

Asian markets: Good demand for bellies

	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18	Weeks 1-18 2025:24
Total	316,045	139,255	253,886	232,659	-1.3

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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 1 May - 7 May		Year to date 1 Jan - 7 May		2024		2023	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		2		29		36	2	53
Latvia		7		596	7	961	8	730
Lithuania		5		402	8	561	3	436
Poland		111		2,036	44	2,311	30	2,686
Italy		19	1	370	31	1,205	17	1,050
Ukraine			14	23	70	15	38	9
Czech Republic						27		56
Romania	7	1	138	116	220	186	737	289
Hungary		25		494		474		403
Bulgaria				271	1	717	3	653
Slovakia	1	7	1	125	1	165		535
Serbia			13	27	310	101	992	213
Moldova			33	8	13	6	18	6
Montenegro						1		
Bosnia-Herzegovina			7	13	33	38	1,511	29
Croatia			1	7	6	39	1,124	13
North Macedonia				7	4	51	16	47
Kosovo							9	4
Belgium								
Germany		108		1,269	10	966	1	887
Sweden						8		60
Greece		1	1	66	5	21	6	2
Albania					1	3		
Total	8	286	209	5,859	764	7,892	4,515	8,161

Foot & Mouth disease

The following provides an update from the EU Commission's reporting system for foot & mouth disease in EU countries and Turkey.

Countries	Period 1 May - 7 May	Year to date 1 Jan - 7 May	2024	2023
Slovakia		6		
Turkey		111	97	350
Germany		1		
Hungary		5		
Total	0	123	97	350

Pig population 1 April 2025

Statistics Denmark has published the results of the pig census undertaken on 1 April 2025. The results are shown in the table below.

The results confirm the findings of the most recent censuses. Compared to a year ago, there is a slight increase in both the total pig population and in the breeding herd.

Also, compared to one year ago, there is a 1.5 per cent increase in the total pig population and compared to the most recent pig census from 1 January, the total population is slightly up by 0.4 per cent.

As regards Finished pigs > 50 kg, there is a fall of 2.0 per cent compared to one year ago.

The population of piglets and weaned pigs under 50 kg has increased by 2.7 per cent and 2.6 per cent respectively compared to one year ago. Compared to the 1 January census, there is a rise of 0.7 per cent for piglets while weaned pigs under 50 kg increased by 0.9 per cent.

The breeding herd in the form of pregnant sows increased by 0.4 per cent compared to one year ago while it has decreased by 1.5 per cent compared to the most recent census from January 1.

'000 head	April census			January census		
	1 April 2025	1 April 2024	% change 25:24	1 Jan 2025	1 Jan 2024	% change 25:24
Breeding boars	9	9	0.0	10	9	+11.1
Pregnant gilts	178	181	-1.7	179	174	+2.9
Other pregnant sows	530	524	+1.1	540	530	+1.9
Total pregnant sows	708	705	+0.4	719	704	+2.1
Nursing sows	194	191	+1.6	192	189	+1.6
Dry sows	33	33	0.0	32	31	+3.2
Sows and boars for slaughtering	5	5	0.0	6	5	+20.0
Gilts >50 kg for slaughtering	223	206	+8.3	216	209	+3.3
Piglets with sows	2,469	2,404	+2.7	2,451	2,378	+3.1
Weaned pigs <50 kg	5,504	5,367	+2.6	5,454	5,291	+3.1
Finished pigs >50 kg	2,479	2,529	-2.0	2,503	2,552	-1.9
Total pigs	11,624	11,449	+1.5	11,583	11,368	+1.9
Total pigs excl. finished pigs *	9,145	8,920	+2.5	9,080	8,816	+3.0

Exports of American pig meat fell in Q1 2025

With American export statistics as the source, the tables below show American exports of fresh/frozen pig meat and by-products by country for Q1 2025 compared to the same periods in 2024 and 2023.

As can be seen from the figures, exports of fresh/frozen pig meat in Q1 2025 were 0.4 per cent lower compared to the same quarter last year, while exports of by-products fell by 7.7 per cent.

As regards fresh/frozen pig meat, exports to the largest export market for American pig meat, Mexico, continue to grow. There was also an increase in exports of fresh/frozen pig meat to China albeit at a lower level than in 2023. Exports also increased to a number of countries in Central America. By contrast, there is a decline in exports to Japan, South Korea and Canada.

As regards by-products, Q1 2025 saw a decline in exports to China, Mexico and Canada. The fall cannot be offset by the rise in exports to the Philippines.

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Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	% change 25:24
Mexico	226,098	238,291	250,135	5.0
Japan	80,422	77,247	63,945	-17.2
South Korea	42,348	65,421	55,928	-14.5
China	46,838	29,091	37,780	29.9
Columbia	19,619	29,253	31,317	7.1
Canada	32,344	28,311	23,846	-15.8
Australia	8,802	23,497	23,789	1.2
Dom. Rep.	30,150	25,484	21,680	-14.9
Honduras	11,124	10,830	14,792	36.6
Guatemala	7,328	6,353	9,376	47.6
Costa Rica	2,790	4,543	5,365	18.1
Nicaragua	2,326	4,398	4,698	6.8
Philippines	1,845	3,586	4,075	13.6
El Salvador	3,729	4,457	3,734	-16.2
Cuba	49	1,591	3,136	97.1
New Zealand	805	2,351	1,963	-16.5
Hong Kong	2,023	1626	1,710	5.2
Chile	2,167	2,881	1,496	-48.1
Taiwan	1,106	1900	1,304	-31.4
Panama	585	1,141	1,238	8.5
Others	6,506	8,108	6,893	-15.0
Total	529,004	570,360	568,200	-0.4

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By-products				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	% change 25:24
China	77,707	72,686	67,444	-7.2
Mexico	7,958	12,364	12,105	-2.1
Philippines	6,197	6,506	6,832	5.0
Canada	2,245	3,809	3,456	-9.3
Columbia	1,351	1,635	1,422	-13.0
Japan	1,318	1,536	1,411	-8.1
South Korea	845	1,722	1,168	-32.2
Panama	152	863	868	0.6
Guatemala	189	591	659	11.5
Dom. Rep.	1,477	849	513	-39.6
Vietnam	363	456	346	-24.1
Others	1,393	2,827	1,499	-47.0
Total	101,195	105,844	97,723	-7.7



GERMANY

EU support for farming affected by foot & mouth disease

Following a recommendation from the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), the European Commission has promised financial support for farmers affected by foot and mouth disease. The support is part of exceptional market support measures aimed at compensating farmers for the consequences of combating the disease.

Dairy farms in the restricted and surveillance zone as well as all finisher farms in Brandenburg are entitled to support.

The EU Commission is now preparing an implementation regulation, where the exact subsidy amount will be determined.



CANADA

Rise in Canada's pig meat exports in Q1 2025

With Canada' export statistics as the source, the following tables show Canadian exports of fresh/frozen pig meat and by-products by country for Q1 2025 compared to the same period in 2024 and 2023.

As can be seen from the figures, Canadian exports of fresh/frozen pig meat increased in Q1 2025 and are significantly above the level in the same quarter in 2024.

There have been increases in exports of fresh/frozen pig meat to, in particular, Japan, Mexico and South Korea, while exports to U.S have declined.

As regards by-products, there has been a significant rise in Canadian exports to China, the largest market.

0203				
Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	% change 25:24
Japan	38,407	67,561	84,222	24.7
USA	76,421	72,015	67,507	-6.3
Mexico	31,610	31,163	50,212	61.1
South Korea	11,126	22,554	29,755	31.9
China	45,891	27,646	28,569	3.3
Philippines	19,664	26,284	22,009	-16.3
Taiwan	10,651	11,239	14,801	31.7
Columbia	5,365	5,797	7,412	27.9
Australia	989	4,100	1,470	-64.1
Malaysia	730	3,538	1,402	-60.4
Honduras	371	607	1,241	104.4
New Zealand	1,295	2,827	1,094	-61.3
Jamaica	414	726	1,075	48.1
Others	48,818	80,362	92,112	14.6
Total	252,931	288,132	317,584	10.2

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By-products				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	% change 25:24
China	11,698	20,467	24,193	18.2
South Korea	512	1,803	3,869	114.6
Philippines	3,168	3,590	3,052	-15.0
USA	3,247	2,089	2,667	27.7
Japan	1,349	1,164	1,572	35.1
Taiwan	1,048	396	1,293	226.5
Mexico	1,414	1,060	810	-23.6
Australia	125	479	525	9.6
Vietnam	56	101	202	100.0
Others	2,296	967	785	-18.8
Total	24,857	32,015	38,766	21.1

Imports of pig meat January-March 2025

0203				
Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	% change 25:24
Brazil	19,903	27,015	28,417	5.2
China	7,635	7,963	9,073	13.9
Holland	4,392	2,700	4,485	66.1
Russia	449	1,889	4,001	111.8
Germany	1,928	1,026	3,485	239.7
Poland	1,655	1,323	2,326	75.8
Vietnam	2,147	2,625	2,068	-21.2
Spain	896	1,064	944	-11.3
USA	664	734	610	-16.9
Thailand	517	365	362	-0.8
Japan	204	209	343	64.1
Canada	758	363	270	-25.6
Belgium	286	96	189	96.9
Ukraine			50	
Denmark	150	96	13	-86.5
Others	375	796	212	-73.4
Total	41,959	48,264	56,848	17.8

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By-products - porcine				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	Jan-March 2025	% change 25:24
Brazil	2,798	6,043	5,020	-16.9
Holland	417	1,562	2,576	64.9
Poland	889	1,631	1,857	13.9
Germany	2,083	1,366	1,356	-0.7
Canada	511	698	699	0.1
Spain	233	264	516	95.5
Ireland	104	385	429	11.4
Vietnam			226	
Denmark	187	110	137	24.5
Russia	29	219	133	-39.3
UK	25	199	96	-51.8
Japan	88	88	96	9.1
Sweden		73	66	-9.6
Norway			54	
Norway			48	
USA	2	209	27	-87.1
Belgium	452	78		
Others	118	131	61	-53.4
Total	7,936	13,056	13,397	2.6


Development in pig meat storage

The table below shows the development in Japan's pig meat storage until the end of March.

Tonnage	Own production		Imported volumes		Total storage
	Fresh	Frozen	Fresh	Frozen	
End January 22	463	22,763	11,477	142,569	177,272
End February 22	471	22,690	12,061	143,974	179,196
End March 22	623	23,378	12,410	143,684	180,095
End April 22	529	21,703	12,601	157,379	192,212
End May 22	390	22,052	8,210	168,749	199,401
End June 22	469	20,684	11,364	180,913	213,430
End July 22	500	20,479	10,554	189,497	221,300
End August 22	495	19,870	12,013	195,953	228,331
End September 22	351	19,020	10,493	193,979	223,843
End October 22	808	18,890	9,606	186,501	215,805
End November 22	1,015	17,736	13,653	181,903	214,307
End December 22	1,159	18,657	10,793	174,620	205,229
End January 23	814	17,724	11,067	177,599	207,204
End February 23	782	19,123	11,214	177,907	209,026
End March 23	1,016	19,216	12,909	176,663	209,804
End April 23	1,070	19,503	12,096	191,949	224,618
End May 23	1,047	19,146	14,590	209,312	244,095
End June 23	978	18,608	13,751	211,457	244,794
End July 23	969	19,789	11,542	208,525	240,825
End August 23	867	29,165	13,596	204,108	238,736
End September 23	1,045	20,407	9,463	194,014	224,929
End October 23	930	18,759	10,827	181,985	212,501
End November 23	945	19,209	13,058	171,195	204,407
End December 23	1,437	19,944	11,764	158,356	191,501
End January 24	549	20,287	13,292	159,880	194,008
End February 24	578	20,861	12,454	153,232	187,125
End March 24	614	22,503	12,269	153,850	189,236
End April 24	496	22,174	15,011	159,048	196,729
End May 24	455	23,784	15,137	174,788	214,164
End June 24	747	24,003	14,575	187,581	217,906
End July 24	497	22,730	13,510	182,019	218,756
End August 24	289	21,819	12,959	187,331	222,398
End September 24	527	21,053	13,729	187,468	222,777
End October 24	505	20,879	15,087	186,835	223,306
End November 24	456	20,933	13,070	181,727	216,186
End December 24	814	21,644	13,763	171,973	208,194
End January 25	455	23,081	14,607	175,901	214,044
End February 25	518	23,603	14,300	178,519	216,940
End March 25	560	23,864	15,256	176,859	216,539