

# MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

15 April 2019

Week 16

## MARKET SITUATION

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

UK: Sales are at unchanged prices

Demand is good from China and stable from Japan.

## Slaughterings in Denmark

|       | Week 12 | Week 13 | Week 14 | Weeks<br>1-14<br>2019/2018 |
|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| Total | 320,260 | 332,764 | 340,529 | -1.8 %                     |

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

## FUTURES

|  | Chicago<br>(\$ per 100 lbs slaughter weight) |        |        |
|--|--|--------|--------|
|  | 12/4   | 5/4    | Change |
| <b>2019</b>  |  |        |        |
| Apr  | 79.30  | 79.03  | 0.27   |
| May  | 89.60  | 91.00  | -1.40  |
| Jun  | 98.50  | 98.98  | -0.47  |
| Jul  | 101.35                                       | 101.58 | -0.23  |
| Aug  | 101.38                                       | 101.38 | 0.00   |
| Sep  | -  | -      | -      |
| Oct  | 93.18  | 91.15  | 2.02   |
| Nov  | -  | -      | -      |
| Dec  | 86.03  | 83.08  | 2.95   |
| <b>2020</b>  |  |        |        |
| Jan  | -  | -      | -      |
| Feb  | 85.18  | 81.73  | 3.45   |
| Mar  | -  | -      | -      |
| Apr  | 84.90  | 82.28  | 2.63   |
| May  | 90.10  | 85.05  | 5.05   |
| Jun  | 89.23  | 87.63  | 1.60   |
| Jul  | 89.10  | 86.78  | 2.32   |
| Conversion factors:<br>1 lb = 0.4536 kg<br>\$ = DKK 6.5933 |  |        |        |



### 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 7 April.

| Countries      | Period<br>31 March - 7 April |            | Year to date<br>1 Jan - 7 April |              | 2018         |              |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                | Pigs                         | Wild boar  | Pigs                            | Wild boar    | Pigs         | Wild boar    |
| Estonia        |                              |            |                                 | 45           |              | 230          |
| Latvia         |                              | 3          |                                 | 122          | 10           | 685          |
| Lithuania      |                              | 6          |                                 | 174          | 51           | 1,443        |
| Poland         |                              | 53         | 1                               | 790          | 109          | 2,438        |
| Italy          |                              |            | 1                               | 16           | 10           | 64           |
| Ukraine        |                              |            | 7                               | 5            | 105          | 41           |
| Czech Republic |                              |            |                                 |              |              | 28           |
| Romania        | 1                            | 11         | 74                              | 181          | 1,163        | 170          |
| Hungary        |                              | 38         |                                 | 478          |              | 138          |
| Bulgaria       |                              |            |                                 | 10           | 1            | 5            |
| Belgium        |                              | 10         |                                 | 375          |              | 161          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1</b>                     | <b>121</b> | <b>83</b>                       | <b>2,196</b> | <b>1,449</b> | <b>5,403</b> |

### BELGIUM

#### African Swine Fever restriction measures eased

Belgium has eased some of the restrictions that were introduced because of African Swine Fever. Since 6th April, the public has been allowed access to more forested areas in the south of Vallonien, which was hit by African Swine Fever.

The Vallonien authorities are now permitting visitors access to the 16,000 hectares of forest in the central and buffer areas. However, all public access continues to be denied to the 14,000 hectares of forest in the immediate vicinity of the zones where African Swine Fever occurred.

### CHINA

#### African Swine Fever

Last week, the Chinese authorities reported new cases of African Swine Fever in the north-west autonomous region of Xinjiang where two farms totalling 583 pigs have been affected by the disease.

Apart from the southern island group and the province of Hainan, African Swine Fever has now been officially confirmed in all provinces and autonomous regions of China.

### CHINA

#### March pig population

According to figures from the Chinese Agriculture Ministry, the total Chinese pig population in March was 18.8 per cent down compared to one year ago. The sow population declined by 21.0 per cent.

Compared to the previous month, there was a decline in the total pig population of 1.2 per cent while the sow population was 2.3 per cent lower compared to February.

 **CHINA**
**Rabobank: China's pig production expected to decline between 25 and 35 per cent in 2019**

African Swine Fever in China will mean that China's pig production in 2019 will decline by between 25-35 per cent compared to 2018, states a recent report published by Rabobank.

The decline in production may mean that production totals 38 million tonnes in 2019 compared to 54 million tonnes in 2018, states Justin Sherrad, Global Strategist Animal Protein at Rabobank. He expects Chinese imports of pig meat to increase by 1.5 million tonnes to around 4 million tonnes in 2019.

Domestic production and imports of other meat types such as poultry, beef, mutton and lamb as well as fish and seafood will fill some of the gap from the decline in pig production. However, Chinese pig meat consumption is expected to plummet to around 10 million tonnes in 2019, says Sherrad.

A sharp fall in the breeding stock will delay a rapid return to more normal pig production in China. Moreover, re-establishing the breeding stock will also be made more complicated by the risk of recontamination despite the necessary financial resources being made available to the sector, states Rabobank.

Rabobank also expects Vietnam's pig production to fall by 10 per cent this year as a result of African Swine Fever. This will put further pressure on the global pig meat market, which is already trying to meet demand from China.

 **CHINA**
**Imports from countries affected by African Swine Fever under consideration**

Until now China has refused to import pig meat from countries affected by African Swine Fever. Agra Europe reports, however, that the policy appears to be changing.

For many years, the EU has been putting pressure on China to accept the principles of regionalisation, i.e. allowing imports from areas not affected by the disease.

Recently, Russia has also requested China to open up its market to Russian pig meat. According to Agra Europe citing a comment from the Russian veterinary authorities, China's Deputy Agriculture Minister Qu Dongyu is reported as saying that China is ready to import pig meat from Russian regions that are free from African Swine Fever providing it is safe."

 **USA**
**Surge in sales of pig meat to China**

Reuters reports that USDA data showed that in the week up to and including 4 April, China's purchases of U.S. pig meat rose to the highest in at least six years, i.e. 77,732 tonnes of U.S. pig meat in one week.

In the past six years, there have only been 8 weeks when weekly exports to China totalled more than 10,000 tonnes. The previous record was set in July 2014 with weekly exports to China of 31,200 tonnes. Up to and including 4 April, U.S exports of pig meat totalled 591,508 tonnes, 17 per cent more than the same period last year. Mexico is the largest export market with 28 per cent of exports, followed by China with a share of 24 per cent.

With 142,845 tonnes exported to China in the first three months of this year, exports to China are likely to set a new record this year.



## USA

### Pig producers press for more and improved border controls

American pig producers are calling for enhanced controls at U.S. airports and ports in order to prevent African Swine Fever from entering the U.S.

Representatives from the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) met members of the House of Representatives and the Senate last week where the Council called for funds to appoint a further 600 inspectors for U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

CBP currently has 2,400 agricultural inspectors and has told NPPC that 3,000 agricultural inspectors would be the right number to check imports at airports and on ships.

"Politicians understood our concerns and we already know that the authorities also understand our need," says NPPC's Chief Veterinarian Dr. Liz Wagstrom.

American media report that NPPC is highly proactive in their effort to prevent African Swine Fever from spreading across the U.S. On Wednesday last week, the Council announced that the World Pork Expo scheduled for June in Des Moines, Iowa, is being cancelled. According to NPPC, the risk of the virus spreading is small, but a disease-free pig population in the U.S. is crucial. The annual Pork Expo usually attracts around 20,000 visitors.



## RUSSIA

### Russia's 20 largest pig producers

The list below shows the National Union of Pig Breeders' figures for the 20 largest pig producers in Russia in 2018 measured against production in tonnes of live weight.

| No. | Company                     | Production in tonnes | % change 2018:17 | Percentage of total production |
|-----|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | Miratorg                    | 422,340              | 1.7              | 10.2%                          |
| 2   | Cherkizovo Group            | 250,090              | 18.1             | 6.1%                           |
| 3   | Agro-Belogorie              | 219,400              | 22.6             | 5.3%                           |
| 4   | Rusagro Group               | 218,450              | 5.3              | 5.3%                           |
| 5   | Velikoluksky SVK            | 215,760              | 23.3             | 5.2%                           |
| 6   | Agropromkomplektatsiya      | 192,520              | 18.0             | 4.7%                           |
| 7   | Agroeco                     | 159,290              | 77.0             | 3.9%                           |
| 8   | Agrarian Group              | 150,020              | 15.6             | 3.6%                           |
| 9   | KoPitaniya                  | 107,570              | 1.0              | 2.6%                           |
| 10  | APK Don                     | 104,500              | 21.1             | 2.5%                           |
| 11  | Agrofirma Ariant            | 99,370               | 14.1             | 2.4%                           |
| 12  | Ostankino Group             | 77,000               | -3.8             | 1.9%                           |
| 13  | Belgrankorm                 | 66,040               | 0.9              | 1.6%                           |
| 14  | Exima                       | 63,800               | 3.7              | 1.5%                           |
| 15  | RBPI Group                  | 61,700               | 32.8             | 1.5%                           |
| 16  | Agroholding Talina          | 59,200               | 2.5              | 1.4%                           |
| 17  | Korall                      | 54,450               | 4.40             | 1.3%                           |
| 18  | Promagro                    | 53,320               | Not provided     | 1.3%                           |
| 19  | Bashkirskaya Meat Co.       | 53,010               | 10.30            | 1.3%                           |
| 20  | Kamsky Beacon               | 50,940               | 5.0              | 1.2%                           |
|     | <b>Total (20)</b>           | <b>2,678,770</b>     | <b>13.6</b>      | <b>65.0%</b>                   |
|     | <b>Total (Industry use)</b> | <b>4,123,790</b>     | <b>8.1</b>       | <b>100.0%</b>                  |

 **RUSSIA**
**Pig population as at 28 February**

The Russian authorities have calculated Russia's pig population at 24.2 million as at 28 February 2019, which is a rise of 2.8 per cent compared to one year ago.

The cattle, sheep and goat populations declined by 1.0 per cent and 4.1 per cent respectively.

 **RUSSIA**
**Agriculture Ministry forecasts rising meat production in 2019**

The Russian Agriculture Ministry forecasts Russia's meat production to rise by 1.9 per cent in 2019.

This is due to a forecast rise of 4.0 per cent in the production of pig meat. As regards other proteins, cattle is expected to fall by 1 per cent, poultry by 0.7 per cent and sheep and goats by 1.5 per cent.

 **BELARUS**
**Fall in pig population**

The authorities in Belarus have calculated the country's pig population at 2.49 million as at 1 March 2019, which is a fall of 7.3 per cent compared to one year ago.

The country's cattle population totals 4.25 million, a fall of 0.5 per cent compared to one year ago.

 **GERMANY**
**Germany's 10 largest slaughterhouses in 2018**

With ISN as the source, the following lists Germany's top ten pig slaughterhouses for 2018.

Among the four largest slaughterhouses in Germany, only Tönnies succeeded in maintaining its level of slaughterings in 2018 compared to 2017. Both Vion and Westfleisch saw declines of more than 5 per cent while Danish Crown posted a decline of almost 3 per cent. Danish Crown's decline is more or less on a par with the decline in total slaughterings in Germany.

In total the ten largest slaughterhouses saw a 2.4 per cent decline in slaughterings in 2018 while total slaughterings in Germany fell by 3.0 per cent. Together, they had a market share of 78.9 per cent.

| Rank | Slaughterhouse       | Slaughterings in 2018<br>(million) | Slaughterings in 2017<br>(million) | % change<br>2018:2017  | % share in 2018   |
|------|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Rang | Slakteri             | Slagtninger i 2018<br>mio. stk.    | Slagtninger i 2017<br>mio. stk.    | Ændring i %<br>2018:17 | Pct. andel i 2018 |
| 1    | Tönnies              | 16,60                              | 16,60                              | 0,0                    | 29,8              |
| 2    | Vion                 | 8,00                               | 8,50                               | -5,9                   | 14,4              |
| 3    | Westfleisch          | 7,79                               | 8,26                               | -5,7                   | 14,0              |
| 4    | Danish Crown         | 3,52                               | 3,62                               | -2,8                   | 6,3               |
| 5    | Müller Gruppe        | 2,15                               | 2,15                               | 0,0                    | 3,9               |
| 6    | Böseler Goldschmaus  | 1,75                               | 1,78                               | -1,7                   | 3,1               |
| 7    | Tummel               | 1,60                               | 1,55                               | 3,2                    | 3,1               |
| 8    | Wilmms Gruppe        | 1,30                               | 1,40                               | -7,1                   | 2,9               |
| 9    | Simon                | 1,09                               | 1,07                               | 1,9                    | 2,3               |
| 10   | Manten               | 0,94                               | 0,92                               | 2,2                    | 1,7               |
|      | <b>Samlet top 10</b> | <b>44,74</b>                       | <b>45,85</b>                       | <b>-2,4</b>            | <b>80,4</b>       |
|      | Øvrige               | 11,93                              | 12,56                              | -5,0                   | 19,6              |
|      | Slagtninger i alt    | 56,67                              | 58,41                              | -3,0                   | 100               |

Samlet top 10 – Total top 10; Øvrige – Other; Slagtninger i alt - Total slaughterings

 **GERMANY**
**February's pig meat storage higher than last year**

The latest figures from AMI for German storage of frozen pig meat shows an average of 137,000 tonnes for February. This is slightly higher than last year when the figure totalled 130,000 tonnes.

 **DENMARK**
**Denmark's pig meat exports, tonnes**

January 2019

|                             | By-products   | Live pigs     | Processed canned | Bacon        | Whole and half pigs/sows | Cuts          | Sausages     | Total          | Per cent    |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Germany                     | 1,601         | 18,899        | 713              | 16           | 7,347                    | 21,312        | 280          | 50,169         | 30.3        |
| Poland                      | 36            | 15,566        | 0                | 1            | 249                      | 10,302        | 0            | 26,154         | 15.8        |
| UK                          | 663           | 96            | 933              | 3,751        | 1                        | 10,757        | 859          | 17,060         | 10.3        |
| Italy                       | 167           | 1,451         | 53               | 2            | 0                        | 9,853         | 55           | 11,582         | 7.0         |
| Holland                     | 1,185         | 1,553         | 23               | 1            | 0                        | 849           | 32           | 3,643          | 2.2         |
| Sweden                      | 527           | 48            | 174              | 57           | 0                        | 1,038         | 393          | 2,237          | 1.4         |
| France                      | 184           | 170           | 106              | 48           | 0                        | 1,245         | 104          | 1,856          | 1.1         |
| Spain                       | 0             | 556           | 76               | 74           | 0                        | 549           | 110          | 1,366          | 0.8         |
| Other EU countries          | 1,220         | 1,430         | 212              | 13           | 4                        | 2,715         | 384          | 5,979          | 3.6         |
| <b>Total EU</b>             | <b>5,583</b>  | <b>39,770</b> | <b>2,290</b>     | <b>3,964</b> | <b>7,600</b>             | <b>58,623</b> | <b>2,218</b> | <b>120,048</b> | <b>72.5</b> |
| China                       | 12,099        | 0             | 7                | 0            | 0                        | 4,369         | 32           | 16,507         | 10.0        |
| Japan                       | 24            | 0             | 139              | 0            | 0                        | 10,889        | 67           | 11,118         | 6.7         |
| Australia                   | 25            | 0             | 23               | 24           | 0                        | 4,919         | 12           | 5,003          | 3.0         |
| USA                         | 162           | 0             | 388              | 2            | 0                        | 2,362         | 106          | 3,020          | 1.8         |
| South Korea                 | 46            | 0             | 171              | 0            | 0                        | 2,338         | 20           | 2,575          | 1.6         |
| Taiwan                      | 94            | 0             | 10               | 0            | 0                        | 1,070         | 0            | 1,174          | 0.7         |
| Hong Kong                   | 622           | 0             | 74               | 0            | 0                        | 287           | 4            | 987            | 0.6         |
| Canada                      | 0             | 0             | 46               | 0            | 0                        | 748           | 0            | 793            | 0.5         |
| Philippines                 | 578           | 4             | 17               | 0            | 0                        | 0             | 0            | 600            | 0.4         |
| Other 3rd countries         | 1,396         | 105           | 772              | 177          | 0                        | 938           | 341          | 3,729          | 2.3         |
| <b>3rd countries, total</b> | <b>15,047</b> | <b>109</b>    | <b>1,645</b>     | <b>203</b>   | <b>1</b>                 | <b>27,919</b> | <b>582</b>   | <b>45,506</b>  | <b>27.5</b> |
| <b>Exports, total</b>       | <b>20,630</b> | <b>39,878</b> | <b>3,936</b>     | <b>4,167</b> | <b>7,601</b>             | <b>86,542</b> | <b>2,800</b> | <b>165,554</b> | <b>100</b>  |

January 2018

|                     | By-products  | Live pigs     | Processed canned | Bacon        | Whole and half pigs/sows | Cuts          | Sausages     | Total          | Per cent    |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Germany             | 1,740        | 17,532        | 517              | 12           | 7,600                    | 23,540        | 255          | 51,197         | 30.4        |
| Poland              | 59           | 15,423        | 10               | 0            | 0                        | 11,365        | 0            | 26,856         | 15.9        |
| UK                  | 659          | 25            | 1,059            | 3,346        | 0                        | 10,158        | 885          | 16,132         | 9.6         |
| Italy               | 188          | 1,238         | 54               | 2            | 0                        | 9,742         | 24           | 11,249         | 6.7         |
| Sweden              | 758          | 77            | 149              | 103          | 0                        | 1,366         | 411          | 2,865          | 1.7         |
| Holland             | 925          | 936           | 13               | 0            | 0                        | 801           | 16           | 2,691          | 1.6         |
| France              | 174          | 155           | 69               | 26           | 0                        | 1,320         | 91           | 1,835          | 1.1         |
| Rumænien            | 32           | 131           | 5                | 0            | 0                        | 1,061         | 0            | 1,230          | 0.7         |
| Other EU countries  | 1,142        | 1,722         | 310              | 28           | 0                        | 4,144         | 442          | 7,788          | 4.6         |
| <b>Total EU</b>     | <b>5,679</b> | <b>37,239</b> | <b>2,186</b>     | <b>3,518</b> | <b>7,600</b>             | <b>63,497</b> | <b>2,124</b> | <b>121,843</b> | <b>72.3</b> |
| China               | 12,845       | 0             | 0                | 0            | 0                        | 7,306         | 0            | 20,152         | 12.0        |
| Japan               | 193          | 0             | 388              | 0            | 0                        | 7,938         | 192          | 8,711          | 5.2         |
| Australia           | 25           | 0             | 0                | 0            | 0                        | 4,871         | 0            | 4,896          | 2.9         |
| USA                 | 217          | 0             | 525              | 0            | 0                        | 2,704         | 103          | 3,549          | 2.1         |
| South Korea         | 24           | 0             | 168              | 0            | 0                        | 1,978         | 20           | 2,189          | 1.3         |
| Taiwan              | 139          | 6             | 1                | 0            | 0                        | 1,741         | 0            | 1,888          | 1.1         |
| Philippines         | 483          | 0             | 18               | 0            | 0                        | 244           | 0            | 745            | 0.4         |
| Ukraine             | 627          | 0             | 0                | 0            | 0                        | 60            | 0            | 687            | 0.4         |
| Canada              | 0            | 88            | 94               | 0            | 0                        | 451           | 0            | 633            | 0.4         |
| Other 3rd countries | 921          | 134           | 764              | 0            | 0                        | 945           | 451          | 3,215          | 1.9         |

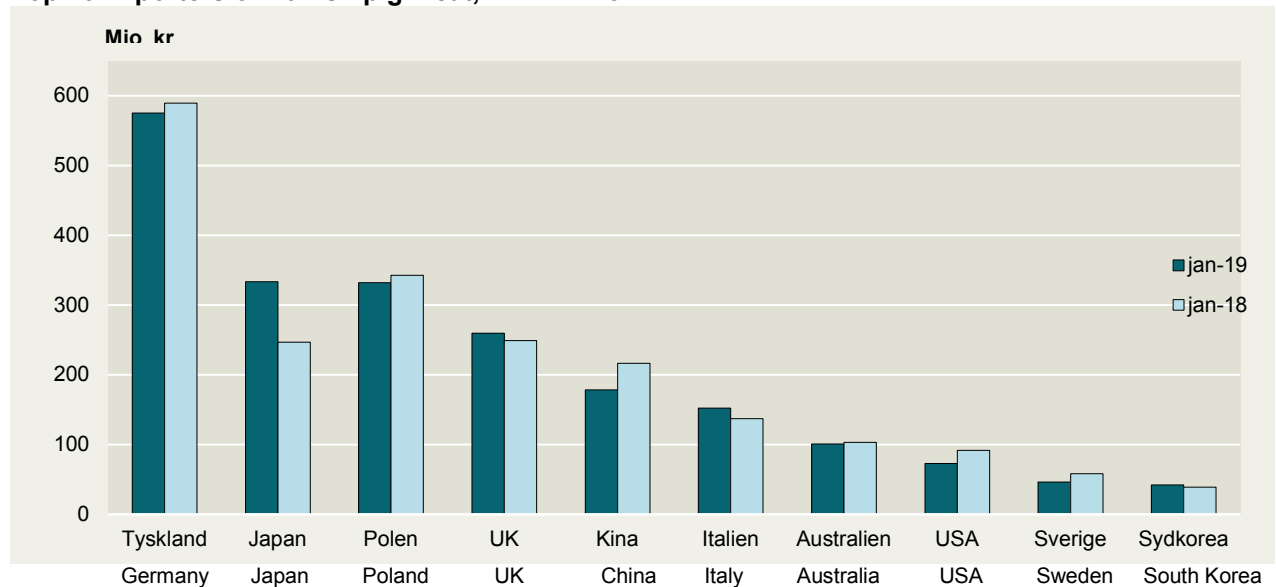
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| <b>3rd countries,<br/>total</b> | <b>15,474</b> | <b>228</b>    | <b>1,958</b> | <b>89</b>    | <b>1</b>     | <b>28,239</b> | <b>766</b>   | <b>46,754</b>  | <b>27.7</b> |
| <b>Exports, total</b>           | <b>21,153</b> | <b>37,467</b> | <b>4,144</b> | <b>3,607</b> | <b>7,600</b> | <b>91,736</b> | <b>2,891</b> | <b>168,597</b> | <b>100</b>  |

### Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat based on value

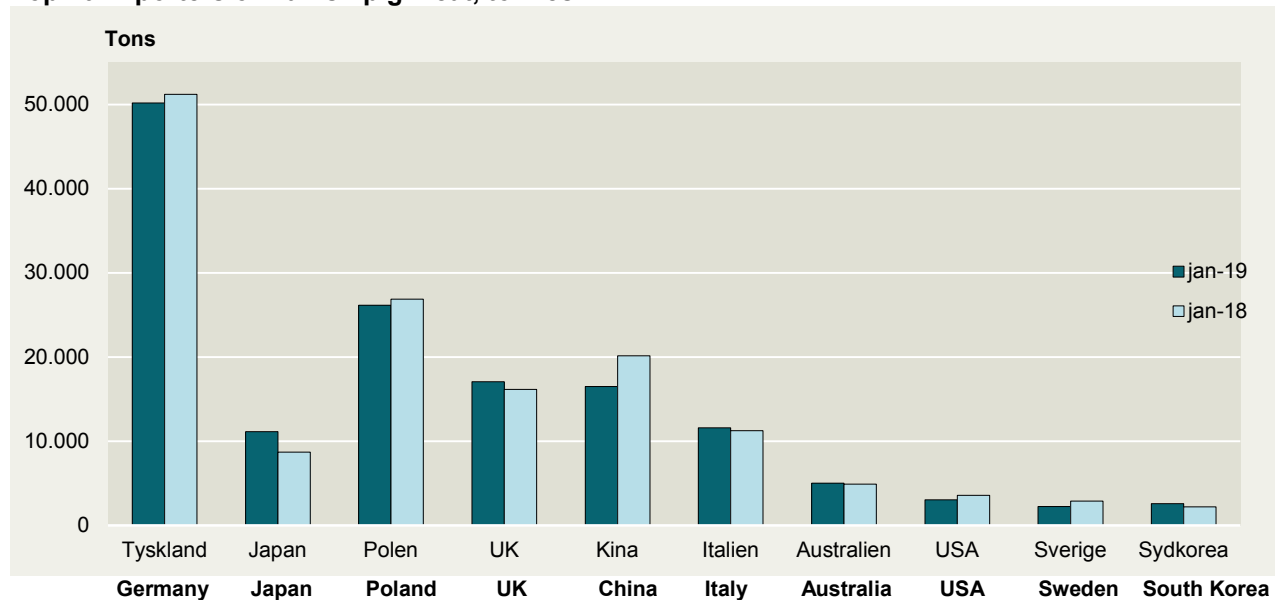
The following lists the top 10 countries for Danish pig meat exports ranked according to value for January 2019. All pig meat (including live pigs) is included.

| Country             | January 2019         |                | January 2018         |                |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                     | Value in DKK million | Tonnes         | Value in DKK million | Tonnes         |
| Germany             | 575                  | 50.169         | 589                  | 51.197         |
| Japan               | 333                  | 11.118         | 247                  | 8.711          |
| Poland              | 332                  | 26.154         | 343                  | 26.856         |
| UK                  | 259                  | 17.060         | 249                  | 16.132         |
| China               | 178                  | 16.507         | 216                  | 20.152         |
| Italy               | 152                  | 11.582         | 137                  | 11.249         |
| Australia           | 101                  | 5.003          | 103                  | 4.896          |
| USA                 | 73                   | 3.020          | 91                   | 3.549          |
| Sweden              | 46                   | 2.237          | 58                   | 2.865          |
| South Korea         | 42                   | 2.575          | 39                   | 2.189          |
| <b>Top 10 total</b> | <b>2.093</b>         | <b>145.426</b> | <b>2.072</b>         | <b>147.796</b> |
| Other countries     | 359                  | 20.128         | 355                  | 20.801         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2.452</b>         | <b>165.554</b> | <b>2.427</b>         | <b>168.597</b> |

### Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat, DKK million



### Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat, tonnes







### Expected production, consumption and trade in pig meat in 2019

Last week, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) updated its forecast for the production, consumption and trade in pig meat in 2019 for a number of countries.

The figures cover a number of selected countries and production, consumption and trade are calculated in tonnes/slaughter weight. Trade covers only fresh/frozen and processed pig meat. The major Chinese imports of by-products are, therefore, not included in the import/export figures.

#### Pig meat production

**China:** pig meat production is forecast to decline by 10 per cent in 2019. In October, the forecast was for a slight rise of 1 per cent.

**EU:** production is expected to remain flat in 2019 following increases of 3 per cent in 2018.

**USA:** a 4 per cent rise in production is expected following a rise of 3 per cent in 2018.

**Canada:** a more modest rise in production of 1 per cent is expected for 2019 following a corresponding decline in 2018.

**Brazil:** October's forecast of a rise of 3 per cent has now been revised to 6 per cent and follows in the wake of a modest 1 per cent rise in production in 2018.

**Russia:** a modest rise of 3 per cent is forecast compared to the rise of 6 per cent in 2018.

For the selected countries overall, a 4 per cent decline in production is expected in 2019 primarily as a result of the significant fall in Chinese production.

| Production (1,000 tonnes)         | 2015           | 2016           | 2017           | 2018           | Forecast 2019  | % change 2019:2018 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| China                             | 56,454         | 54,225         | 54,518         | 54,040         | 48,500         | -10                |
| EU                                | 23,249         | 23,866         | 23,660         | 24,300         | 24,225         | 0                  |
| USA                               | 11,121         | 11,320         | 11,611         | 11,942         | 12,401         | 4                  |
| Brazil                            | 3,519          | 3,700          | 3,725          | 3,763          | 3,975          | 6                  |
| Russia                            | 2,615          | 2,870          | 2,990          | 3,155          | 3,255          | 3                  |
| Vietnam                           | 2,548          | 2,701          | 2,741          | 2,801          | 2,800          | 0                  |
| Canada                            | 1,899          | 1,914          | 1,959          | 1,930          | 1,950          | 1                  |
| Philippines                       | 1,463          | 1,540          | 1,563          | 1,602          | 1,640          | 2                  |
| Mexico                            | 1,164          | 1,211          | 1,267          | 1,321          | 1,375          | 4                  |
| South Korea                       | 1,217          | 1,266          | 1,280          | 1,329          | 1,355          | 2                  |
| Japan                             | 1,254          | 1,279          | 1,272          | 1,284          | 1,290          | 0                  |
| <b>Total – selected countries</b> | <b>106,503</b> | <b>105,892</b> | <b>106,586</b> | <b>107,467</b> | <b>102,766</b> | <b>-4</b>          |

| Consumption (1,000 tonnes)        | 2015           | 2016           | 2017           | 2018           | Forecast 2019  | % change 2019:2018 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| China                             | 57,252         | 56,245         | 55,930         | 55,398         | 50,540         | -9                 |
| EU                                | 20,871         | 20,748         | 20,816         | 21,380         | 20,990         | -2                 |
| USA                               | 9,341          | 9,476          | 9,542          | 9,749          | 10,065         | 3                  |
| Russia                            | 3,016          | 3,192          | 3,327          | 3,197          | 3,340          | 4                  |
| Brazil                            | 2,893          | 2,870          | 2,941          | 3,035          | 3,077          | 1                  |
| Japan                             | 2,568          | 2,626          | 2,731          | 2,775          | 2,800          | 1                  |
| Vietnam                           | 2,526          | 2,647          | 2,703          | 2,786          | 2,925          | 5                  |
| Mexico                            | 2,017          | 2,091          | 2,180          | 2,331          | 2,425          | 4                  |
| South Korea                       | 1,813          | 1,894          | 1,926          | 2,001          | 2,084          | 4                  |
| Philippines                       | 1,637          | 1,734          | 1,803          | 1,887          | 1,954          | 4                  |
| Taiwan                            | 937            | 902            | 920            | 927            | 918            | -1                 |
| <b>Total – selected countries</b> | <b>104,871</b> | <b>104,425</b> | <b>104,819</b> | <b>105,466</b> | <b>101,118</b> | <b>-4</b>          |

Trade

Fuelled by rising demand from China, USDA forecasts a strong rise in global pig meat trade in 2019.

**China:** imports are forecast at 41 per cent higher in 2019 while more modest rises are expected for **Japan** and **Mexico** of 3 and 4 per cent respectively.

**South Korea:** set to reduce imports in 2019 due to high stocks.

**Philippines and Columbia:** Imports are expected to continue to rise

The uplift in Chinese imports in 2019 is expected to mean increasing exports for all major exporting countries.

| Imports (1,000 tonnes)            | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | Forecast 2019 | % change 2019:2018 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| China                             | 1,029        | 2,181        | 1,620        | 1,561        | 2,200         | 41                 |
| Japan                             | 1,270        | 1,361        | 1,475        | 1,481        | 1,525         | 3                  |
| Mexico                            | 981          | 1,021        | 1,083        | 1,188        | 1,235         | 4                  |
| South Korea                       | 599          | 615          | 645          | 753          | 700           | -7                 |
| USA                               | 506          | 495          | 506          | 473          | 456           | -4                 |
| Hong Kong                         | 397          | 429          | 463          | 423          | 375           | -11                |
| Philippines                       | 175          | 195          | 241          | 286          | 315           | 10                 |
| Canada                            | 216          | 215          | 222          | 233          | 255           | 9                  |
| Australia                         | 220          | 210          | 215          | 216          | 230           | 6                  |
| Colombia                          | 64           | 66           | 99           | 128          | 150           | 17                 |
| Russia                            | 408          | 347          | 374          | 87           | 135           | 55                 |
| <b>Total – selected countries</b> | <b>5,865</b> | <b>7,135</b> | <b>6,943</b> | <b>6,829</b> | <b>7,576</b>  | <b>11</b>          |

| Exports (1,000 tonnes)            | 2015         | 2016         | 2017         | 2018         | Forecast 2019 | % change 2019:2018 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|
| EU                                | 2,390        | 3,130        | 2,858        | 2,934        | 3,250         | 11                 |
| USA                               | 2,272        | 2,376        | 2,554        | 2,663        | 2,801         | 5                  |
| Canada                            | 1,239        | 1,320        | 1,351        | 1,330        | 1,390         | 5                  |
| Brazil                            | 627          | 832          | 786          | 730          | 900           | 23                 |
| Chile                             | 178          | 173          | 171          | 200          | 220           | 10                 |
| Mexico                            | 128          | 141          | 170          | 178          | 185           | 4                  |
| China                             | 231          | 191          | 208          | 203          | 160           | -21                |
| Russia                            | 7            | 25           | 37           | 45           | 50            | 11                 |
| Australia                         | 36           | 38           | 43           | 47           | 45            | -4                 |
| South Africa                      | 17           | 15           | 18           | 19           | 20            | 5                  |
| Serbia                            | 19           | 11           | 16           | 14           | 16            | 14                 |
| <b>Total – selected countries</b> | <b>7,144</b> | <b>8,252</b> | <b>8,212</b> | <b>8,363</b> | <b>9,037</b>  | <b>8</b>           |

 **JAPAN**
**Classical swine fever**

The authorities in Japan continue to report new cases of Classical Swine Fever. Last week, 15 new cases were reported: 13 among wild boar and two at pig farms comprising 3,521 and 4,562 pigs. 14 of the cases were found in the Gifu region while one case was in the Aichi region.

 **BRAZIL**
**Classical Swine Fever**

Last week, the authorities in Brazil confirmed a new case of Classical Swine Fever.

The outbreak was confirmed at a small farm of 13 pigs in Lagoa do Piauí in north-eastern Brazil 600 km away from the country's infection-free areas, which are also major production areas.

 **BRAZIL**
**Exports of fresh/frozen pig meat**

| Tonnes       | Jan-March<br>2017 | Jan-March<br>2018 | Jan-March<br>2019 | % change<br>2019:18 |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| China        | 15,569            | 40,906            | 33,635            | -17.8               |
| Hong Kong    | 23,776            | 32,023            | 21,205            | -33.8               |
| Russia       | 66,192            | 117               | 17,527            | 14880.3             |
| Chile        | 5,448             | 7,081             | 10,448            | 47.5                |
| Uruguay      | 6,345             | 8,436             | 9,336             | 10.7                |
| Argentina    | 10,162            | 9,629             | 8,654             | -10.1               |
| Singapore    | 8,278             | 8,906             | 8,442             | -5.2                |
| Angola       | 5,271             | 5,368             | 6,216             | 15.8                |
| Others       | 12,404            | 19,738            | 19,699            | -0.2                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>153,445</b>    | <b>132,204</b>    | <b>135,162</b>    | <b>2.2</b>          |

 **SOUTH AFRICA**
**African Swine Fever confirmed outside control zone**

Last week, the authorities in South Africa reported one case of African Swine Fever at a farm of 36 pigs not far from the border with Botswana, reports Agra Europe.

This is the first case of African Swine Fever this year. The disease has been present in parts of South Africa for decades but has been regarded as more or less under control due to the use of control zones. The new outbreak has, however, been found approximately 100 km outside the normal African Swine Fever control zone – a control zone that separates the north of the country with African Swine Fever from the south, which has been disease-free.

Wild boar or infection-carrying insects are being blamed for spreading the virus. The last outbreak of African Swine Fever was confirmed in May 2018.

 **CUBA**
**Foreign investment in pig production**

According to the Cuban livestock organisation, Grupo Empresarial Ganadero (GEGAN), there is great potential in the development of Cuba's pig meat and poultry production.

The director of GEGAN states that there are currently 28 investment projects planned which will increase pig meat and poultry production and supply the Cuban domestic market as necessary. According to the director, Spain, Germany and Denmark have expressed an interest in taking part in the projects.

Source: Pig333