

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

5 August 2024

Week 32

MARKET SITUATION

Europe: Legs are being traded at falling prices. Other cuts are being traded at falling or unchanged prices.

UK: Sales remain stable.

Asian markets: Good and stable 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 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30	Weeks 1-30 2024:23
Carcase weight >110 kg	10,668	10,330	10,780	10,810	+40.3%
Carcase weight <110 kg	254,633	254,619	241,399	238,902	-4.0%
Total	265,301	264,949	252,179	249,712	-2.5%



USA

Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcase weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	2/8	26/7	Change	2/8	26/7	Change
2024						
Aug	92.20	93.48	-1.28	103.00	104.88	-1.88
Oct	76.58	78.20	-1.62	92.45	92.45	0.00
Dec	69.15	70.35	-1.20	86.90	86.90	0.00
2025						
Feb	72.38	73.93	-1.55	87.80	89.28	-1.48
Apr	77.05	79.00	-1.95	91.08	92.55	-1.47
May	82.23	84.70	-2.47	97.68	99.15	-1.47
Jun	88.90	91.60	-2.70	98.68	100.15	-1.47
Jul	89.80	92.15	-2.35	100.43	101.90	-1.47
Aug	88.75	91.00	-2.25	100.75	102.23	-1.48
Oct	75.05	77.98	-2.93	87.00	88.48	-1.48
Dec	68.28	70.60	-2.32	83.35	84.83	-1.48

Conversion factors:

1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 \$ = DKK



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 25 July-31 July		Year to date 1 Jan - 31 July		2023		2022	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia				11	2	53		57
Latvia		20	4	495	8	730	6	913
Lithuania		6	6	359	3	439	16	302
Poland	4	36	31	1,120	30	2,744	14	2,152
Italy	6	16	6	1,097	17	1,047	4	277
Ukraine	4		33	11	37	9	7	2
Czech Republic				26		56		1
Romania	10	4	113	107	740	292	329	465
Hungary				242		407		550
Bulgaria			1	95	3	322	2	387
Slovakia		1		96		546	5	550
Serbia			116	82	991	213	107	146
Moldova	1		7	6	19	6	14	3
Montenegro				1				
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		26	36	1,508	22		
Croatia	1		2	38	1,124	11		
North Macedonia			2	29	15	41	30	9
Kosovo					9	4		
Belgium								
Germany	3	36	9	242	1	899	3	1,628
Sweden				7		60		
Greece			5	17	6	2		
Albania				2				
Total	30	119	361	4,119	4,513	7,903	537	7,442

GERMANY

New case of African Swine Fever in Hessen

The German authorities continue to find new cases of African Swine Fever in the German state of Hessen.

Since the first case was found in mid-June, there have been up to 79 dead wild boar found in the state, carrying the virus.

In addition, the infection has been confirmed at a pig farm of 1,800 pigs, which brings the total of infected farms in Hessen up to four.

ITALY

New cases of African Swine Fever found at pig farms

As can be seen from the table above, the Italian authorities continue to find new cases of African Swine Fever among both wild boar and at pig farms.

Last week, six pig farms were confirmed as being infected with African Swine Fever. The six cases are spread across the three northern regions of Lombardy, Piedmont and Emilia Romagna.

 **PHILIPPINES**

Use of African Swine Fever vaccine from September

The Philippines' Agriculture Minister announced last week that he expects vaccinations against African Swine Fever to begin in September.

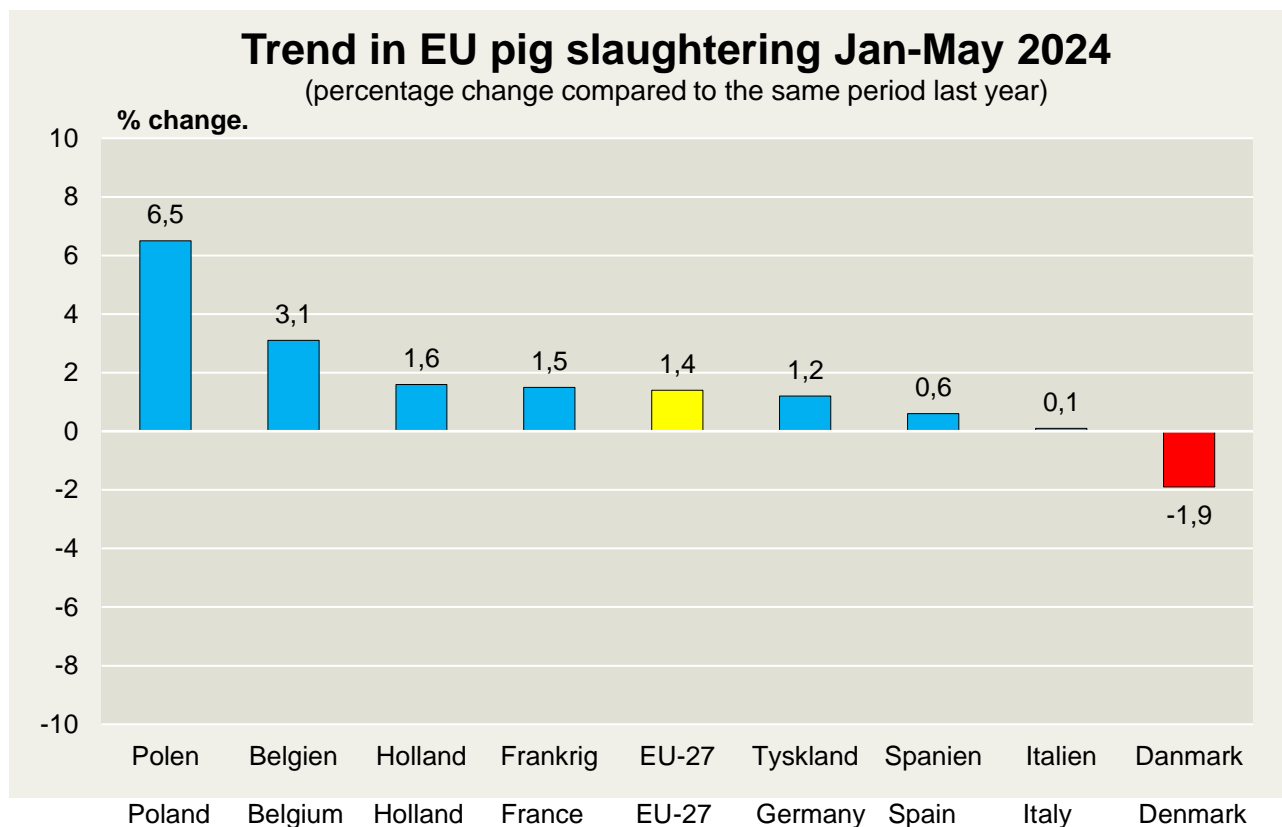
The roll-out is taking place against the backdrop of a new, recent outbreak of African Swine Fever in the country.

 **EU**

EU pig slaughtering rose by 1.4 per cent for January-May 2024

All EU countries have now reported their figures to Eurostat for pig slaughtering for the first five months of 2024.

The diagram below shows the trend in slaughtering for the EU as a whole and for the eight largest pig producing countries in the EU for the period January-May 2024 compared to the same period last year.



 **USA**

Smithfield completes acquisition of sausage factory from Cargill

Smithfield has now completed the acquisition of a sausage factory in Nashville, Tennessee from Cargill.

The company has the capacity to produce 50 million pounds per year. The terms of the agreement have not been disclosed. Smithfield wishes to retain all 160 employees at the Nashville plant.

 **CHINA**
Rising prices and significantly improved earnings for pig producers

Chinese pig prices rose significantly in May and at the beginning of June, with price rises picking up again in late July.

According to figures from China's National Reform and Development Commission (NRDC), the average Chinese pig price in the last week of July was 19.32 yuan/kg. This is 30 per cent up on the start of the year and the highest price for more than a year.

Calculations from NRDC show that pig producers now earn more than 500 yuan per pig at the current price level. Falling feed prices are also contributing to the significant improvement in earnings for pig producers.

The higher pig prices are a consequence of the decline in the supply of finishers. For the first six months of the years, the authorities' figures showed a fall in slaughtering of 3.1 per cent. This was most significant in Q2.

 **AUSTRALIA**
Rising imports from North America

The table below shows Australian imports of fresh/frozen pig meat by country for H1 2024 compared to the same period in 2023 and 2022.

As can be seen from the figures, Australian imports in H1 2024 increased compared to last year but are lower than they were in 2022.

There were strong increases in Australian imports of pig meat from the US and Canada whereas imports from Denmark, Holland and Ireland fell in H1 2024.

0203				
Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-June 2022	Jan-June 2023	Jan-June 2024	% change 2024:23
USA	14,026	23,498	45,368	93.1
Denmark	36,773	20,048	16,793	-16.2
Holland	27,295	14,243	10,580	-25.7
Canada	4,356	5,413	7,611	40.6
Ireland	9,719	9,366	4,397	-53.1
UK	2,379	683	635	-7.0
Spain	6	16	168	950.0
Germany		24	148	516.7
France	2		125	
Australia		24	48	100.0
Others	315	318		
Total	94,871	73,633	85,872	16.6

 **JAPAN**
Imports of pig meat

The tables below show Japan's total pig meat imports, including fresh/frozen pig meat, for the period January-June 2024 compared to the same period last year.

Total pig meat			
Tonnes	2024 Jan-June	2023 Jan-June	% change 2024:23
USA	173,909	181,844	-4.4
Canada	132,197	116,183	13.8
Spain	82,259	103,662	-20.6
Mexico	63,862	67,283	-5.1
Denmark	36,504	45,899	-20.5
Brazil	30,710	17,707	73.4
Chile	26,339	21,150	24.5
France	10,507	9,233	13.8
Holland	8,335	19,009	-56.2
China	7,324	6,673	9.8
Ireland	6,002	7,925	-24.3
Thailand	4,008	4,370	-8.3
Finland	791	752	5.2
UK	277	308	-10.1
South Korea	226	420	-46.2
Austria	201	1,038	-80.6
Portugal	156	285	-45.3
Australia	108	52	107.7
Taiwan	80	84	-4.8
Others	110	256	-57.0
Total	583,905	604,133	-3.3

0203 Fresh/frozen pig meat			
Tonnes	2024 Jan-June	2023 Jan-June	% change 2024:23
Canada	124,373	107,580	15.6
USA	120,129	125,928	-4.6
Spain	80,982	101,392	-20.1
Mexico	59,171	61,116	-3.2
Denmark	28,466	36,020	-21.0
Brazil	28,289	15,407	83.6
Chile	20,930	17,419	20.2
France	10,342	9,019	14.7
Holland	8,229	15,523	-47.0
Ireland	3,485	4,586	-24.0
Finland	609	592	2.9
UK	277	308	-10.1
Portugal	120	230	-47.8
Austria	120	841	-85.7
Others	115	215	-46.5
Total	485,637	496,176	-2.1

