

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

25 March 2019

Week 13

MARKET SITUATION

Europe: Trading in legs and other cuts is at slightly increasing prices this week.

UK: Sales are at increasing prices

Demand is good from both Japan and China.

Slaughterings in Denmark

	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Weeks 1-11 2019/2018
Total	321,585	323,112	319,738	-5.0 %

Danish Classification Control Service – representing around 98% of all finished pigs and sows slaughtered, excluding culled pigs.

FUTURES

	Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs slaughter weight)		
	22/3	15/3	Change
2019			
Apr	78.33	68.80	9.53
May	87.03	77.90	9.13
Jun	95.68	86.53	9.15
Jul	98.58	89.38	9.20
Aug	99.50	89.75	9.75
Sep	-	-	-
Oct	88.70	78.90	9.80
Nov	-	-	-
Dec	81.08	72.53	8.55
2020			
Jan	-	-	-
Feb	80.55	74.00	6.55
Mar	-	-	-
Apr	81.43	76.43	5.00
May	85.15	80.15	5.00
Jun	86.43	83.00	3.43
Jul	85.18	83.00	2.18
Conversion factors: 1 lb = 0.4536 kg \$ = 6.6025			



African Swine Fever

According to the EU Commission's reporting system for the outbreak of disease, the following outbreaks of ASF were reported for the following countries and Ukraine between 1 January and 17 March.

Countries	Period 3 March - 17 March		Year to date 1 Jan – 17 March		2018	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		1		45		230
Latvia		5		114	10	685
Lithuania		19		129	51	1,443
Poland		119	1	625	109	2,438
Italy			1	16	10	64
Ukraine	1		7	4	105	41
Czech Republic						28
Romania	5	27	66	151	1,163	170
Hungary		67		339		138
Bulgaria		3		6	1	5
Belgium		142		339		161
Total	6	383	75	1,768	1,449	5,403

RUSSIA

African Swine Fever in wild boar

Last week, Russian reported one case of African Swine Fever in wild boar in the Kaliningrad region.

CHINA

African Swine Fever

Last week, the Chinese authorities reported one case of African Swine Fever in Chongqing in central China where a farm of 91 pigs has been affected.

CHINA

Purchase of pig meat for storage

The Chinese authorities have announced that for the third time this year they are buying pig meat for storage, reports Reuters.

The pig meat bought for storage must be from pigs bred and slaughtered in China. The meat must also be tested as being free from African Swine Fever, the authorities announced without giving further details of the quantities involved.

Such purchases from the authorities are normal between March and May when demand for pig meat is weaker compared to the rest of the year. However, in recent years, the authorities have been buying ever smaller quantities as part of a policy of not intervening unnecessarily in the market, reports Reuters.

 **CHINA**
The authorities to support pig producers to stabilise production

The authorities in Beijing are encouraging local and regional authorities to support pig producers in order to stabilise production, reports Reuters.

The Chinese agricultural ministry believes that action is needed to support breeding farms to help them resume production as soon as possible and is urging provincial agricultural departments to provide temporary subsidies.

In a range of measures, it also called on local authorities to issue compensation for infected farms, and to help them improve infrastructures to improve their biosecurity.

The ministry also warned banks not to suspend or limit loans to the industry.

According to figures from the ministry released last week, the total Chinese pig population at the end of February was 16.6 per cent down compared to one year ago while the sow population was down 19.1 per cent. Compared to last month, there was a fall of 5.4 per cent in the total pig population while the sow population was 5.0 per cent down.

 **VIETNAM**
African Swine Fever

Last week, the authorities in Vietnam reported two new cases of African Swine Fever. One was in a herd of 117 pigs while the other was at a small farm of five pigs.

 **VIETNAM**
FAO: African Swine Fever a national emergency

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has suggested that the authorities in Vietnam declare the African Swine Fever situation in the country a national emergency and introduce a range of stringent measures to prevent the disease from spreading any further.

The FAO recommendation follows a visit by a team of experts from the FAO to the affected areas in Vietnam.

FAO proposes that the authorities in Vietnam use a regional control strategy to prevent the disease from spreading over a longer distance. They also propose that standard culling procedures are introduced for pigs and that carcasses are destroyed.

The organisation has pointed out that the many small farms with low biosecurity standards make effective disease prevention very difficult.

 **GERMANY**
Pig meat storage for January slightly up on last year

With an average of 134,000 tonnes pig meat in storage for January, German stocks of frozen pig meat were slightly higher than last January when the figure totalled 130,000 tonnes.

January is typically the month when stocks are at their highest level, reports AMI in Germany.



Export of pig meat

The tables below show the EU Commission's figures for EU exports of pig meat according to categories, exporters and importers for January.

Across categories

Tonnes	January 2019	January 2018	% change 19:18
Live pigs	1,184	1,816	-34.8
Fresh/frozen	194,113	174,918	11.0
Bacon	2,939	2,970	-1.0
Processed	12,604	12,539	0.5
By-products	127,015	121,216	4.8
Total	337,854	313,460	7.8

Exporters of pig meat from EU

Tonnes	January 2019	January 2018	% change 19:18
Spain	83,994	68,814	22.1
Germany	77,530	74,920	3.5
Denmark	44,890	45,856	-2.1
Holland	43,810	34,918	25.5
Poland	21,996	20,979	4.8
France	19,598	18,049	8.6
UK	11,878	9,537	24.5
Ireland	9,240	8,163	13.2
Italy	6,334	6,553	-3.3
Austria	4,181	3,107	34.6
Belgium	4,169	7,341	-43.2
Hungary	1,336	6,915	-80.7
Others	8,898	8,308	7.1
EU-28	337,854	313,460	7.8

Importers of pig meat from EU

Tonnes	January 2019	January 2018	% change 19:18
China	138,531	120,626	14.8
Japan	33,983	32,435	4.8
South Korea	26,402	29,502	-10.5
Philippines	23,306	19,567	19.1
USA	15,313	13,335	14.8
Hong Kong	14,678	20,345	-27.9
Ukraine	8,566	7,492	14.3
Australia	8,348	8,424	-0.9
Vietnam	6,638	3,781	75.6
Serbia	4,215	5,891	-28.5
Others	57,874	52,060	11.2
EU-28	337,854	313,460	7.8

 **MOROCCO****Foot and mouth disease**

Last week, the authorities in Morocco reported one case of foot and mouth disease. Some six head of cattle and 35 sheep were affected.

Please note that the next Market News will be published on Tuesday 9 April.