

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

10 June 2024

Week 24

MARKET SITUATION

Europe: Legs are being traded at slightly rising prices this week. Other cuts are being traded at unchanged prices.

UK: Sales are stable.

Markets outside Europe: 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 20	Week 21	Week 22	Weeks 1-22 2024:23
Carcase weight >110 kg	13,451	11,516	12,719	+49.3%
Carcase weight <110 kg	297,298	237,754	275,654	-5.1%
Total	310,749	249,270	288,373	-3.3%



USA

Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcase weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	7/6	31/5	Change	7/6	31/5	Change
2024						
Jun	92.53	94.35	-1.82	102.40	102.70	-0.30
Jul	93.50	97.13	-3.63	105.35	107.95	-2.60
Aug	91.68	96.50	-4.82	105.70	108.30	-2.60
Oct	79.10	82.90	-3.80	91.95	94.55	-2.60
Dec	73.50	76.53	-3.03	88.30	90.90	-2.60
2025						
Feb	77.63	80.60	-2.97	91.13	93.73	-2.60
Apr	82.08	84.88	-2.80	94.40	97.00	-2.60
May	86.38	88.95	-2.57	101.00	103.60	-2.60
Jun	93.30	95.33	-2.03	102.00	104.60	-2.60
Jul	94.28	96.15	-1.87	103.75	106.35	-2.60
Aug	93.40	95.20	-1.80	104.08	106.68	-2.60
Oct	77.80	79.60	-1.80	90.33	92.93	-2.60

Conversion factors:

1 lb = 0.4536 kg
 1 \$ = DKK
 6.8465



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 30 May-5 June		Year to date 1 Jan - 5 June		2023		2022	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia				4	2	53		57
Latvia		7		289	8	730	6	913
Lithuania		8		280	3	439	16	302
Poland	1	35	1	863	30	2.744	14	2.152
Italy		55		851	17	1.047	4	277
Ukraine			8	9	37	9	7	2
Czech Republic		2		18		56		1
Romania	6		55	97	740	292	329	465
Hungary		4		204		407		550
Bulgaria			1	95	3	322	2	387
Slovakia		7		76		546	5	550
Serbia		1	34	73	991	213	107	146
Moldova	1		3	6	19	6	14	3
Montenegro				1				
Bosnia-Herzegovina			18	34	1.508	22		
Croatia				38	1.124	11		
North Macedonia		3	2	29	15	41	30	9
Kosovo					9	4		
Belgium								
Germany	1	22	1	106	1	899	3	1.628
Sweden				6		60		
Greece		1	4	15	6	2		
Albania				2				
Total	9	145	127	3.096	4.513	7.903	537	7.442

GERMANY

African Swine Fever confirmed at a pig farm in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern

As can be seen from the above table, last week, the German authorities confirmed a case of African Swine Fever at a pig farm in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

The affected farm is a finisher farm comprising 3,500 pigs in north-eastern Germany near the town of Greifswald.

There are no signs of further outbreaks in the area, including among wild boars. For now, the authorities are treating the matter as an isolated case.

The most recent case of African Swine Fever at a German pig farm was in February 2023. This is the ninth case of African Swine Fever at a German pig farm, but there have been several thousand cases of the disease among German wild boars since the first case was reported in the autumn of 2020.

The outbreak has resulted in the temporary closure of Toennies slaughterhouse in Weissenfels.

GERMANY

Vion opens up for the sale of the remainder of its German business

In a press release last week, Vion opened up for the sale of the company's remaining German activities.

The press release stated that Vion is conducting a formal review of its assets in Germany due to the strategic interest they have attracted. The company has decided to shift its future focus towards strengthening chains in the Benelux.

Earlier this year, Vion announced that it was closing its slaughterhouse in Emsteck and would sell a number of other activities in the German market, including its cattle slaughterhouse and pre-packed facility in Altenburg, its pig processing plant in Perleberg and Ahlener Fleischhandel (ham specialist).

PHILIPPINES

Extends the period with reduced import tariffs for pig meat until 2028

International media report that the Philippines is to extend the period with reduced import tariffs for a number of food products – including pig meat – until 2028.

DENMARK

Structural development

Last week, Statistics Denmark published the results of its annual national census (summer census) for 2023.

The following tables show the structural development in the number of farms and pig farms for the period 2023-1990.

In addition, the pig population is stated in percentage and according to region for the period 2023-2018.

The figures are based on random samples and, as such, should be treated with caution.

	2023	2022	2020	2010	2000	1990
Number of farms	27,423	30,678	33,148	42,099	54,541	79,338
Number of pig farms	2,131	2,399	2,921	5,068	13,231	29,903
Number of pigs (million/head)	10.8	12.4	13.2	13.2	11.9	9.5

Number of pig farms of which:	2,131	2,399	2,921	5,068	13,231	29,903
With finishers and sows	806	1,007	1,080	2,089	6,110	13,902
Only finishers	791	975	1,226	2,239	4,876	8,010
Only sows	385	291	427	493	1,588	6,503
Neither finishers nor sows 1)	149	125	188	247	657	1,488

1) This group is based on the fact that, according to Statistics Denmark, a finisher is a pig of 50 kg or above

Farms with pigs under 50 kg only and with no ⁴ sows are registered as “neither finishers nor sows”

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
East of the Great Belt	12.6	12.7	12.3	12.5	12.7	13.2
Funen	9.4	9.6	9.2	9.2	9.6	9.4
South Jutland	19.4	20.3	19.9	19.8	20.4	20.6
East Jutland	13.5	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.0	14.0
West Jutland	21.3	21.5	21.7	21.4	21.0	20.1
North Jutland	23.9	21.6	22.4	22.5	22.4	22.7
Nationwide	100	100	100	100	100	100

MEXICO

Stable pig meat imports in Q1

Mexico's total imports of fresh/frozen pig meat were stable in the first quarter of the year. With Mexico's trading statistics as the source, the following table shows Mexico's imports of fresh/frozen pig meat (product code 0203) for Q1 2024 compared to the same period in the two preceding years.

As can be seen, almost 90 per cent of Mexico's imports originate from the U.S. Imports from the U.S. are mainly legs for the Mexican processing industry.

0203 Fresh/frozen pig meat				
Tonnes	Jan-March 2022	Jan-March 2023	Jan-March 2024	% change 2024:2023
USA	258,583	274,302	279,262	1.8
Canada	49,971	37,890	32,491	-14.2
Others	1,856	3,128	104	-96.7
Total	310,410	315,320	311,857	-1.1

CHINA

Sow population at end April 6.9 per cent lower than one year ago

China's Agriculture Ministry has stated that its total sow population amounted to 39.86 million at the end of April.

This is a fall of 0.1 per cent compared to the end of March and a fall of 6.9 per cent compared to one year ago.

According to the ministry, pig slaughtering for the first four months of the year amounted to 109.38 million head, 2.3 per cent higher than the same period last year.

USA

Smithfield acquires sausage factory from Cargill

U.S. media report that Smithfield Foods has acquired a sausage factory in Nashville, Tennessee from Cargill.

The acquisition is expected to take effect at the end of July. The purchase price has not been disclosed. Smithfield will retain all 160 employees at the Nashville site.



World's largest pig producers

With the breeding company, Genesus, as the source, the following table provides a list of the world's largest pig producers with more than 100,000 sows. 52 production companies were on the list for 2023 which was strongly dominated by China.

25 of the 52 largest production companies have their head office in China. Fifth on the list, Smithfield/WH Group, has its headquarters in the U.S., but is Chinese owned. In addition to the 25 from China, 12 are from the U.S., three from Brazil, Russia and Spain, two from Thailand and one from South Korea, Chile, Mexico and Vietnam.

In recent years, a number of Chinese pig producers have reduced their sow numbers. But the two largest Chinese pig producers, Muyan and Wens, as well as the Twins Group all increased their sow numbers from 2022 to 2023.

Ranking	Producer	Head office	Sows 2023	Sows 2022	Change 23:22
1	Muyuan Foodstuff	China	3,130,000	2,815,000	315,000
2	Wens Food Group	China	1,570,000	1,400,000	170,000
3	Charoen Pokphand (CP) Foods	Thailand	1,115,000	1,115,000	0
4	New Hope	China	820,000	850,000	-30,000
5	Smithfield Foods /WH Group	USA	810,000	885,000	-75,000
6	Twins Group	China	550,000	380,000	170,000
7	JBS USA - Seara Foods	USA	531,358	538,000	-6,642
8	Triumph Foods	USA	409,565	403,304	6,261
9	BRF S.A	Brazil	340,000	397,825	-57,825
10	Seaboard Foods	USA	336,000	364,000	-28,000
11	Sichuan Dekon Group	China	333,200	450,000	-116,800
12	Techbank	China	320,000	300,000	20,000
13	Vall Companys Group	Spain	300,000	260,000	40,000
14	Miratorg	Russia	280,000	280,000	0
15	Aurora Alimentos	Brazil	263,000	263,000	0
16	COFCO Group	China	250,000	220,000	30,000
17	Iowa Select Farms	USA	250,000	250,000	0
18	Zhengbang Group	China	200,000	350,000	-150,000
19	Frimesa Cooperativa Central	Brazil	180,000	178,150	1,850
20	Prestage Farms	USA	175,000	180,000	-5,000
21	Elephant	China	170,000	170,000	0
22	Costa Food Group	Spain	160,000	155,000	5,000
23	Guangxi Guiken Animal Husbandry Co., Ltd	China	157,000	125,000	32,000
24	Da Bei Nong	China	153,100	180,000	-26,900
25	Fujian Aonong Group	China	150,000	310,000	-160,000
26	Yangxiang	China	150,000	300,000	-150,000
27	Betagro	Thailand	150,000	150,000	0
28	CJ Group	South Korea	144,000	137,000	7,000
29	Christensens Farms	USA	140,000	140,000	0
30	Tecon Biology	China	140,000	140,000	0
31	Agrosuper	Chile	136,000	136,000	0
32	The Machoffs	USA	135,000	150,000	-15,000
33	Guangdong Haid Group	China	128,000	150,000	-22,000
34	Rusagro	Russia	126,000	124,000	2,000
35	Guangxi Liyuan Group	China	120,000	100,000	20,000
36	Bachoco	Mexico	120,000	Ny	

37	Greenfeed Vietnam Corporation	Vietnam	116,000	Ny	
38	Clemens Country View Family Farms	USA	115,421	105,000	10,421
39	Sibagro	Russia	110,000	110,000	0
40	Giantstar	China	110,000	110,000	0
41	New Wellfull	China	110,000	105,000	5,000
42	Kingkey Smart Agri	China	108,000	108,000	0
43	Grupo Jorge	Spain	105,000	105,000	0
44	Tang Ren Shen (TRS) Group	China	100,000	100,000	0
45	Sichuan Techlex Group	China	100,000	100,000	0
46	Huatong Shares	China	100,000	100,000	0
47	Guandong TINOO	China	100,000	100,000	0
48	Wuhan golden Dragon	China	100,000	100,000	0
49	Shennong Group	China	100,000	Ny	
50	Pipestone Management	USA	390,682	330,070	60,612
51	Carthage System	USA	180,400	180,400	0
52	AMVC Management Services	USA	168,000	155,000	13,000

 **JAPAN**

Pig meat storage

The table below shows the development in Japan's pig meat storage up to the end of April 2024.

Tonnage	Own production		Imported volumes		Total storage
	Fresh	Frozen	Fresh	Frozen	
End January 21	368	22,065	8,872	151,259	182,564
End February 21	353	22,522	8,912	152,487	184,274
End March 21	444	23,660	11,726	146,154	181,984
End April 21	483	25,110	9,922	149,121	184,636
End May 21	415	25,437	9,863	149,760	185,475
End June 21	414	24,876	9,688	152,751	187,729
End July 21	428	23,498	11,381	149,262	184,569
End August 21	397	22,491	10,986	154,587	188,461
End September 21	433	21,495	11,242	154,249	187,419
End October 21	460	20,899	10,587	150,861	182,807
End November 21	428	21,176	11,010	143,741	176,355
End December 21	561	22,351	9,240	136,436	168,588
End January 22	463	22,763	11,477	142,569	177,272
End February 22	471	22,690	12,061	143,974	179,196
End March 22	623	23,378	12,410	143,684	180,095
End April 22	529	21,703	12,601	157,379	192,212
End May 22	390	22,052	8,210	168,749	199,401
End June 22	469	20,684	11,364	180,913	213,430
End July 22	500	20,479	10,554	189,497	221,300
End August 22	495	19,870	12,013	195,953	228,331
End September 22	351	19,020	10,493	193,979	223,843
End October 22	808	18,890	9,606	186,501	215,805
End November 22	1,015	17,736	13,653	181,903	214,307
End December 22	1,159	18,657	10,793	174,620	205,229
End January 23	814	17,724	11,067	177,599	207,204
End February 23	782	19,123	11,214	177,907	209,026
End March 23	1,016	19,216	12,909	176,663	209,804
End April 23	1,070	19,503	12,096	191,949	224,618
End May 23	1,047	19,146	14,590	209,312	244,095

End June 23	978	18,608	13,751	211,457	244,794
End July 23	969	19,789	11,542	208,525	240,825
End August 23	867	29,165	13,596	204,108	238,736
End September 23	1,045	20,407	9,463	194,014	224,929
End October 23	930	18,759	10,827	181,985	212,501
End November 23	945	19,209	13,058	171,195	204,407
End December 23	1,437	19,944	11,764	158,356	191,501
End January 24	549	20,287	13,292	159,880	194,008
End February 24	578	20,861	12,454	153,232	187,125
End March 24	614	22,503	12,269	153,850	189,236
End April 24	496	22,174	15,011	159,048	196,729