

This week, fresh hams and other cuts are traded at unchanged price levels on the European market.

From the Asian markets, demand is reported to be stable.

Weekly slaughter figures from slaughterhouses reporting to L&F's slaughter database.

Condemned pigs/sows are not included in the slaughter figures.

	Week 30	Week 31	Week 32	Week 33	Weeks 1-33 2026:25
Total receipts	290.373	299.107	301.455	306.877	+8,0 %

 USA

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	21/8	13/8	Change	21/8	13/8	Change
August 2026		95,40			114,88	
October 2026	80,88	81,75	-0,87	107,28	107,28	0,00
December 2026	71,53	72,48	-0,95	95,13	95,13	0,00
February 2027	74,43	75,78	-1,35	97,73	97,73	0,00
April 2027	79,88	80,98	-1,10	99,83	99,83	0,00
May 2027	84,60	84,95	-0,35	105,20	105,20	0,00
June 2027	93,05	93,48	-0,43	110,55	110,55	0,00
July 2027	94,70	94,80	-0,10	111,90	111,90	0,00
August 2027	94,35	94,23	0,12	110,75	110,75	0,00
October 2027	79,43	79,75	-0,32	103,15	103,15	0,00
December 2027	72,20	72,50	-0,30	91,00	91,00	0,00
February 2028	75,50	75,80	-0,30	93,60	93,60	0,00
Conversion to DKK/kg:						
1 lbs = 0,4536 kg						
1 USD = DKK 6.3901						



African Swine Fever (ASF)

Below is the latest update from the European Commission's reporting system on cases of African swine fever in EU Member States, as well as Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro and North Macedonia.

Countries	Period 13 Aug. - 19 Aug.		YTD 1 Jan. - 19 Aug.		2025		2024	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		3		77	11	259		36
Latvia		20	1	519	12	1.266	7	961
Lithuania		3		851	9	788	8	561
Poland	2	21	5	1.596	18	3.351	44	2.311
Italy		16	3	1.061	1	667	31	1.205
Ukraine	1		8	7	19	34	70	15
Czech Republic						1		27
Romania	10	2	252	293	472	281	220	186
Hungary	4	11	6	595		823		474
Bulgaria			1	282		939	1	717
Slovakia			3	128	1	185	1	165
Serbia			194	65	233	62	310	101
Moldova			19	23	52	26	13	6
Montenegro								1
Bosnia and Herzegovina			13	7	52	27	33	38
Croatia		4	130	102	53	255	6	39
North Macedonia						8	4	51
Finland		1		13				
Belgium								
Spain*				352		27		
Germany		9		679		1.992	10	966
Sweden								8
Greece				1	4	77	5	21
Albania							1	3
In total	17	90	635	6.651	937	11.068	764	7.892

*Data from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

Foot-and-Mouth Disease

Below is the latest update from the European Commission's reporting system on cases of foot-and-mouth disease in the EU Member States and Turkey.

Countries	Period 13 Aug. - 19 Aug.		YTD 1 Jan. - 19 Aug.		2025		2024	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Slovakia					6			
Cyprus			121					
Greece	4		177					
Turkey			52		1.712		97	
Germany					1			
Hungary					5			
In total	4		350		1.724		97	

**USA****Weak demand weighs on the pigmeat market and slaughterhouse earnings**

According to Swineweb, US demand for pigmeat was weaker than expected through mid-August, putting pressure on wholesale pigmeat prices. At the same time, pig slaughterings fell by 2,5 per cent compared with the same period last year, while the value of pigmeat cuts declined by 14 per cent, partly due to lower demand for bacon and hams.

Lower slaughterings and declining realised values have reduced slaughterhouse margins. Operational disruptions and maintenance work at slaughterhouses have also affected purchases of slaughter-ready pigs.

For pig producers, however, continued moderate feed costs provide some financial support. Market analysts continue to recommend active risk management, as the seasonal increase in slaughterings during the autumn could put further pressure on pigmeat prices.

**USA****USDA: Higher carcass weights lift US pigmeat production despite fewer pigs**

According to the USDA's August 2026 Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, US pigmeat production is expected to reach 27,9 billion pounds in 2026, an increase of 1,1 per cent compared with 2025. Production is supported primarily by higher carcass weights, which offset a lower number of slaughter pigs and a declining breeding herd.

In June and July, production was around 2 per cent above the level recorded a year earlier, and carcass weights were also higher. Moderate US feed costs are encouraging producers to feed pigs to heavier weights.

Higher production combined with subdued demand has put pressure on prices. In the third quarter, slaughter pig prices are expected to be 9,1 per cent below the same period in 2025. At the same time, the wholesale value of pigmeat in July was almost 12 per cent lower than a year earlier, while pigmeat stocks had increased by 9,4 per cent.

Exports are still expected to increase, but weaker sales to Mexico and greater competition from Canada and Brazil are limiting growth. The USDA expects US exports to reach 7,2 billion pounds in 2026, 2,9 per cent more than in 2025. Production is expected to increase further to 28,1 billion pounds in 2027.

**USA /****TAIWAN****USA lifts ASF-related import restrictions on Taiwan**

According to Expana, on 19 August 2026 the US veterinary authority APHIS lifted restrictions on imports of pig-related products from Taiwan that were introduced following the country's first outbreak of African swine fever (ASF) in October 2025. Following an assessment of the situation, APHIS concluded that Taiwan had eradicated the outbreak and was once again free from ASF.

Taiwan reported its first-ever ASF case at a pig farm in Taichung in October 2025. Following depopulation of the herd and repeated negative tests, the case was closed and reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) in January 2026. Taiwan subsequently regained its ASF-free status.

Although the ASF restrictions have now been lifted, the USA continues to maintain import restrictions on pig products from Taiwan due to, among other things, foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and classical swine fever (CSF).

 PHILIPPINES
Philippine pig population falls below 9 million head

According to figures from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the country's pig population fell to 8,93 million head in the first half of 2026, 1 per cent lower than a year earlier and more than 5 per cent below the 2024 level. The decline was mainly due to a marked fall in the number of pigs on commercial farms, where the population decreased by almost 24 per cent to 1,7 million head. Semi-commercial farms also recorded a sharp decline.

Small family farms now account for almost 80 per cent of the total pig population and increased their number of pigs by just under 10 per cent compared with a year earlier.

Despite the smaller population, pigmeat production increased by 5,6 per cent in the second quarter to 412.281 tonnes liveweight. At the same time, the producer price for slaughter pigs fell by 18,6 per cent compared with the same period a year earlier.

The Philippines remains dependent on imported pigmeat to meet domestic demand. The country recently reopened for imports of certain processed pigmeat products, while African swine fever (ASF) continues to affect local production.

 HUNGARY
New African swine fever outbreaks affect several pig herds in Hungary

According to ISN, citing the Hungarian food safety authority Nébih, African swine fever (ASF) has been detected in a further three pig herds in the Baranya region of southern Hungary, close to the Croatian border. The three herds comprised around 80 pigs in total.

The authorities have closed the affected farms and begun culling the animals to limit the spread of infection. As a result of the outbreaks, a 3 km protection zone and a 10 km surveillance zone have been established around the infected herds. All pig producers in the area are also being urged to comply with strict biosecurity measures.

The outbreaks follow the first detection of ASF in domestic pigs in Hungary in June 2026 and underline the continued risk of the disease spreading in the country.

 SERBIA
African swine fever outbreak prompts Serbia to declare a state of emergency

According to The Pig Site, Serbia declared a state of emergency in nine municipalities in July following a growing outbreak of African swine fever (ASF). The disease has been detected in seven districts and 12 municipalities and has affected a total of 734 herds. Around 30.000 pigs have died or been culled because of the outbreak.

The authorities have introduced stricter biosecurity measures, restrictions on animal movements, and requirements for the safe disposal of dead animals. Cooperation between the authorities has also been strengthened, and affected producers are being offered financial compensation. ASF virus continues to circulate among wild boars, which is considered to contribute to the spread of infection.

 UNITED KINGDOM
Pigmeat imports down and exports up in the first half of 2026

The British industry organisation AHDB has published figures for UK pigmeat imports and exports for January to June 2026 compared with the same period in 2025. The figures show a decline in imports and an increase in exports.

Imports

Total pigmeat imports fell by 5,6 per cent in the first half of 2026. The decline was recorded across all product categories. The United Kingdom remains highly dependent on imports from the EU, with Denmark as the largest supplier, followed by the Netherlands and Germany.

Imports from both Denmark and the Netherlands declined compared with a year earlier, while imports from Germany increased significantly. The sharp rise in German supplies should be seen considering the United Kingdom closing its market to imports in early 2025 following an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease. The market was fully open again in 2026, enabling a significant increase in German deliveries.

Imports

Total pigmeat			
Tonnes	2026 Jan.-Jun.	2025 Jan.-Jun.	% change 2026:25
Fresh pigmeat	119.740	126.349	-5,2
Frozen pigmeat	28.245	31.826	-11,3
Bacon	75.987	84.067	-9,6
Sausages	73.707	73.904	-0,3
Processed products	45.194	46.374	-2,5
By-products	7.462	8.715	-14,4
In total	350.335	371.237	-5,6

Total pigmeat			
Tonnes	2026 Jan.-Jun.	2025 Jan.-Jun.	% change 2026:25
Denmark	66.055	80.130	-17,6
Netherlands	61.579	71.625	-14,0
Germany	59.867	42.622	40,5
Ireland	37.456	40.980	-8,6
Spain	36.362	39.442	-7,8
Poland	29.684	31.517	-5,8
Belgium	24.689	28.140	-12,3
France	16.555	18.311	-9,6
Italy	10.389	10.057	3,3
Romania	1.986	1.995	-0,5
Hungary	1.113	909	22,5
Other EU countries	3.900	4.681	-16,7
Non-EU countries	700	829	-15,5
In total	350.335	371.237	-5,6

Exports

UK pigmeat exports moved in the opposite direction to imports, increasing by 10,6 per cent in the first half of 2026 compared with a year earlier. Growth was driven by higher exports of fresh and frozen pigmeat and bacon, while exports of sausages, processed products and by-products declined.

Exports to China, the largest individual destination, declined slightly. By contrast, exports to several European markets increased, particularly Ireland and Germany, while there were also substantial percentage increases to Denmark, Japan and South Africa.

Exports

Total pigmeat			
Tonnes	2026 Jan.-Jun.	2025 Jan.-Jun.	% change 2026:25
Fresh pigmeat	40.008	28.817	38,8
Frozen pigmeat	45.475	36.219	25,6
Bacon	5.552	4.853	14,4
Sausages	2.989	3.059	-2,3
Processed products	7.550	8.982	-15,9
By-products	71.604	74.646	-4,1
In total	173.178	156.576	10,6

Total pigmeat			
Tonnes	2026 Jan.-Jun.	2025 Jan.-Jun.	% change 2026:25
China	67.584	69.628	-2,9
Ireland	27.143	20.138	34,8
Germany	12.629	10.010	26,2
Philippines	10.984	10.204	7,6
France	9.471	9.684	-2,2
Netherlands	8.272	8.684	-4,8
Belgium	5.399	5.623	-4,0
Denmark	4.571	2.626	74,1
Japan	3.975	1.008	294,2
South Africa	3.546	2.106	68,4
USA	3.167	3.454	-8,3
Other EU countries	5.575	4.724	18,0
Other non-EU countries	10.863	8.689	25,0
In total	173.178	156.576	10,6

 SOUTH AFRICA
South African pig sector prepares for new welfare requirements

According to Pig333, citing the South African Pork Producers' Organisation (SAPPO), the South African pig sector is preparing for a gradual phase-out of gestation crates for sows by 2032. At the same time, the minimum space requirement per sow will be raised to 2,25 m².

The transition to group housing will require investment in housing design, feeding systems and management. The industry highlights that sufficient space, access to feed and water, and appropriate group composition will be crucial to avoiding stress and aggression among the animals.

According to SAPPO, the transition provides an opportunity to develop production systems that both improve animal welfare and maintain farm productivity and financial viability.

 ECUADOR
Ecuador vaccinates 1,3 million pigs against classical swine fever

By mid-July, Ecuador had vaccinated 1,35 million pigs against classical swine fever (CSF), equivalent to around 65 per cent of the target of 2,06 million pigs. The vaccination campaign runs from November 2025 to October 2026 and forms part of the country's programme to control and eradicate notifiable livestock diseases.

Vaccination is mandatory, and all vaccinated animals are registered individually to ensure traceability. The campaign is being carried out by 350 staff and monitored by the authorities throughout the country.

The authorities emphasize that the initiative is intended to protect national pig production, strengthen food safety, and improve the sector's competitiveness.

Earlier this year, Ecuador also notified the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) that it had officially ceased vaccination of cattle and buffalo against foot-and-mouth disease. The objective is to achieve foot-and-mouth disease-free status without vaccination in 2027, further improving the country's animal health status.