has been confirmed in the district of Bautzen in the state of Saxony.

Apart from this, no new cases have been detected in this district for almost six months. It was planned that restrictions in this district should be lifted in April, but this has now been postponed indefinitely.

In the light of a new case in Saxony, the German pig producers' association, ISN, are calling on the German authorities to reassess the entire control strategy in order to minimise financial losses.

"We urgently need a new approach to handling ASF, which prioritises reducing the financial burden on farmers," says Torsten Staack, Director of ISN. "The German government needs to act quickly to revise the control regulations and push for adjustments at EU level."

 **GERMANY**
**Pig slaughtering increased by 1.2 per cent in 2024**

The table below, with data sourced from AMI, shows the development in German pig slaughtering since 2015.

As can be seen, German slaughtering in 2024 increased by more than 500,000 head, corresponding to 1.2 per cent. A rise in the carcass weight means that, measured in tonnes, the increase stands at 1.9 per cent.

The increase in 2024 follows an unbroken decline in annual slaughtering in Germany between 2016 and 2023. In 2023 and 2022, slaughtering fell by 9 and 6 per cent respectively. In previous years, the decline was around 2-3 per cent.

As can be seen in the table below, the increase this year is due to the fact that more finishers were delivered from German farms whereas imports of finishers fell.

**Slaughtering in Germany 2015-2024**

	Total slaughtering	German finishers	Imported finishers	Percentage of imported
<b>2015</b>	59,435,349	55,161,102	4,274,247	7.2
<b>2016</b>	59,480,468	54,826,352	4,654,116	7.8
<b>2017</b>	58,408,370	54,471,535	3,936,835	6.7
<b>2018</b>	56,895,229	53,669,851	3,225,378	5.7
<b>2019</b>	55,194,809	51,872,797	3,322,012	6.0
<b>2020</b>	53,376,865	51,088,245	2,288,620	4.3
<b>2021</b>	51,874,641	50,717,566	1,157,075	2.2
<b>2022</b>	47,169,097	45,929,635	1,239,462	2.6
<b>2023</b>	44,130,821	42,647,979	1,482,842	3.4
<b>2024</b>	44,652,289	43,305,083	1,347,206	3.0
<b>% change 24:23</b>	1.2	1.5	-9.1	

 **GERMANY**
**Meat production rose by 1.4 per cent in 2024**

Official figures put Germany's total meat production at 6.9 million tonnes in 2024 – a rise of 1.4 per cent compared to 2023.

This is the first time since 2016 for German meat production to show a year-on-year rise.

For pig meat, the rise is 1.9 per cent – to 4.3 tonnes. Beef rose by 1.2 per cent to 1.0 million tonnes while poultry production rose by 0.3 per cent to 1.6 million tonnes.



**USA**

### **Senate confirms Brooke Rollins as Secretary of Agriculture**

The U.S. Senate has voted 72-28 to confirm Brooke Rollins as the new Secretary of Agriculture.

Speaking on Friday morning at the USDA, Brooke Rollins confirmed that Elon Musk's Government Effectiveness team (DOGE) has been working at the USDA for a few weeks and that she welcomes their input.

Brooke Rollins, 52, grew up on a farm in Texas. She is a lawyer by profession and was most recently CEO of the think-tank America First Policy Institute (AFPI).

According to US media, AFPI is a conservative think tank founded by Trump supporters. She worked closely with Trump's campaign team up to the presidential election.

During the nomination hearing at the Senate Agriculture Committee, Rollins stated that she is ready to provide direct financial aid to American farmers in the event of a trade war with China, Canada and Mexico.



**USA**

### **Pig producers hope the new Secretary of Agriculture will address issues arising from Proposition 12**

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) has congratulated Brooke Rollins on her appointment as the new Agriculture Secretary.

NPPC have also expressed the hope that they can work with the new secretary to solve the many issues caused by California's Proposition 12 legislation.

During her confirmation hearing in the Senate, Rollins committed to working with Congress to address the problems that the legislation had caused.

According to U.S. media, Rollins said during the hearing that Proposition 12 not only affects California, it affects lots of other states and sections of the farming community, including family pig farms.



**USA**

### **Pig producers try to get the Supreme Court to rule on Proposition 12**

According to U.S. media, Iowa Pork Producers Association, with the support of 23 U.S. states, is once again trying to get the Supreme Court to rule on Proposition 12 legislation in California.

The new appeal to the Supreme Court follows after an appeals court (Ninth Circuit Court) dismissed a lawsuit that argued that Proposition 12 unfairly discriminates against pork producers outside California.

The Supreme Court will now decide whether the case should be heard again by the court.

In 2023, the U.S Supreme Court approved California's higher animal welfare legislation by 5-4 – legislation that prohibits the sale of pork from pigs not born and bred in accordance with state animal welfare regulations.

 **SERBIA**
**Increasing imports of pig meat in 2024**

Serbia's pig meat imports in 2024 rose as the country's pig production declined due to African Swine Fever.

The table below shows Serbia's imports of fresh/frozen pig meat by country for 2024 compared to the two previous years.

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Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-Sept 2022	Jan-Sept 2023	Jan-Sept 2024	% change 2024:23
Spain	20,574	17,056	17,505	2.6
Russia	1,427	4,337	11,060	155.0
Hungary	2,899	1,201	1,364	13.6
Holland	2,456	2,319	1,284	-44.6
Denmark	96	996	1,093	
Belgium	373	470	971	106.6
Austria	463	42	363	764.3
Montenegro	261	112	313	179.5
France	842	126	100	-20.6
Slovenia		105	83	-21.0
Ireland			42	
Cyprus	91		37	
Others	1,753	1,026	25	-97.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,235</b>	<b>27,790</b>	<b>34,240</b>	<b>23.2</b>

Spain remains the largest exporter of pig meat to Serbia, while Serbia's imports of pig meat from Russia saw a significant rise in 2024.

The rise in imports of pig meat to Serbia this year should be seen against the background of a sharp fall in the Serbian pig population due to African Swine Fever.

Serbia has been battling African Swine Fever since the virus was first discovered in the country in 2019.

The pig census from December 2023 showed a 20 per cent decline in the country's pig population compared to the previous year. The most recent census from May/June 2024 puts the country's pig population at 4 per cent lower than the corresponding period in the previous year.

 **MALAYSIA**
**Largely unchanged pig meat imports in 2024**

The table below shows Malaysia's imports of fresh/frozen pig meat by country for 2024 compared to the two previous years.

As can be seen from the figures, 2024 saw largely unchanged imports of pig meat to Malaysia following a sharp rise in imports in 2023. In 2024, there was a decline in imports from Spain, Denmark and other EU countries. However, imports from Canada and the U.S. rose.

In 2023 (under Others) Malaysia also imported pig meat from countries such as Thailand, India, Singapore, Vietnam and Italy.

<b>0203</b>				
<b>Fresh/frozen pig meat</b>				
<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>Jan-Sept 2022</b>	<b>Jan-Sept 2023</b>	<b>Jan-Sept 2024</b>	<b>% change 2024:23</b>
Spain	11,351	21,769	20,464	-6.0
Denmark	4,070	10,682	9,780	-8.4
Canada	458	3,500	7,616	117.6
USA	143	3,638	6,018	65.4
Belgium	2,340	3,411	2,921	-14.4
Australia	507	2,129	2,653	24.6
Holland	5,296	1,921	852	-55.6
France	50	149	481	222.8
Ireland		380	182	-52.1
Hong Kong	134	217	114	-47.5
Turkey		1,149	79	-93.1
Germany	6	179	54	-69.8
Brazil		270	54	-80.0
Others	55	3,040	23	-99.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,410</b>	<b>52,434</b>	<b>51,291</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

 **GEORGIA**
**Fall in pig meat imports in 2024**

With Georgia's trading statistics as the source, the table below shows Georgia's imports of fresh/frozen pig meat (product code 0203) for 2024 compared to the two previous years.

2024 saw a fall in Georgia's imports of fresh/frozen pig meat of which the majority derives from Brazil.

In 2024, however, Georgia imports increasing quantities of pig meat from Russia and Argentina.

<b>0203</b>				
<b>Fresh/frozen pig meat</b>				
<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2022</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2023</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2024</b>	<b>% change 2024:2023</b>
Brazil	15,892	22,344	18,910	-15.4
Russia	22	18	2,220	12233.3
Argentina	71	340	1,211	256.2
Paraguay	257	739	336	-54.5
Germany	648	171	233	36.3
Canada	2,167	1,826	104	-94.3
Others	2,583	760	411	-45.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,640</b>	<b>26,198</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>-10.6</b>

