

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

15 January 2024

Week 3

MARKET SITUATION

Europe: Trading is at unchanged price levels. This applies to both legs and other cuts.

UK: Sales are stable.

China: Very quiet trading continues. **Japan and other Asian markets:** subdued demand.

Slaughtering in Denmark

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

	Week 51	Week 52	Week 1	Week 1 2024:23
Carcase weight >110 kg	11,362	8,349	12,877	+1.7%
Carcase weight <110 kg	248,911	156,050	177,849	-44.1%
Total	260,273	164,399	190,726	-42.4%



USA

Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	12/1	5/1	Change	12/1	5/1	Change
2024						
Feb	71.90	70.00	1.90	85.85	82.90	2.95
Apr	78.03	76.38	1.65	88.08	85.13	2.95
May	84.45	83.15	1.30	92.35	90.95	1.40
Jun	92.45	91.35	1.10	99.38	98.15	1.23
Jul	94.38	93.13	1.25	101.93	100.73	1.20
Aug	94.48	93.18	1.30	102.35	101.15	1.20
Oct	82.20	81.80	0.40	94.15	92.95	1.20
Dec	75.00	75.18	-0.18	90.28	89.08	1.20
2025						
Feb	78.35	78.50	-0.15	93.10	91.90	1.20
Apr	82.15	82.15	0.00	98.95	97.75	1.20
May	89.03	89.03	0.00	105.55	104.35	1.20
Jun	94.00	94.25	-0.25	111.88	110.68	1.20

Conversion factors:

1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 \$ = DKK

6.8146

 **CHINA**
Futures

Dalian (Yuan per kg)	Pigs					
	27/11	4/12	11/12	18/12	26/12	Change 18/12- 26/12
January 2024	15.55	13.91	14.13	14.80	14.06	-0.74
March 2024	14.59	13.52	14.22	14.42	14.05	-0.37
May 2024	15.18	14.60	15.25	15.36	15.28	-0.08
July 2024	16.21	15.72	16.23	16.33	16.15	-0.18
September 2024	17.31	16.94	17.29	17.33	17.06	-0.27
November 2024		17.30	17.39	17.33	17.21	-0.12

Conversion factors:
1 Y = DKK
0.9481; DKK =
EUR 0.13

 **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 17 Dec-31 Dec		Year to date 1 Jan - 31 Dec		2022		2021	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		1	2	53		57	1	67
Latvia		17	8	730	6	913	2	338
Lithuania		15	3	439	16	302		238
Poland		85	30	2,744	14	2,152	124	3,023
Italy		83	17	1,047	4	277	1	14
Ukraine	2	1	37	9	7	2	13	3
Czech Republic		1		56		1		
Romania	3	9	740	292	329	465	1,648	1,019
Hungary		12		407		550		2,568
Bulgaria		19	3	322	2	387	6	318
Slovakia		9		546	5	550	11	1,622
Serbia	14	9	991	213	107	146	33	71
Moldova			19	6	14	3	1	
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1,508	22				
Croatia		1	1,124	11				
North Macedonia		5	15	41	30	9		
Kosovo			9	4				
Belgium								
Germany		8	1	899	3	1,628	4	2,431
Sweden				60				
Greece			6	2				
Total	19	275	4,513	7,903	537	7,442	1,844	11,712

 **GREECE**
Outbreak of African Swine Fever in farm close to the Belgian border

In January, Greece reported an outbreak of African Swine Fever at a farm of 174 pigs in the north-east of the country, just 2 km from the Bulgarian border.

The new outbreak is in an area where outbreaks of the disease have not previously been reported.

In 2023, Greece experienced six outbreaks of African Swine Fever: five north of the city of Thessaloniki and one in the west of the country.

 **CHINA/**
 **BELGIUM**
China gives the go-ahead for imports of pig meat from Belgium

China's General Administration for Customs announced last week that after a five-year import ban China will allow imports of Belgian pig meat.

The Chinese announcement was made following a meeting between the Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo and China's President Xi Jinping in Beijing.

The opening of the Chinese market has been long awaited. In December 2020, Belgium regained its official status as free from African Swine Fever which led to markets such as South Korea and the Philippines opening up their markets to Belgian pig meat.

Also last week, the Chinese authorities decided to ban all imports of pig meat from Bangladesh after the country was hit by its first outbreak of African Swine Fever.

 **CHINA**
Release of 30,000 tonnes of pig meat from storage on 10 January

Last week, the Chinese authorities announced the release of 30,000 tonnes of pig meat from the state's reserves, Reuters reports.

The purchase and release of pig meat from the state's reserves is an attempt to secure more stable pig prices.

 **UK/**
 **MEXICO**
Mexico opens its market to by-products from the UK

According to the British trade association, AHDB, Mexico has opened its market to British pig meat by-products.

The opening of the Mexican market comes two years after Mexico opened its market to pig meat from the UK.

 **UK**
Cranswick acquires added value processor

The UK's Cranswick has announced the acquisition of the added value processor, Froch Foods. The acquisition is subject to the approval of the UK's competition authorities.

Operating from Leeds, Froch Foods employs a workforce of 74 and produces processed pork, poultry and bacon products.

Cranswick has a workforce of 13,700 and operates 22 plants in the UK.



Expected production, consumption and trade in pig meat in 2024

Last Friday, the USDA published its quarterly report showing its outlook for the global production, consumption and trade in pig meat for 2024.

The figures cover selected countries, with production, consumption and trade stated in carcass weight. Trade only covers fresh/frozen and processed pig meat. Chinese imports of by-products are therefore not included in the trade figures.

Pig meat production

USDA does not foresee major changes in the selected countries' pig meat production in 2024.

Production for the countries concerned is expected to be slightly lower than last year. This is the result of the expected fall in production for the two largest producing countries, China and the EU.

The projected lower production in China in 2024 is based on weak demand in the Chinese market, which is limiting growth in Chinese production.

As regards the EU, the projected lower production in 2024 is based on the fact that production remains under pressure as a result of regulatory pressure combined with changed consumer preferences. As regards the USA, rising productivity will more than compensate for a fall in farrowings in 2024.

Production (1,000 tonnes)	2020	2021	2022	Expected 2023	% change 23:22	Outlook 2024	% change 24:23
China	36,340	47,500	55,410	56,900	3	55,200	-3
EU	23,219	23,615	22,277	20,850	-6	20,700	-1
USA	12,845	12,560	12,252	12,391	1	12,694	2
Brazil	4,125	4,365	4,350	4,475	3	4,675	4
Canada	2,115	2,101	2,082	2,065	-1	2,015	-2
Mexico	1,451	1,484	1,530	1,570	3	1,600	2
South Korea	1,403	1,407	1,419	1,440	1	1,390	-3
Japan	1,306	1,318	1,293	1,290	-0	1,300	1
Philippines	1,115	1,000	925	950	3	970	2
UK	984	1,034	1,045	920	-12	905	-2
Hong Kong	63	74	91	93	2	95	2
Others	11,118	11,496	11,859	12,271	3	12,607	3
Total – selected countries	96,084	107,954	114,533	115,215	1	114,151	-1

Consumption (1,000 tonnes)	2020	2021	2022	Expected 2023	% change 23:22	Outlook 2024	% change 24:23
China	41,517	51,724	57,434	58,733	2	57,340	-2
EU	18,204	18,720	18,223	17,855	-2	17,700	-1
USA	10,034	9,919	9,957	9,876	-1	10,129	3
Brazil	2,949	3,047	3,033	3,063	1	3,177	4
Japan	2,732	2,760	2,765	2,760	-0	2,760	0
Mexico	2,052	2,320	2,544	2,650	4	2,675	1
South Korea	1,976	1,997	2,072	2,100	1	2,115	1
Philippines	1,268	1,430	1,450	1,378	-5	1,459	6
UK	1,430	1,505	1,563	1,480	-5	1,480	0
Canada	856	858	911	1,024	12	995	-3
Hong Kong	441	438	342	343	0	365	6
Others	11,789	12,527	12,942	13,223	2	13,556	3

Total – selected countries	95,248	107,245	113,236	114,485	1	113,751	-1
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Trade in pig meat

USDA expects that the long-standing decline in China's imports of pig meat will be replaced by a rise in Chinese imports for 2024.

For Japan, the USDA expects imports to remain stable in 2024.

Mexico's pig meat imports have been rising for a number of years. For 2024, however, the USDA foresees imports to remain stable.

As regards exports of pig meat, the EU has historically been the largest exporter followed by the U.S., Canada and Brazil.

Lower exports from the EU in 2023 mean, however, that exports from the EU and USA are now more or less at the same level.

The fall in Canada's pig meat exports in 2023 and the rise in Brazil's exports mean that Brazil has now assumed the position as the world's third largest exporter of pig meat.

Imports in 1,000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	Expected 2023	% change 23:22	Prognosis 2024	% change 24:23
China	5,277	4,328	2,125	1,925	-9	2,250	17
Japan	1,412	1,420	1,523	1,440	-5	1,470	2
Mexico	945	1,155	1,299	1,340	3	1,340	0
UK	792	727	779	740	-5	745	1
South Korea	554	570	713	660	-7	705	7
USA	410	535	610	530	-13	551	4
Philippines	168	462	561	410	-27	450	10
Canada	274	263	234	265	13	265	0
Hong Kong	378	364	251	250	0	270	8
EU	160	98	121	105	-13	100	-5
Brazil	2	3	2	2	0	2	0
Others	1,239	1,574	1,579	1,529	-3	1,549	1
Total - selected countries	11,611	11,499	9,797	9,196	-6	9,697	5

Exports in 1,000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	Expected 2023	% change 23:22	Prognosis 2024	% change 24:23
EU	5,175	4,993	4,175	3,100	-26	3,100	0
USA	3,302	3,186	2,878	3,070	7	3,116	1
Brazil	1,178	1,321	1,319	1,414	7	1,500	6
Canada	1,546	1,483	1,416	1,300	-8	1,310	1
Mexico	344	319	285	260	-9	265	2
UK	346	256	261	180	-31	170	-6
China	100	104	101	92	-9	110	20
South Korea	5	10	8	10	25	10	0
Japan	4	4	3	3	0	3	0
Philippines	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Others	568	543	496	577	16	600	4
Total – selected countries	12,569	12,220	10,943	10,007	-9	10,185	2



DENMARK

Denmark's pig meat exports January-October

2023

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	12,209	159,168	8,053	137	56,373	81,274	4,948	322,161	23.0
Poland	1,552	184,538	13	1	0	109,657	47	295,809	21.1
Italy	1,425	19,556	321	247	655	76,504	317	99,025	7.1
Holland	4,941	10,491	355	11	0	7,989	1,123	24,911	1.8
Sweden	7,864	93	1,397	1,505	21	8,024	3,671	22,576	1.6
Spain	423	11,104	991	47	0	5,368	1,802	19,735	1.4
France	1,228	518	796	228	0	13,201	649	16,620	1.2
Romania	288	1,014	151	0	0	9,668	2	11,123	0.8
Other EU countries	9,449	11,818	2,973	537	763	48,320	2,960	76,819	5.5
Total EU	39,379	398,301	15,050	2,713	57,811	360,006	15,519	888,780	63.5
China	111,705	93	295	70	0	63,991	321	176,475	12.6
UK	2,498	44	8,627	45,286	3,877	55,883	8,876	125,090	8.9
Japan	1,519	5	3,934	0	0	54,457	1,046	60,960	4.4
Australia	420	0	405	1	0	27,707	25	28,559	2.0
USA	3,653	0	4,878	72	0	16,655	1,015	26,272	1.9
Philippines	10,508	2	751	0	0	10,482	43	21,786	1.6
South Korea	481	50	1,252	0	0	10,146	271	12,201	0.9
Malaysia	774	0	340	0	28	10,713	17	11,871	0.8
Taiwan	794	10	38	0	0	6,764	79	7,686	0.5
Other 3rd countries	6,626	2,621	7,372	1,208	9	18,647	4,431	40,915	2.9
3rd countries, total	138,978	2,825	27,891	46,637	3,913	275,445	16,125	511,814	36.5
Total exports	178,358	401,126	42,941	49,350	61,725	635,451	31,644	1,400,594	100.0

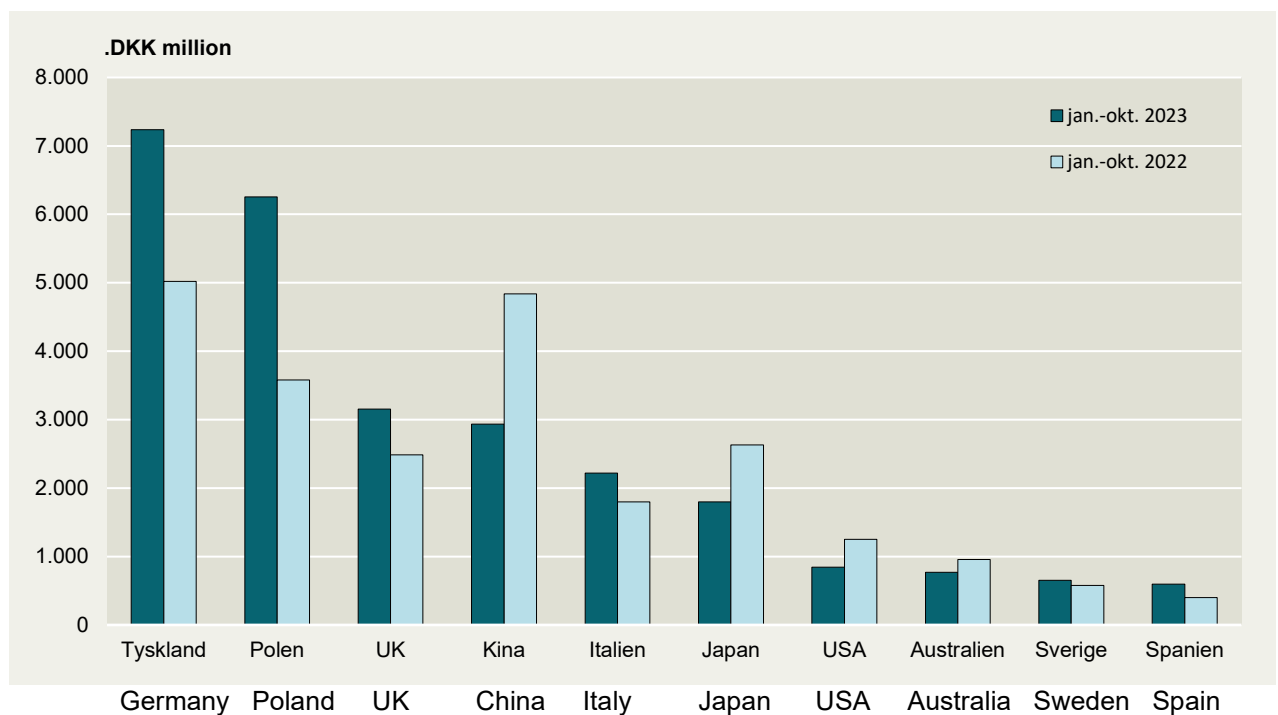
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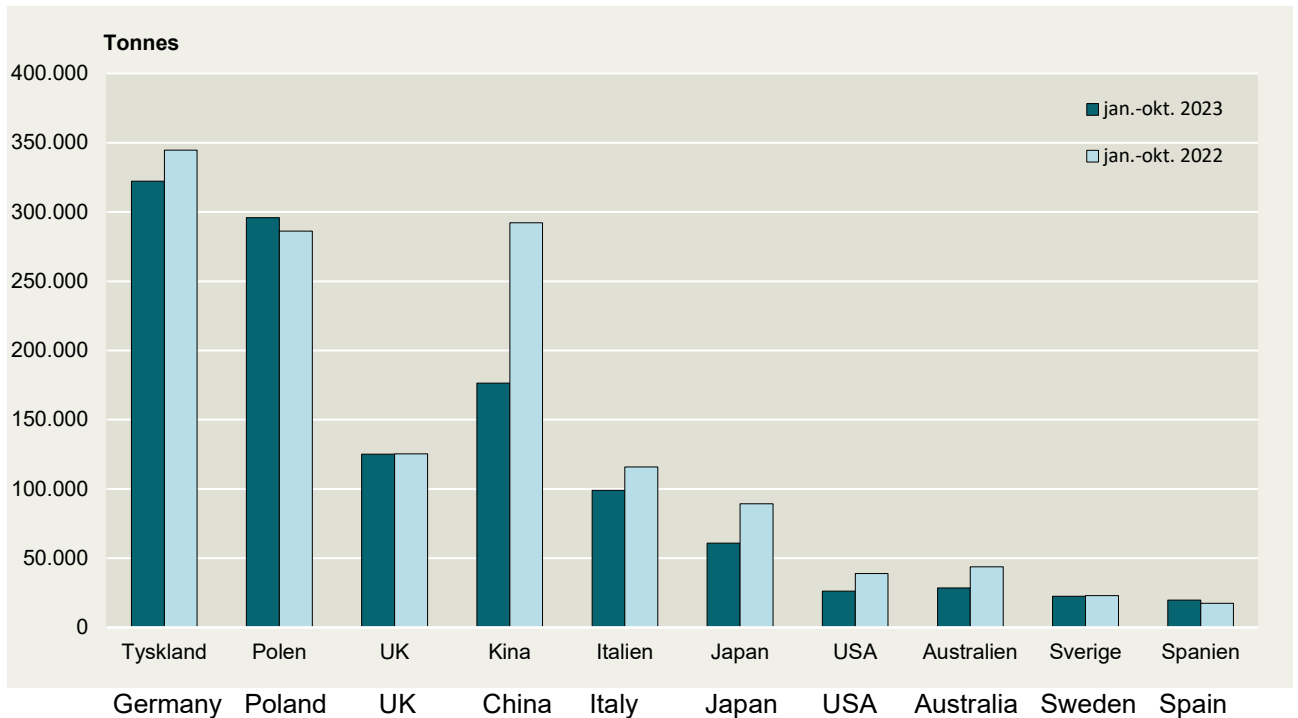
Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	9,987	147,494	7,976	132	63,610	110,415	4,965	344,579	21.3
Poland	884	165,355	33	6	113	119,708	70	286,170	17.7
Italy	1,466	17,127	392	70	533	95,947	287	115,824	7.2
Sweden	7,333	111	1,610	1,141	8	9,211	3,647	23,062	1.4
Holland	7,033	8,574	267	22	0	5,814	962	22,672	1.4
Spain	355	9,580	991	71	0	4,895	1,499	17,390	1.1
France	1,893	563	907	299	0	11,868	654	16,184	1.0
Croatia	96	7,496	63	0	2,651	2,372	0	12,679	0.8
Other EU countries	8,160	12,653	2,848	662	273	35,032	3,148	62,776	3.9
Total EU	37,207	368,954	15,089	2,402	67,188	395,262	15,233	901,334	55.7
China	132,829	0	499	0	0	158,747	155	292,229	18.1
UK	3,979	37	8,630	48,080	1,019	54,672	8,905	125,321	7.7
Japan	803	3	3,095	0	0	84,332	1,105	89,337	5.5
Australia	125	0	486	0	0	43,238	10	43,859	2.7
USA	3,343	0	5,525	69	0	29,039	897	38,874	2.4
Philippines	10,590	81	2,722	0	27	17,300	0	30,721	1.9
South Korea	1,279	32	1,189	0	0	15,136	190	17,826	1.1
Ukraine	1,044	129	579	0	217	14,457	11	16,437	1.0

Taiwan	216	3	74	0	0	11,269	47	11,609	0.7
Other 3rd countries	12,859	2,103	8,003	1,391	9	22,700	4,205	51,269	3.2
3rd countries, total	167,067	2,387	30,802	49,540	1,273	450,890	15,524	717,483	44.3
Total exports	204,274	371,340	45,891	51,943	68,461	846,152	30,757	1,618,817	100.0

Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat by value

Country	Jan - Oct 2023		Jan - Oct 2022	
	Value in DKK million	Tonnes	Value in DKK million	Tonnes
Germany	7,239	322,161	5,020	344,579
Poland	6,255	295,809	3,581	286,170
UK	3,154	125,090	2,486	125,321
China	2,935	176,475	4,839	292,229
Italy	2,220	99,025	1,796	115,824
Japan	1,800	60,960	2,630	89,337
USA	845	26,272	1,250	38,874
Australia	770	28,559	956	43,859
Sweden	653	22,576	576	23,062
Philippines	598	19,735	401	17,390
Top 10 total	26,469	1,176,662	23,535	1,376,645
Other countries	5,583	223,932	4,839	242,172
Total	32,052	1,400,594	28,374	1,618,817





 **JAPAN**

Development in pig meat storage

The table below shows the development of Japan's pig meat storage until the end of November 2023.

Tonnage	Own production		Imported amounts		Total storage
	Fresh	Frozen	Fresh	Frozen	
End January 21	368	22,065	8,872	151,259	182,564
End February 21	353	22,522	8,912	152,487	184,274
End March 21	444	23,660	11,726	146,154	181,984
End April 21	483	25,110	9,922	149,121	184,636
End May 21	415	25,437	9,863	149,760	185,475
End June 21	414	24,876	9,688	152,751	187,729
End July 21	428	23,498	11,381	149,262	184,569
End August 21	397	22,491	10,986	154,587	188,461
End September 21	433	21,495	11,242	154,249	187,419
End October 21	460	20,899	10,587	150,861	182,807
End November 21	428	21,176	11,010	143,741	176,355
End December 21	561	22,351	9,240	136,436	168,588
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