

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

4 September 2023 Week 36

MARKET SITUATION

The market situation is unchanged from last week.

Europe: Legs and other cuts are being traded at largely 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 32	Week 33	Week 34	Weeks 1-34 2023:22
Carcass weight >110 kg	10,081	9,749	8,826	-38.1%
Carcass weight <110 kg	251,550	253,259	254,033	-19.3%
Total	261,631	263,008	262,859	-20.2%

USA

Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcass weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	1/9	25/8	Change	1/9	25/8	Change
2023						
Oct	83.05	79.83	3.22	94.13	91.10	3.03
Dec	74.60	72.03	2.57	85.00	82.58	2.42
2024						
Feb	79.03	76.38	2.65	86.90	84.93	1.97
Apr	84.48	81.48	3.00	91.40	88.45	2.95
May	89.03	85.68	3.35	94.95	92.13	2.82
Jun	95.85	92.63	3.22	102.25	99.10	3.15
Jul	96.05	93.00	3.05	103.13	99.98	3.15
Aug	94.85	92.10	2.75	104.43	101.28	3.15
Oct	82.13	80.28	1.85	96.23	93.08	3.15
Dec	76.80	75.88	0.92	92.35	89.20	3.15
Feb 2025	81.15	80.23	0.92	95.18	92.03	3.15

Conversion factors:
 1 lb = 0.4536 kg
 1 \$ = DKK
 6.8727

 **China**
Futures

Dalian (Yuan per kg)	Pigs					
	7/8	14/8	21/8	28/8	4/9	Change 28/8-4/9
September 2023	16.98	16.21	16.46	16.23	16.16	-0.07
November 2023	17.43	17.24	17.04	16.99	16.78	-0.21
January 2024	17.30	17.34	17.18	17.11	17.35	0.24
March 2024	15.88	15.86	15.78	15.71	15.82	0.11
May 2024	16.38	16.29	16.01	16.03	16.16	0.13
July 2024	16.77	16.78	16.64	16.61	16.66	0.05

Conversion factors:
1 Y = DKK
0.9472 1Y =
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.

Country	Period 21 – 25 August		Year to date 1 January - 25 Aug		2022		2021	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia		2	2	33		57	1	67
Latvia		21	8	507	6	913	2	338
Lithuania		7	3	248	16	302		238
Poland		16	21	2,115	14	2,152	124	3,023
Italy	1	9	8	776	4	277	1	14
Ukraine	1		11	6	7	2	13	3
Czech Republic		2		53		1		
Romania	56	1	521	229	329	465	1,648	1,019
Hungary		5		341		550		2,568
Bulgaria			3	121	2	387	6	318
Slovakia		1		498	5	550	11	1,622
Serbia	9		492	198	107	146	33	71
Moldova			19	6	14	3	1	
Bosnia-Herzegovina			570	7				
Croatia	77		560	4				
North Macedonia			4	23	30	9		
Kosovo	3	1	7	3				
Belgium								
Germany		2	1	802	3	1,628	4	2,431
Greece			6	2				
Total	147	67	2,236	5,972	537	7,442	1,844	11,712

 **ITALY**
African Swine Fever in Lombardy

As was reported in last week's Market News, African Swine Fever has been confirmed at a pig farm in the Northern Italian province of Lombardy, Italy's largest pig producing region.

Last week, two more pig farms in Lombardy were hit by African Swine Fever.

In addition to the usual control regulations, the authorities have introduced stricter requirements for transporting pigs throughout the region.

The regional authorities have also approached the state authorities in Rome to request additional resources to control wild boar in Lombardy.

At meetings with Italy's Agriculture and Defence Ministers, the regional authorities have expressed their wish to intensify the hunting of wild boar in the region. With the backup of the army and the deployment of incentive schemes, this would strengthen the culling of wild boar in the region.

 **EU**
May-June pig census

Eurostat has published the results of the May/June pig census for Germany, Austria and Serbia. The figures, together with those for Denmark (1 July census), appear in the table below.

A total of 13 EU countries are expected to publish their figures for the development in their pig populations in May/June 2023 compared to May/June 2022. Figures for the other 10 EU countries, together with the UK, are expected to be published by Eurostat in the coming weeks.

'000 head	Total population			Breeding sows			Pregnant sows		
	2023	2022	% change	2023	2022	% change	2023	2022	% change
Spain		32,553			2,673			1,758	
Germany	20,950	22,337	-6.2	1,394	1,494	-6.7	1,020	1,080	-5.6
France		12,661			907			635	
Denmark	11,007	12,179	-9.6	1,123	1,191	-5.7	704	734	-4.1
Holland		11,235			920			594	
Poland		9,611			606			418	
Italy		8,766			580			474	
Belgium		5,847			370			301	
Romania		3,332			229			139	
Hungary		2,715			240			161	
Austria	2,573	2,633	-2.3	212	219	-3.2	147	152	-3.3
Ireland		1,635			136			93	
Sweden		1,393			126			87	
EU (3)	34,530	37,149	-7.0	2,729	2,904	-6.0	1,871	1,966	-4.8
EU (13)		126,897			9,691			6,626	
UK		5,192			415			291	
Serbia	2,433	2,641	-7.9	365	384	-4.9	198	160	23.8

 **EU**
EU and Australia resume talks on free trade deal

The Pig Site reports that the EU and Australia have resumed free trade talks. Negotiations began in 2018.

Negotiations broke down in July over access for Australian agricultural products, particularly beef.

Australia wants better access to the EU for its beef, lamb, dairy products and wine. Australia is also a major supplier of lithium and other minerals used in batteries and other electronic products.

 **GERMANY**
Pig meat storage at low level in July

The latest figures from AMI for German storage of frozen pig meat in July show that storage amounted to 74,000 tonnes.

The fall in Germany's pig meat storage therefore continues. Storage amounted to 100,000 tonnes in April and 189,000 tonnes one year ago.

Since May 2022, when storage amounted to 212,000 tonnes, there has been an ongoing sharp decline.

AMI's figures are based on the German cold store trade association figures.

 **GERMANY**
Pig census May 2023

The German authorities have published their final figures for the German pig population (May 2023 census).

Compared to the preliminary figures published last June, there has been a slight uplift for most categories of pig.

Whereas the preliminary figures showed an overall decline in the total population of 7.3 per cent, the final figures now show a decline of 6.2 per cent. As regards pregnant sows, the figures have been adjusted from a decline of 6.7 per cent to a fall of 5.6 per cent.

'000 head	May census		
	2023	2022	% change
Piglets	6,100.4	6,800.5	-10.3
Pigs under 50 kg	3,762.0	3,768.8	-0.2
Finishers over 50 kg	9,679.3	10,257.9	-5.6
Breeding stock	1,408.0	1,509.5	-6.7
Of which: pregnant sows	1,019.7	1,079.8	-5.6
Total	20,949.7	22,336.7	-6.2

 **CHINA**
Slight fall in sow population

Reuters, citing China's Agriculture Ministry, reports that China's sow population in July was 0.6 per cent lower than both the previous month and one year ago.

 **BRAZIL**
Pig production expected to rise by 1.5 per cent this year

The Brazilian Animal Protein Association (ABPA) expects Brazil's pig meat production in 2023 to rise by 1.5 per cent to 5.1 million tonnes.

ABPA also expects sales of pig meat in the domestic market to total 3.85 million tonnes, while exports are expected to rise by 12 per cent to 1.25 million tonnes.