

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

11 October 2023

Week 41

MARKET SITUATION

Europe: Once again this week, legs and other cuts are being traded at more or less unchanged prices.

UK: Sales are good.

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 37	Week 38	Week 39	Weeks 1-39 2023:22
Carcass weight >110 kg	10,293	10,544	10,635	-35.5%
Carcass weight <110 kg	251,805	268,547	260,266	-19.0%
Total	262,098	279,091	270,901	-19.8%



Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	6/10	29/9	Change	6/9	29/9	Change
2023						
Oct	82.33	80.20	2.13	93.90	91.35	2.55
Dec	73.58	71.78	1.80	83.68	82.00	1.68
2024						
Feb	77.58	75.45	2.13	84.80	83.38	1.42
Apr	83.00	80.93	2.07	89.28	87.33	1.95
May	87.60	85.95	1.65	93.68	92.23	1.45
Jun	95.25	94.13	1.12	102.70	101.73	0.97
Jul	96.35	95.23	1.12	103.03	101.98	1.05
Aug	96.00	94.78	1.22	101.20	100.15	1.05
Oct	83.05	81.63	1.42	93.00	91.95	1.05
Dec	76.60	75.80	0.80	89.13	88.08	1.05
Feb 2025	80.70	79.90	0.80	91.95	90.90	1.05

Conversion factors:

1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 \$ = DKK

7.060

 **CHINA**
Futures

Dalian (Yuan per kg)	Pigs					
	11/9	18/9	25/9	2/10	9/10	Change 2/10-9/10
November 2023	16.70	16.74	16.78	16.57	15.95	-0.62
January 2024	17.13	17.13	17.21	16.95	16.65	-0.30
March 2024	15.73	15.63	15.47	15.20	14.90	-0.30
May 2024	16.02	15.93	15.83	15.64	15.58	-0.06
July 2024	16.61	16.62	16.56	16.49	16.51	0.02
Sept 2024				17.09	17.10	0.01

Conversion factors:
1 Y = DKK
0.9665; 1 Y =
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 23 Sep-6 Oct		Year to date 1 January – 6 Oct		2022		2021	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia			2	35		57	1	67
Latvia		7	8	563	6	913	2	338
Lithuania		25	3	308	16	302		238
Poland	4	44	29	2,307	14	2,152	124	3,023
Italy	1	6	17	796	4	277	1	14
Ukraine	2		17	6	7	2	13	3
Czech Republic				53		1		
Romania	24	4	686	242	329	465	1,648	1,019
Hungary		2		357		550		2,568
Bulgaria		2	3	123	2	387	6	318
Slovakia		6		512	5	550	11	1,622
Serbia	111		762	198	107	146	33	71
Moldova			19	6	14	3	1	
Bosnia-Herzegovina	276		1,145	7				
Croatia	91	1	954	9				
North Macedonia	7		13	32	30	9		
Kosovo			9	4				
Belgium								
Germany		5	1	846	3	1,628	4	2,431
Sweden		9		44				
Greece			6	2				
Total	516	111	3,674	6,450	537	7,442	1,844	11,712

 **SWEDEN**
49 wild boar found dead with African Swine Fever – all in the same area

The number of wild boar found dead with African Swine Fever now totals 49. All have been found in the same area of Fagersta.

If no instances of the disease are found outside this area, the authorities will soon start fencing it off.

 **CANADA**
USDA: slight fall in slaughtering and fewer pigs exported to the U.S. expected in 2024

The USDA's half-year report at the end of September for the pig meat market in Canada expects Canadian pig slaughtering to show a slight fall from 21.5 million in 2023 to 21.4 million in 2024. Slaughtering numbers totalled 21.8 million in 2022. The fall is expected to hit the east of the country where there has been a reduction in slaughtering capacity.

As for exports of finishers and piglets to the U.S., the US expects a somewhat stronger decline from a total of 6.6 million pigs in 2023 to 5.9 million pigs in 2024. For piglets the decline is from 5.0 to 4.8 million and for finishers from 1.6 million to 1.1 million.

Canadian pigs do not meet the new animal welfare requirements introduced in California. Although Canadian pigs do not go directly to California, the new animal welfare requirements in California are expected to have a knock-on effect on other U.S. American states and will mean slightly lower demand and prices for imported Canadian pigs.

As regards Canadian pig meat exports in 2024, the USDA expects these to be largely unchanged compared to 2023 at 1.3 million tonnes. In 2022, exports totalled 1.4 million tonnes.

 **USA**
Smithfield shuts small meat plant in North Carolina

On Monday, Smithfield announced that they are to close their slaughtering plant in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The plant employs 107 people. Production will be transferred to Smithfield's large Tar Heel slaughtering facility also sited in North Carolina.

 **FINLAND/**  **CHINA**
China allows imports of heat-treated pig meat products from Finland

Last week, Reuters reported that the Chinese authorities would allow imports of heat-treated pig meat products from Finland.

 **GERMANY**
Pig meat storage continues to fall

The latest statement from AMI for German storage of frozen pig meat for August puts storage at 72,000 tonnes, which means that storage continues to fall.

However, compared to the previous month when storage totalled 74,000 tonnes, the fall is only modest. One year ago, storage amounted to 154,000 tonnes.

There has been a strong declining trend since May 2022.

 **JAPAN**
Imports of pig meat

The table below shows Japan's total imports of pig meat, including fresh/frozen pig meat for the period Jan-Aug 2023 compared to the same period last year.

Total pig meat			
Tonnes	2023 Jan-Aug	2022 Jan-Aug	% change 2023:22
USA	234,471	248,085	-5.5
Canada	155,413	153,810	1.0
Spain	130,263	135,502	-3.9
Mexico	91,220	93,217	-2.1
Denmark	57,099	70,328	-18.8
Chile	27,995	23,654	18.4
Brazil	25,144	18,855	33.4
Holland	23,482	29,780	-21.1
France	12,561	11,829	6.2
Ireland	9,654	11,821	-18.3
China	9,246	10,033	-7.8
Thailand	5,851	6,861	-14.7
Austria	1,313	2,685	-51.1
Finland	1,013	627	61.6
South Korea	476	376	26.6
UK	308	580	-46.9
Portugal	296	1,218	-75.7
Belgium	152	97	56.7
Australia	69	250	-72.4
Italy	66	4,181	-98.4
Others	175	165	6.1
Total	786,267	823,954	-4.6

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Fresh/frozen pig meat			
Tonnes	2023 Jan-Aug	2022 Jan-Aug	% change 2023:22
USA	161,314	164,849	-2.1
Canada	144,809	146,671	-1.3
Spain	127,413	132,349	-3.7
Mexico	83,713	86,901	-3.7
Denmark	43,139	57,620	-25.1
Chile	23,328	18,687	24.8
Brazil	21,891	14,966	46.3
Holland	19,134	22,379	-14.5
France	12,286	11,614	5.8
Ireland	5,378	7,355	-26.9
Austria	1,040	2,446	-57.5
Finland	785	417	88.2
UK	308	580	-46.9
Portugal	230	1,212	-81.0
Belgium	126	97	29.9
Australia	64	246	-74.0
Italy	45	3,437	-98.7
Others	21	1	2000.0

Total	645,024	671,827	-4.0
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 **DENMARK**

Denmark's exports of pig meat January-July

2023

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	8,612	108,050	5,348	98	38,499	56,916	3,603	221,127	22.6
Poland	1,267	126,641	10	1	0	77,085	25	205,029	20.9
Italy	992	14,785	221	204	401	52,501	234	69,340	7.1
Holland	3,517	7,569	278	8	0	5,319	706	17,397	1.8
Sweden	5,544	80	1,079	991	8	5,754	2,655	16,112	1.6
Spain	239	7,434	721	47	0	4,062	1,196	13,699	1.4
France	948	352	603	167	0	9,171	433	11,675	1.2
Romania	220	812	113	0	0	7,044	2	8,191	0.8
Rest of EU	7,002	8,921	1,901	457	697	32,228	2,163	53,369	5.4
Total EU	28,342	274,644	10,275	1,975	39,605	250,080	11,016	615,937	62.9
China	77,478	0	185	44	0	50,541	250	128,499	13.1
UK	1,721	29	5,508	30,562	1,972	39,205	6,274	85,271	8.7
Japan	1,014	3	2,771	0	0	41,096	735	45,618	4.7
Australia	195	0	281	1	0	20,837	25	21,340	2.2
USA	2,393	0	3,594	24	0	9,817	687	16,515	1.7
Philippines	7,624	2	470	0	0	6,245	20	14,362	1.5
Malaysia	557	0	240	0	0	8,477	0	9,274	0.9
South Korea	150	43	822	0	0	7,213	167	8,395	0.9
Taiwan	794	5	38	0	0	5,918	44	6,799	0.7
Other 3rd countries	5,045	1,864	4,256	834	6	12,737	2,979	27,720	2.8
3rd countries, total	96,971	1,947	18,165	31,465	1,978	202,087	11,181	363,793	37.1
Total exports	125,313	276,591	28,440	33,439	41,582	452,167	22,197	979,730	100

2022

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent.
Germany	6,730	103,772	5,148	89	45,543	85,922	3,359	250,562	22.4
Poland	697	104,018	21	1	113	93,104	30	197,985	17.7
Italy	1,019	11,978	316	55	321	70,986	225	84,899	7.6
Sweden	5,575	60	1,148	816	2	6,435	2,539	16,575	1.5
Holland	5,025	6,167	176	18	0	4,167	726	16,279	1.5
Spain	293	5,723	710	46	0	2,924	1,078	10,774	1.0
France	1,345	331	585	205	0	7,735	460	10,661	1.0
Croatia	80	4,127	59	0	1,269	1,276	0	6,811	0.6
Rest of EU	5,538	7,452	1,919	454	267	24,279	2,138	42,046	3.8
Total EU	26,301	243,629	10,083	1,684	47,514	296,827	10,554	636,593	57.0
China	94,928	0	344	0	0	82,611	92	177,976	15.9
UK	2,843	20	6,101	33,201	195	36,499	6,061	84,919	7.6
Japan	370	3	1,804	0	0	60,763	875	63,816	5.7
Australia	125	0	304	0	0	32,955	10	33,394	3.0
USA	2,247	0	3,980	45	0	23,698	531	30,501	2.7
Philippines	7,788	76	2,006	0	27	11,992	0	21,889	2.0
Ukraine	543	49	577	0	217	12,284	11	13,681	1.2
South Korea	1,191	2	828	0	0	9,991	92	12,103	1.1
Taiwan	189	3	41	0	0	6,819	39	7,090	0.6
Other 3rd countries	8,824	1,564	5,772	1,038	7	14,573	2,847	34,624	3.1
3rd countries, total	119,048	1,717	21,757	34,284	446	292,184	10,558	479,994	43.0
Total exports	145,349	245,346	31,840	35,968	47,960	589,011	21,112	1,116,587	100

Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat by value

Country	Jan - July 2023		Jan - July 2022	
	Value in DKK million	Tonnes	Value in DKK million	Tonnes
China	2,172	128,499	2,661	177,976
Germany	5,052	221,127	3,501	250,562
Poland	4,330	205,029	2,410	197,985
Japan	1,353	45,618	1,867	63,816
UK	2,088	85,271	1,646	84,919
Italy	1,558	69,340	1,251	84,899
USA	532	16,515	961	30,501
Australia	572	21,340	692	33,394
Sweden	471	16,112	392	16,575
Philippines	272	14,362	384	21,889
Top 10 total	18,400	823,213	15,765	962,516
Other countries	4,029	156,517	3,138	154,071
Total	22,429	979,730	18,903	1,116,587



