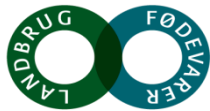


MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

15 April 2024

Week 16

MARKET SITUATION

The market situation is unchanged from last week.

Europe: Legs and other cuts are being traded at unchanged prices.

UK: Sales are stable.

China: Subdued demand. **Other Asian markets:** An uplift in demand, particularly for bellies

Slaughtering in Denmark

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

	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Weeks 1-14 2024:23
Carcass weight >110 kg	11,706	7,154	14,258	+57.6%
Carcass weight <110 kg	296,627	137,615	240,073	-11.1%
Total	308,333	144,769	254,331	-8.8%



USA

Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	12/4	8/4	Change	12/4	8/4	Change
2024						
Apr	90.88	89.75	1.13	99.75	99.95	-0.20
May	93.88	97.88	-4.00	101.25	104.10	-2.85
Jun	102.08	107.93	-5.85	109.28	111.85	-2.57
Jul	104.25	110.20	-5.95	112.58	115.15	-2.57
Aug	102.25	107.43	-5.18	112.90	115.55	-2.65
Oct	86.13	89.33	-3.20	98.75	102.00	-3.25
Dec	77.28	79.55	-2.27	91.05	93.73	-2.68
2025						
Feb	80.30	82.00	-1.70	93.88	96.55	-2.67
Apr	83.80	85.15	-1.35	99.73	102.40	-2.67
May	87.38	88.75	-1.37	106.33	109.00	-2.67
Jun	93.15	94.50	-1.35	107.33	110.00	-2.67
Jul	94.30	94.63	-0.33	109.08	111.75	-2.67

Conversion factors:
1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 \$ = DKK
7.0037



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 and North Macedonia.

Countries	Period 23 March-5 April		Year to date 1 Jan - 5 April		2023		2022	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia				4	2	53		57
Latvia		34		232	8	730	6	913
Lithuania		35		175	3	439	16	302
Poland		67		559	30	2,744	14	2,152
Italy		71		507	17	1,047	4	277
Ukraine	4	1	8	7	37	9	7	2
Czech Republic		1		4		56		1
Romania	1	2	25	89	740	292	329	465
Hungary		30		162		407		550
Bulgaria		244	1	441	3	322	2	387
Slovakia		5		56		546	5	550
Serbia	5	6	27	63	991	213	107	146
Moldova	1	1	2	5	19	6	14	3
Montenegro				1				
Bosnia-Herzegovina		1	16	36	1,508	22		
Croatia		4		38	1,124	11		
North Macedonia			3	33	15	41	30	9
Kosovo					9	4		
Belgium								
Germany		12		60	1	899	3	1,628
Sweden						60		
Greece		2	2	11	6	2		
Albania				2				
Total	11	516	84	2,485	4,513	7,903	537	7,442

HOLLAND

More funding for buyout scheme

The EU Commission has agreed that the Dutch government can increase the budget for the implementation of a buyout scheme for livestock producers who voluntarily close their farms. The scheme is designed to reduce nitrogen emissions in Natura 2000 areas.

ISN reports that the budget for the scheme will now more than double from EUR 1.45 to EUR 2.92 billion. The scheme was originally set to expire in April, but has now been extended to 20 December 2024.

The majority of applications for participation in the scheme have so far come from pig farms (541 applications) followed by dairy farms (356), poultry (203), veal (162) and mixed livestock (81).

According to ISN, which cites the Dutch authorities, only 349 of the more than 1,300 applications have so far been approved. And of these, only 109 applications have been signed by the applicant.



Expected production, consumption and trade in pig meat in 2024

Last week, the USDA published its quarterly report with projections for global production, consumption and trade in pig meat for 2024.

The figures cover a number of selected countries in the world and production, consumption and trade in pig meat is stated in tonnes/carcass weight. Trade only covers fresh/frozen and processed pig meat. China's substantial imports of by-products are thus not included in the figures for trade in pig meat.

Pig meat production

As regards the selected countries as a whole, the USDA expects production in 2024 to be slightly lower than the previous year. This is a consequence of the expected fall in China's production of 3 per cent: a fall, which measured in tonnes, exceeds the increases in production for the other major producing countries.

As regards the EU, a modest rise in production is expected in 2024. In the latest overview from January, the USDA's outlook was for a slight fall in EU production. Falling feed prices and good profitability are expected to mean a slightly higher carcass weight in the EU.

As regards the USA, the USDA expects a 3 per cent rise in productivity and slaughtering compared to last year.

Brazil's production is expected to rise as a consequence of the fact that Brazilian pig producers are benefitting from low production costs. In addition, Brazilian production is also supported by robust demand from both the domestic and export markets.

Production in 1,000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	2023	% change 23:22	Forecast 2024	% change 24:23
China	36,340	47,500	55,410	57,940	5	55,950	-3
EU	23,219	23,615	22,277	20,800	-7	21,150	2
USA	12,845	12,560	12,252	12,390	1	12,748	3
Brazil	4,125	4,365	4,350	4,450	2	4,635	4
Russia	3,611	3,700	3,910	4,000	2	4,100	3
Vietnam	2,930	3,112	3,313	3,555	7	3,690	4
Canada	2,115	2,101	2,082	2,040	-2	2,050	0
Mexico	1,451	1,484	1,530	1,557	2	1,590	2
South Korea	1,403	1,407	1,419	1,435	1	1,430	0
Japan	1,306	1,318	1,293	1,294	0	1,295	0
Philippines	1,115	1,000	1,020	1,050	3	1,080	3
Others	5,627	5,822	5,790	5,733	-1	5,845	2
Total – selected countries	96,087	107,984	114,646	116,244	1	115,563	-1

Consumption in 1,000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	2023	% change 23:22	Forecast 2024	% Change 24:23
China	41,517	51,724	57,434	59,741	4	57,725	-3
EU	18,204	18,720	18,220	17,772	-2	18,025	1
USA	10,034	9,919	9,957	9,831	-1	9,983	2
Russia	3,468	3,558	3,758	3,815	2	3,892	2
Vietnam	3,068	3,276	3,413	3,657	7	3,798	4
Brazil	2,949	3,047	3,033	3,038	0	3,147	4
Mexico	2,052	2,320	2,544	2,653	4	2,805	6
Japan	2,732	2,760	2,765	2,740	-1	2,740	0
South Korea	1,976	1,997	2,072	2,109	2	2,140	1
Philippines	1,268	1,430	1,545	1,522	-1	1,563	3

UK	1,430	1,506	1,559	1,492	-4	1,505	1
Others	6,555	7,000	7,036	7,045	0	7,224	3
Total – selected countries	95,253	107,257	113,336	115,415	2	114,547	-1

Pig meat imports

USDA has made a downward adjustment to its projections for China's pig meat imports in 2024. Whereas in January an increase in Chinese imports was expected for 2024, the projection is currently for stable imports.

Mexico's pig meat imports have been increasing for a number of years. As regards 2024, the USDA's outlook is for a rise in Mexican imports, which will exceed Japan's.

As regards Japan, USDA expects stable pig meat imports in 2024.

Imports in 1,000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	2023	% change 23:22	Forecast 2024	% change 24:23
China	5,277	4,328	2,125	1,897	-11	1,875	-1
Mexico	945	1,155	1,299	1,354	4	1,475	9
Japan	1,412	1,420	1,523	1,431	-6	1,445	1
UK	792	727	779	757	-3	780	3
South Korea	554	570	713	675	-5	700	4
USA	410	535	610	518	-15	547	6
Philippines	168	462	561	448	-20	450	0
Hong Kong	378	364	251	259	3	270	4
Canada	274	263	234	261	12	260	0
Australia	201	210	241	195	-19	200	3
Colombia	89	151	165	160	-3	160	0
Others	1,113	1,306	1,295	1,245	-4	1,273	2
Total – selected countries	11,613	11,491	9,796	9,200	-6	9,435	3

Pig meat exports

As regards pig meat exports, the EU has always been the largest exporter followed by the USA, Canada and Brazil.

Lower exports from the EU in 2023 and increasing exports from the USA in both 2023 and 2024 mean, however, that as far as the USDA's calculations are concerned, exports from the USA will exceed exports from the EU in 2024.

The rise in Brazil's pig meat exports in 2023 and the fall in Canada's exports meant that in 2023, according to the USDA, Brazil took over from Canada as the third largest exporting country of pig meat.

Exports in 1,000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	2023	% change 23:22	Forecast 2024	% change 24:23
USA	3,302	3,186	2,878	3,092	7	3,329	8
EU	5,175	4,993	4,179	3,136	-25	3,225	3
Brazil	1,178	1,321	1,319	1,414	7	1,490	5
Canada	1,546	1,483	1,416	1,325	-6	1,335	1
Chile	295	268	230	263	14	265	1
Mexico	344	319	285	258	-9	260	1
Russia	156	158	170	200	18	220	10
UK	346	256	261	192	-26	195	2
China	100	104	101	96	-5	100	4
Australia	34	38	35	46	31	50	9
South Africa	16	17	16	16	0	16	0

Others	77	87	65	60	-8	61	2
Total – selected countries	12,569	12,230	10,955	10,098	-8	10,546	4

 **DENMARK**
Denmark's pig meat exports January 2024

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	1,483	18,584	753	6	6,468	10,422	501	38,217	24.6
Poland	173	18,673	1	2	20	12,295	0	31,164	20.0
Italy	268	1,404	44	11	79	9,381	29	11,216	7.2
Holland	561	1,345	44	1	0	835	67	2,853	1.8
Sweden	881	4	97	206	0	1,012	339	2,539	1.6
Spain	1	1,275	109	0	0	415	191	1,991	1.3
France	225	61	100	13	0	1,438	80	1,917	1.2
Romania	14	80	13	0	0	1,389	0	1,496	1.0
Other EU countries	1,302	1,475	203	239	0	6,201	274	9,694	6.2
Total EU	4,908	42,901	1,363	477	6,568	43,388	1,482	101,087	65.0
China	14,256	0	0	0	0	5,632	12	19,899	12.8
UK	247	9	1,027	4,700	268	5,109	980	12,340	7.9
Japan	121	0	522	0	0	5,382	69	6,094	3.9
Philippines	1,347	0	276	0	0	1,697	0	3,320	2.1
USA	361	0	713	0	0	1,936	57	3,066	2.0
Australia	26	0	24	0	0	2,557	0	2,606	1.7
Malaysia	58	8	0	0	0	1,251	0	1,317	0.8
South Korea	75	0	214	0	0	906	1	1,195	0.8
Taiwan	295	0	0	0	0	633	9	936	0.6
Other 3rd countries	426	277	1,393	132	0	1,046	486	3,760	2.4
3rd countries, total	17,210	294	4,169	4,831	268	26,149	1,612	54,534	35.0
Total exports	22,118	43,196	5,532	5,308	6,836	69,537	3,094	155,621	100

2023

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Poland	336	17,624	3	0	0	15,047	2	33,012	20.9
Germany	1,212	14,299	804	15	6,007	8,462	432	31,232	19.8
Italy	203	1,453	27	3	0	7,907	55	9,648	6.1
Holland	568	742	25	1	0	692	48	2,075	1.3
Sweden	604	28	156	130	0	788	273	1,979	1.3
France	305	37	61	20	0	1,443	74	1,939	1.2
Spain	14	906	58	22	0	411	115	1,526	1.0
Romania	0	150	18	0	0	1,319	0	1,487	0.9
Other EU countries	963	1,232	240	85	0	4,333	272	7,125	4.5
Total EU	4,206	36,472	1,392	276	6,007	40,401	1,271	90,025	57.1
China	14,568	0	47	0	0	14,642	47	29,304	18.6
UK	243	6	724	4,882	389	5,957	939	13,141	8.3
Japan	192	0	222	0	0	6,607	169	7,191	4.6
Australia	0	0	100	0	0	5,348	0	5,448	3.5

USA	356	0	537	0	0	1,484	56	2,434	1.5
Philippines	945	2	15	0	0	677	0	1,639	1.0
Malaysia	62	0	52	0	0	1,309	0	1,422	0.9
Canada	0	0	0	0	0	1,205	0	1,205	0.8
Taiwan	71	0	18	0	0	1,029	9	1,127	0.7
Other 3rd countries	1,084	374	693	88	0	2,097	425	4,761	3.0
3rd countries, total	17,521	382	2,408	4,970	389	40,355	1,646	67,671	42.9
Total exports	21,727	36,854	3,800	5,246	6,396	80,755	2,916	157,695	100

Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat according to value

Country	January 2024		January 2023	
	Value in DKK million	Tonnes	Value in DKK million	Tonnes
Germany	809	38,217	591	31,232
Poland	640	31,164	565	33,012
UK	316	12,340	274	13,141
China	270	19,899	509	29,304
Italy	223	11,216	183	9,648
Japan	181	6,094	207	7,191
USA	101	3,066	79	2,434
Australia	75	2,606	139	5,448
Holland	64	2,853	43	2,075
Sweden	64	2,539	56	1,979
Top 10 total	2,743	129,994	2,645	135,463
Other countries	607	25,627	522	22,232
Total	3,350	155,621	3,168	157,695

