

# MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

16 January 2023

Week 3

## MARKET SITUATION

**Europe:** legs and other cuts are being traded at largely unchanged prices.

**UK:** Trade is sluggish and at unchanged prices.

**China:** Very quiet trading continues. **Japan and other Asian markets:** sluggish trade continues

## Slaughterings 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 2023:22
Carcase weight >110 kg	10,767	8,102	10,101	-56.6%
Carcase weight <110 kg	278,137	228,801	317,081	-8.6%
Total	288,904	236,903	327,182	-11.6%

## USA

### Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcase weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	13/1	6/1	Change.	13/1	6/1	Change
<b>2023</b>						
Feb	78.65	80.28	-1.63	86.90	88.73	-1.83
Apr	87.28	89.65	-2.37	94.13	97.00	-2.87
May	95.15	96.50	-1.35	101.83	103.93	-2.10
Jun	103.88	104.70	-0.82	108.15	108.78	-0.63
Jul	105.78	105.98	-0.20	110.23	110.50	-0.27
Aug	105.63	105.65	-0.02	110.23	110.60	-0.37
Oct	92.33	91.28	1.05	100.45	101.40	-0.95
Dec	84.40	82.63	1.77	93.93	94.88	-0.95
<b>2024</b>						
Feb	87.48	85.58	1.90	95.45	96.40	-0.95
Apr	90.18	88.73	1.45	95.78	96.73	-0.95
May	96.43	94.98	1.45	103.00	103.95	-0.95
Jun	103.20	101.75	1.45	108.23	109.18	-0.95

Conversion factors:  
 1 lb = 0.4536 kg  
 1 \$ = DKK  
 6.8788

 **China**
**Futures**

Dalian (Yuan per kg)	Pigs					
	19/12	26/12	2/1	9/1	16/1	Change 9/1-16/1
March 2023	15.47	16.81	16.15	15.76	15.18	-0.58
May 2023	16.70	17.98	17.34	17.37	17.17	-0.20
July 2023	17.03	17.54	17.09	17.51	17.67	0.16
September 2023	17.16	17.66	17.32	17.73	18.00	0.27
November 2023	17.38	17.52	17.40	17.55	18.08	0.53
Conversion factors: 1 Y = DKK 1.0228; 1 Y = EUR 0.14						

 **EU**
**African Swine Fever**

According to the EU Commission's reporting system for the outbreak of disease, outbreaks of ASF were reported for the following countries, including Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova and North Macedonia between 1–7 January.

Countries	Period 1/1–7/1 2023		2022		2021		2020	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		2		57	1	67		66
Latvia		15	6	913	2	338	3	300
Lithuania		11	16	302		238	3	222
Poland		82	14	2,152	124	3,023	103	3,980
Italy		13	4	277	1	14		40
Ukraine			7	2	13	3	23	5
Czech Republic		2		1				
Romania	9	10	329	465	1,648	1,019	1,008	848
Hungary		31		550		2,568		3,952
Bulgaria		25	2	387	6	318	19	509
Slovakia		22	5	550	11	1,622	17	328
Serbia			107	146	33	71	15	41
Moldova	1		14	3	1		2	30
North Macedonia			30	9				
Belgium								3
Germany		9	3	1,628	4	2,431		338
Greece							1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>7,442</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>11,712</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>10,662</b>

 **CHINA**
**Authorities reiterate that they will take the necessary steps to ensure stable pig prices**

China's National Reform and Development Commission (NRDC) has reiterated that they will take all necessary steps to ensure stable pig prices.

At a meeting with some of China's largest slaughterhouses last week, the NRDC urged them to increase their pig meat storage with a view to boosting the currently low prices.

A group of experts set up by NRDC previously put the fall in demand as the reason for the fall in the Chinese pig price in recent months.

According to NRDC, demand has recovered somewhat recently and a rise in consumption is expected going forward, which can restore pig prices to a more reasonable level.

 **SOUTH KOREA**
**Rising imports of pig meat in 2022**

The table below shows the official figures for South Korea's imports of fresh/frozen pig meat in 2022 compared with 2021 and 2020.

As can be seen, there was a sharp rise in South Korea's pig meat imports in 2022, particularly from Spain, Holland and Ireland.

South Korea has also resumed imports from Belgium after the country was declared free from African Swine Fever.

0203 Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan-Dec 2022	% change 22:21
Spain	49,358	87,806	147,406	67.9
USA	156,150	139,439	139,795	0.3
Canada	39,550	43,894	60,341	37.5
Holland	13,226	33,204	51,208	54.2
Chile	27,092	27,155	33,435	23.1
Austria	13,485	30,052	28,479	-5.2
Denmark	9,201	25,300	21,083	-16.7
Ireland	2,784	5,517	10,043	82.0
Mexico	6,927	8,782	9,811	11.7
France	4,266	8,761	9,474	8.1
Brazil	4,037	3,746	8,744	133.4
Belgium	43	494	8,241	1568.2
Finland	5,036	4,763	4,902	2.9
UK	966	3,999	3,078	-23.0
Australia	1,446	3,074	2,880	-6.3
Sweden	1,980	2,061	2,523	22.4
Portugal	444	1,008	1,529	51.7
Estonia			46	
Germany	81,812	2,832	22	-99.2
Switzerland			20	
<b>Total</b>	<b>417,803</b>	<b>431,887</b>	<b>543,060</b>	<b>25.7</b>



### Forecast production, consumption and trade in pig meat in 2023

Last week, the USDA published its quarterly report containing its forecast for the production, consumption and trade in pig meat for 2023.

The figures cover a number of selected countries, with production, consumption and trade stated in tonnes/carcase weight. The substantial Chinese imports of by-products are not included in the import/export figures.

#### Pig meat production

China: the sharp 16 per cent rise in pig meat production in 2022 will be followed by flat production in 2023.

EU: the 4 per cent fall in production in 2022 is expected to be followed by largely unchanged production in 2023.

USA: production is expected to rise by 2 per cent in 2023, which corresponds to a 2 per cent decline in production in 2022.

Brazil: unchanged production in 2022 is expected to be replaced by a 2 per cent rise in production in 2023.

Mexico: a 5 per cent rise in pig meat production is forecast while the increase for 2022 stands at 3 per cent.

For Japan and South Korea: production in 2023 is expected to be close to last year's level.

The Philippines is expected to rebuild production in 2023 after production was negatively affected by African Swine Fever in recent years.

UK: a continued significant decline in pig meat production is forecast for 2023.

Production/1,000 tonnes	2019	2020	2021	Expected 2022	% change 22:21	Forecast 2023	% change 23:22
China	42,550	36,340	47,500	55,000	16	55,000	0
EU	22,996	23,219	23,615	22,670	-4	22,580	0
USA	12,543	12,845	12,560	12,252	-2	12,471	2
Brazil	3,975	4,125	4,365	4,350	-0	4,435	2
Canada	2,000	2,115	2,101	2,085	-1	2,070	-1
Mexico	1,408	1,451	1,484	1,530	3	1,600	5
South Korea	1,364	1,403	1,407	1,415	1	1,403	-1
Japan	1,279	1,306	1,318	1,295	-2	1,305	1
Philippines	1,585	1,115	1,000	925	-8	1,000	8
UK	960	980	1,035	945	-9	872	-8
Hong Kong	74	63	74	84	14	86	2
Others	10,296	10,797	11,148	9,954	-11	11,264	13
<b>Total – selected countries</b>	<b>101,030</b>	<b>95,759</b>	<b>107,607</b>	<b>112,505</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>114,086</b>	<b>1</b>

Consumption/1,000 tonnes	2019	2020	2021	Expected 2022	% change 22:21	Forecast 2023	% change 23:22
China	44,866	41,517	51,724	56,948	10	56,985	0
EU	18,894	18,204	18,723	18,640	-0	18,775	1
USA	10,066	10,034	9,918	9,964	0	10,040	1
Brazil	3,116	2,949	3,047	3,033	-0	3,067	1
Japan	2,714	2,732	2,760	2,782	1	2,787	0
Mexico	2,159	2,052	2,320	2,505	8	2,530	1
South Korea	2,011	1,976	1,997	2,082	4	2,131	2
Philippines	1,806	1,282	1,460	1,509	3	1,599	6
UK	1,502	1,426	1,506	1,475	-2	1,467	-1
Canada	945	857	859	894	4	910	2
Hong Kong	405	441	438	349	-20	416	19

Others	11,343	11,557	12,230	10,747	-12	12,463	16
<b>Total – selected countries</b>	<b>99,827</b>	<b>95,027</b>	<b>106,982</b>	<b>110,928</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>113,170</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Imports of pig meat

China: USDA has made a further downward adjustment to expected imports in 2022, which are now expected to total 1.7 million tonnes. In October, the figure was put at 1.8 million tonnes, and in July imports were expected to be 2.150 million tonnes.

With regard to 2023, the USDA expects Chinese imports to total 2.1 million tonnes. The rise is based on an expected uplift in China's consumption of pig meat in 2023, the result of the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Japan: the rise in imports in 2022 will be replaced by a slight fall in 2023.

Mexico's pig meat imports saw strong growth in 2021 and 2022. However, a slight fall is forecast for 2023.

UK: a significant rise in imports is expected for 2022 and 2023.

USA: a significant rise in imports in 2022 is expected to be replaced by a sharp fall in 2023.

#### Exports of pig meat

The three largest pig meat exporters, EU, USA and Canada, all saw a decline in pig meat exports in 2022, which largely reflects the development in China's production and imports of pig meat.

For 2023, the USDA forecasts a slight fall in exports from EU and Canada, a slight increase in exports from Brazil and unchanged exports from the US.

Imports in 1,000 tonnes	2019	2020	2021	Expected 2022	% change 22:21	Forecast 2023	% change 23:22
China	2,450	5,277	4,328	2,050	-53	2,100	2
Japan	1,493	1,412	1,420	1,525	7	1,485	-3
Mexico	985	945	1,155	1,275	10	1,240	-3
UK	876	792	727	790	9	860	9
South Korea	694	554	570	725	27	725	0
Philippines	222	168	461	585	27	600	3
USA	429	410	535	610	14	456	-25
Hong Kong	331	378	364	265	-27	330	25
Canada	242	274	263	230	-13	235	2
EU	164	160	98	120	22	145	21
Brazil	2	2	3	2	-33	2	0
Others	1,423	1,320	1,623	1,216	-25	1,633	34
<b>Total – selected countries</b>	<b>9,311</b>	<b>11,692</b>	<b>11,547</b>	<b>9,393</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>9,811</b>	<b>4</b>

Exports in 1,000 tonnes	2019	2020	2021	Expected 2022	% change 22:21	Forecast 2023	% change 23:22
EU	4,266	5,175	4,990	4,150	-17	3,950	-5
USA	2,867	3,302	3,187	2,873	-10	2,880	0
Canada	1,286	1,546	1,482	1,430	-4	1,400	-2
Brazil	861	1,178	1,321	1,319	-0	1,370	4
Mexico	234	344	319	300	-6	310	3
UK	334	346	256	260	2	265	2
China	135	100	104	102	-2	115	13
South Korea	2	5	10	9	-10	7	-22
Japan	3	4	4	2	-50	3	50
Philippines	1	1	1	1	-	1	0
Others	376	560	541	423	-22	434	3

<b>Total – selected countries</b>	<b>10,365</b>	<b>12,561</b>	<b>12,215</b>	<b>10,869</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>10,735</b>	<b>-1</b>
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 **DENMARK**
**Denmark' pig meat exports, tonnes**

Jan-Oct 2022

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	9,985	148,487	7,973	132	63,603	110,402	4,979	345,560	21.3
Poland	884	165,239	33	6	113	119,709	86	286,069	17.7
Italy	1,463	17,209	394	70	533	96,028	287	115,983	7.2
Sweden	7,332	110	1,619	1,143	8	9,213	3,698	23,123	1.4
Holland	7,032	8,575	267	22	0	5,815	962	22,673	1.4
Spain	330	9,411	994	76	0	4,907	1,512	17,231	1.1
France	1,893	568	907	299	0	11,866	654	16,187	1.0
Croatia	106	7,496	64	0	2,651	2,372	1	12,690	0.8
Rest of EU	8,125	12,669	2,850	661	278	35,087	3,159	62,830	3.9
<b>EU Total</b>	<b>37,150</b>	<b>369,765</b>	<b>15,101</b>	<b>2,408</b>	<b>67,186</b>	<b>395,399</b>	<b>15,338</b>	<b>902,346</b>	<b>55.7</b>
China	132,829	0	499	0	0	158,747	155	292,229	18.0
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	84,383	1,105	89,389	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	11,294	47	11,634	0.7
Other 3rd countries	12,859	2,103	8,009	1,391	9	22,700	4,205	51,275	3.2
<b>3rd countries, total</b>	<b>167,067</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>30,808</b>	<b>49,540</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>450,967</b>	<b>15,524</b>	<b>717,566</b>	<b>44.3</b>
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>204,217</b>	<b>372,151</b>	<b>45,909</b>	<b>51,948</b>	<b>68,459</b>	<b>846,365</b>	<b>30,862</b>	<b>1,619,912</b>	<b>100</b>

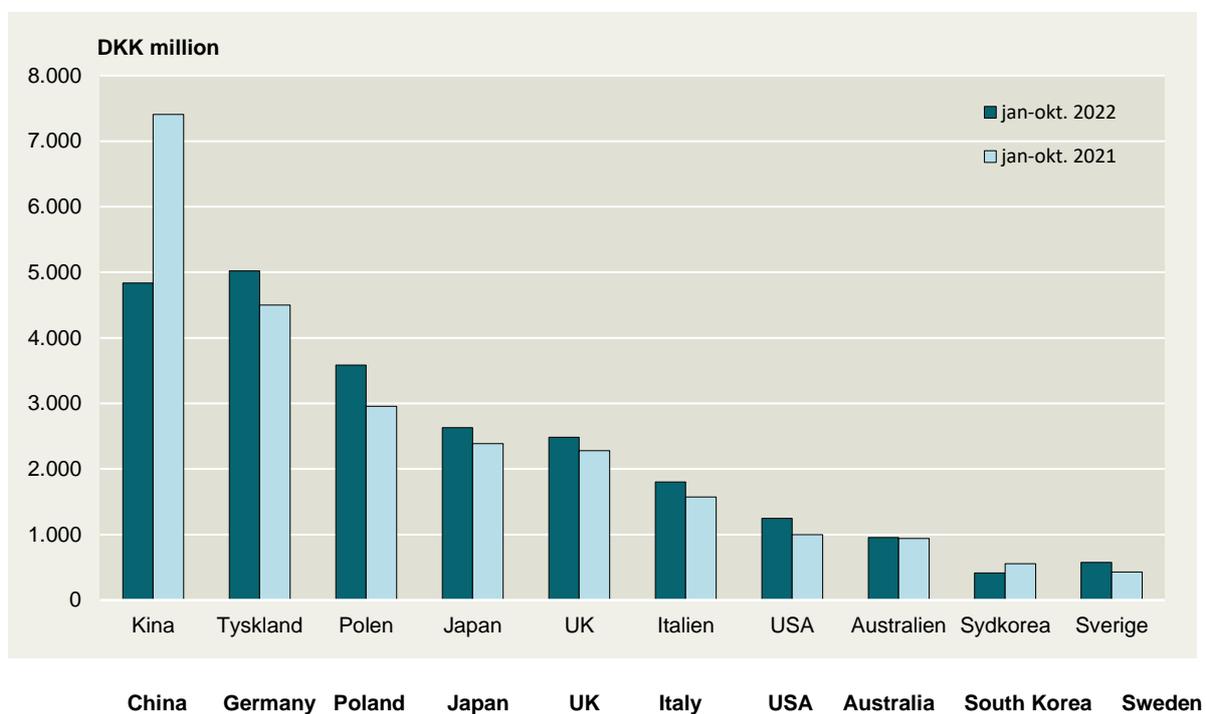
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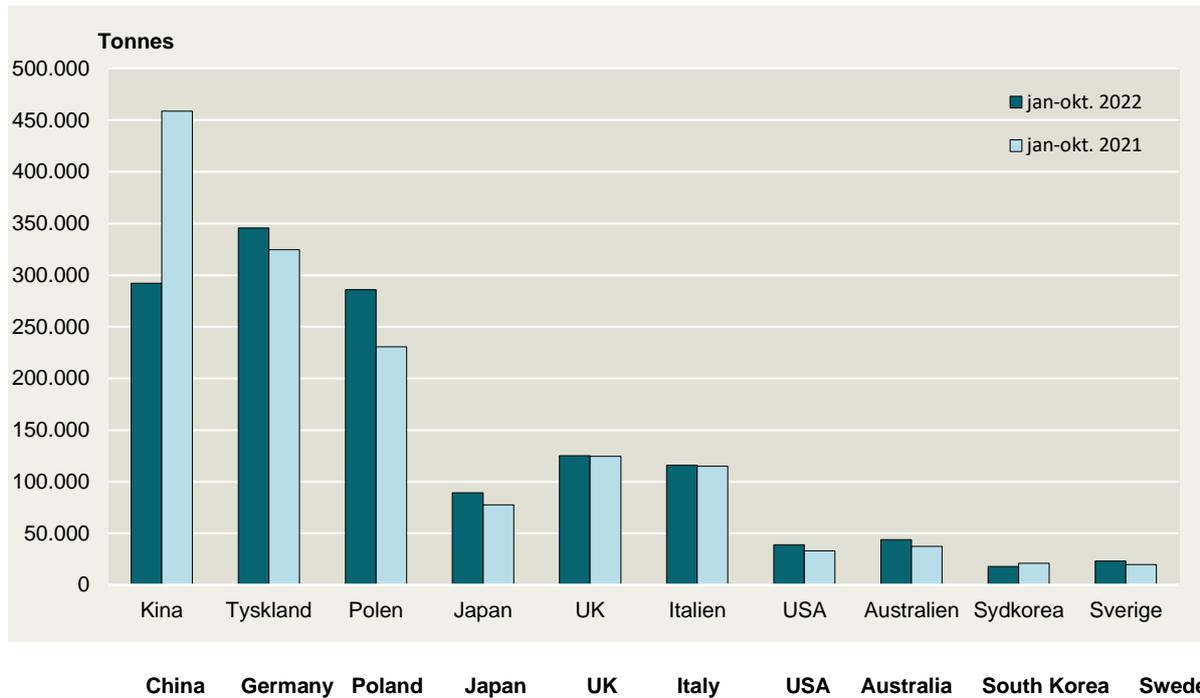
Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	9,794	150,459	6,202	100	61,056	93,553	3,530	324,694	19.5
Poland	1,300	130,632	31	2	1,722	96,915	7	230,610	13.9
Italy	1,747	14,541	382	62	245	97,856	259	115,092	6.9
Holland	7,788	9,692	353	7	0	4,578	1,407	23,825	1.4
Sweden	5,907	86	1,240	822	4	8,200	3,406	19,665	1.2
Spain	552	8,853	1,003	2	0	1,769	1,083	13,263	0.8
Romania	63	5,273	33	0	1	7,150	2	12,523	0.8
France	489	566	782	213	0	8,587	705	11,343	0.7
Rest of EU	8,543	10,910	2,694	746	941	29,336	2,989	56,159	3.4
<b>EU Total</b>	<b>36,183</b>	<b>331,013</b>	<b>12,722</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>63,970</b>	<b>347,942</b>	<b>13,388</b>	<b>807,173</b>	<b>48.5</b>
China	149,326	385	235	0	0	308,504	282	458,731	27.6
UK	3,424	19	8,501	44,226	1,101	58,799	8,410	124,480	7.5
Japan	98	0	3,641	0	0	72,924	1,063	77,726	4.7
Australia	0	0	433	0	0	36,962	39	37,434	2.3
USA	2,540	0	5,948	116	0	23,662	892	33,157	2.0
South Korea	1,246	22	1,146	0	0	18,530	152	21,096	1.3
Philippines	6,573	0	1,570	0	0	10,172	0	18,315	1.1
Ukraine	381	249	0	0	224	13,793	0	14,647	0.9
Taiwan	381	2	84	0	0	8,175	61	8,702	0.5
Other 3rd countries	16,601	862	9,041	1,532	549	28,254	4,393	61,232	3.7

<b>3rd countries, total</b>	<b>180,570</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>30,598</b>	<b>45,873</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>579,774</b>	<b>15,292</b>	<b>855,519</b>	<b>51.5</b>
<b>Total exports</b>	<b>216,753</b>	<b>332,551</b>	<b>43,320</b>	<b>47,829</b>	<b>65,844</b>	<b>927,715</b>	<b>28,680</b>	<b>1,662,692</b>	<b>100</b>

### Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat according to value

Countries	Jan-Oct 2022		Jan-Oct 2021	
	Value in DKK million	Tonnes	Value in DKK million	Tonnes
China	4,839	292,229	7,409	458,731
Germany	5,020	345,560	4,503	324,694
Poland	3,586	286,069	2,959	230,610
Japan	2,632	89,389	2,388	77,726
UK	2,486	125,321	2,278	124,480
Italy	1,804	115,983	1,572	115,092
USA	1,250	38,874	1,000	33,157
Australia	956	43,859	940	37,434
South Korea	417	17,826	557	21,096
Sweden	577	23,123	427	19,665
<b>Top 10 total</b>	<b>23,567</b>	<b>1,378,233</b>	<b>24,033</b>	<b>1,442,685</b>
Other countries	4,846	241,679	3,963	220,007
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,413</b>	<b>1,619,912</b>	<b>27,996</b>	<b>1,662,692</b>





 **JAPAN**

**Development in pig meat storage**

The table below shows Japan's figures for the development in pig meat storage until the end of November 2022

Tonnage	Own production		Imported Volumes		Total storage
	Fresh	Frozen	Fresh	Frozen	
End January 19	668	18,975	6,854	137,392	163,889
End February 19	893	18,925	6,221	140,876	166,915
End March 19	733	20,488	6,668	138,600	166,489
End April 19	851	21,693	6,878	160,344	189,766
End May 19	807	20,836	7,778	177,185	206,606
End June 19	666	22,666	7,399	176,553	207,284
End July 19	633	21,195	9,172	183,359	214,359
End August 19	540	20,075	9,192	190,936	220,743
End September 19	463	19,888	6,092	191,762	218,205
End October 19	475	19,653	8,508	190,332	218,968
End November 19	586	21,218	7,739	183,436	212,979
End December 19	778	20,028	6,443	175,026	202,275
End January 20	451	21,023	7,099	180,639	209,212
End February 20	383	22,694	9,249	175,793	208,119
End March 20	403	24,659	7,991	177,084	210,137
End April 20	437	22,687	8,555	192,266	223,945
End May 20	393	20,465	8,663	206,221	235,742
End June 20	365	22,843	9,721	202,144	235,073
End July 20	374	21,004	10,289	193,785	225,452
End August 20	393	19,947	9,955	190,222	220,847
End September 20	361	19,324	9,658	183,728	213,071
End October 20	346	18,987	8,463	176,392	204,188
End November 20	466	18,945	10,867	164,711	194,989
End December 20	498	19,916	10,253	157,644	188,311
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					

 **BRAZIL**
**Exports unchanged in 2022**

Below are the official figures for Brazil's exports of fresh/frozen pig meat for 2022 compared to 2021 and 2020.

As can be seen, the overall export volume for 2022 is at the level of 2021.

2022 saw a decline in Brazilian exports to China and Hong Kong, which was, however, largely offset by increased exports to other Asian markets such as the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Thailand, etc. Exports also increased to Georgia and Russia.

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Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	Jan-Dec 2022	% change 2022:2021
China	498,057	510,830	437,765	-14.3
Hong Kong	110,628	117,826	87,006	-26.2
Philippines	3,861	28,511	70,677	147.9
Chile	43,839	60,652	60,093	-0.9
Singapore	52,122	46,240	54,622	18.1
Vietnam	38,530	43,788	44,183	0.9
Uruguay	36,985	40,284	41,843	3.9
Argentina	19,043	37,477	35,992	-4.0
Japan	11,154	14,853	26,669	79.6
Thailand	407	2,414	21,563	793.2
Georgia	9,133	14,746	18,631	26.3
Angola	18,620	18,254	17,228	-5.6
USA	7,907	13,107	13,104	0.0
Russia	101	9,297	12,527	34.7
Others	50,715	56,896	71,836	26.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>901,102</b>	<b>1,015,175</b>	<b>1,013,739</b>	<b>-0.1</b>