

MARKET NEWS for pig meat



Market analysis

17 June 2024

Week 25

MARKET SITUATION

Europe: Legs and other cuts are being traded at unchanged prices this week.

UK: Sales remain 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 21	Week 22	Week 23	Weeks 1-23 2024:23
Carcase weight >110 kg	11,516	12,747	10,078	+47.4%
Carcase weight <110 kg	237,815	280,612	217,613	-5.0%
Total	249,331	293,359	227,691	-3.2%



USA

Futures

Chicago (\$ per 100 lbs carcase weight)	Lean Hog			Pork Cutout		
	14/6	7/6	Change	14/6	7/6	Change
2024						
Jun	91.18	92.53	-1.35	100.34	102.40	-2.06
Jul	93.65	93.50	0.15	103.50	105.35	-1.85
Aug	90.45	91.68	-1.23	103.80	105.70	-1.90
Oct	76.75	79.10	-2.35	91.95	91.95	0.00
Dec	71.05	73.50	-2.45	88.30	88.30	0.00
2025						
Feb	75.23	77.63	-2.40	91.13	91.13	0.00
Apr	80.20	82.08	-1.88	94.40	94.40	0.00
May	84.90	86.38	-1.48	101.00	101.00	0.00
Jun	91.88	93.30	-1.42	102.00	102.00	0.00
Jul	93.20	94.28	-1.08	103.75	103.75	0.00
Aug	92.55	93.40	-0.85	104.08	104.08	0.00
Oct	77.93	77.80	0.13	90.33	90.33	0.00

Conversion factors:
1 lb = 0.4536 kg

1 \$ = DKK
6.9816



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.

Countries	Period 6 June-12 June		Year to date 1 Jan - 12 June		2023		2022	
	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar	Pigs	Wild boar
Estonia				4	2	53		57
Latvia		16		305	8	730	6	913
Lithuania		10		290	3	439	16	302
Poland	5	31	6	894	30	2,744	14	2,152
Italy		57		908	17	1,047	4	277
Ukraine	5		13	9	37	9	7	2
Czech Republic		1		19		56		1
Romania	4		59	97	740	292	329	465
Hungary		8		212		407		550
Bulgaria			1	95	3	322	2	387
Slovakia		2		78		546	5	550
Serbia	13	1	47	74	991	213	107	146
Moldova			3	6	19	6	14	3
Montenegro				1				
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		19	34	1,508	22		
Croatia				38	1,124	11		
North Macedonia			2	29	15	41	30	9
Kosovo					9	4		
Belgium								
Germany		8	1	114	1	899	3	1,628
Sweden				6		60		
Greece	1		5	15	6	2		
Albania				2				
Total	29	134	156	3,230	4,513	7,903	537	7,442

GERMANY

African Swine Fever confirmed in a wild boar in the German state of Hessen

Last week, the German state of Hessen confirmed a case of African Swine Fever in a dead wild boar.

Hessen is located in western Germany, around 350 km from Denmark. How the disease spread is yet unknown.

The German authorities have introduced the usual measures to prevent further spread and have stated that they will draw on the experience gained from combatting the virus in Eastern Germany where it has so far been contained.

GERMANY

Continued decline in pig population in the two German states of Lower Saxony and Baden-Württemberg

Preliminary pig population figures for Lower Saxony and Baden-Württemberg as at 3 May show a continued decline, reports ISN in Germany.

In Lower Saxony, preliminary figures from the May census show a total pig population of 6.93 million. This is a fall of 1.9 per cent compared to one year ago. The breeding sow population is 3.0 per cent lower than one year ago. Finisher farms show a fall of 3.6 per cent, while the number of sow farms has been reduced by 4.0 per cent.

Baden-Württemberg has recorded a total pig population of 1.25 million. This is a fall of 1.8 per cent compared to one year ago. The breeding sow population, however, has risen by 1.1 per cent.

Figures from the May 2024 census for the pig population of other German states will be published over the coming weeks.



GERMANY

German pig slaughtering rose by 2 per cent for the first four months of the year

According to AMI, German pig slaughtering – at 14.9 million - for the first four months of 2024 is 2.0 per cent higher than the same period last year. A slight rise in carcase weight means that, measured in tonnage, production rose by 2.9 per cent.

The rise of 2 per cent applies both to domestic finishers and finishers imported for slaughter in Germany.

The rise in German slaughtering follows the fact that annual slaughtering has shown uninterrupted falls between 2016-2023. In the last two years, German slaughtering fell by 9 and 7 per cent respectively. In the previous years, the fall has been between 2-3 per cent.



CHINA

Threat of tariffs on EU pig meat looms closer

International media report that the Chinese threat of additional tariffs on EU pig meat has become more likely after the EU Commission announced on Wednesday last week that it plans to introduce punitive tariffs on electric cars from China.

The Chinese authorities previously warned the EU that China is prepared to hit the European aviation and agricultural sectors if the EU does not withdraw from the impending trade war with China.

According to China's state-controlled Global Times, the Chinese authorities have now launched an investigation into whether to impose extra tariffs on a number of pig meat products from the EU.



JAPAN

Outbreak of Classical Swine Fever among wild boar in a major production area

In June, the authorities in Japan detected Classical Swine Fever in two dead wild boar near the town of Karatsu on the island of Kyushu, the third largest of Japan's four main islands.

This is the first time for Classical Swine Fever to be found on Kyushu, which, with 2.8 million pigs, has around one-third of Japan's 8.95 million pigs, reports Pig333.

Japan's Agriculture Ministry plans to increase the monitoring and culling of wild boar in certain areas. A vaccination programme for pig farms will also continue at the same time.

**Denmark's exports of pig meat January-March
2024**

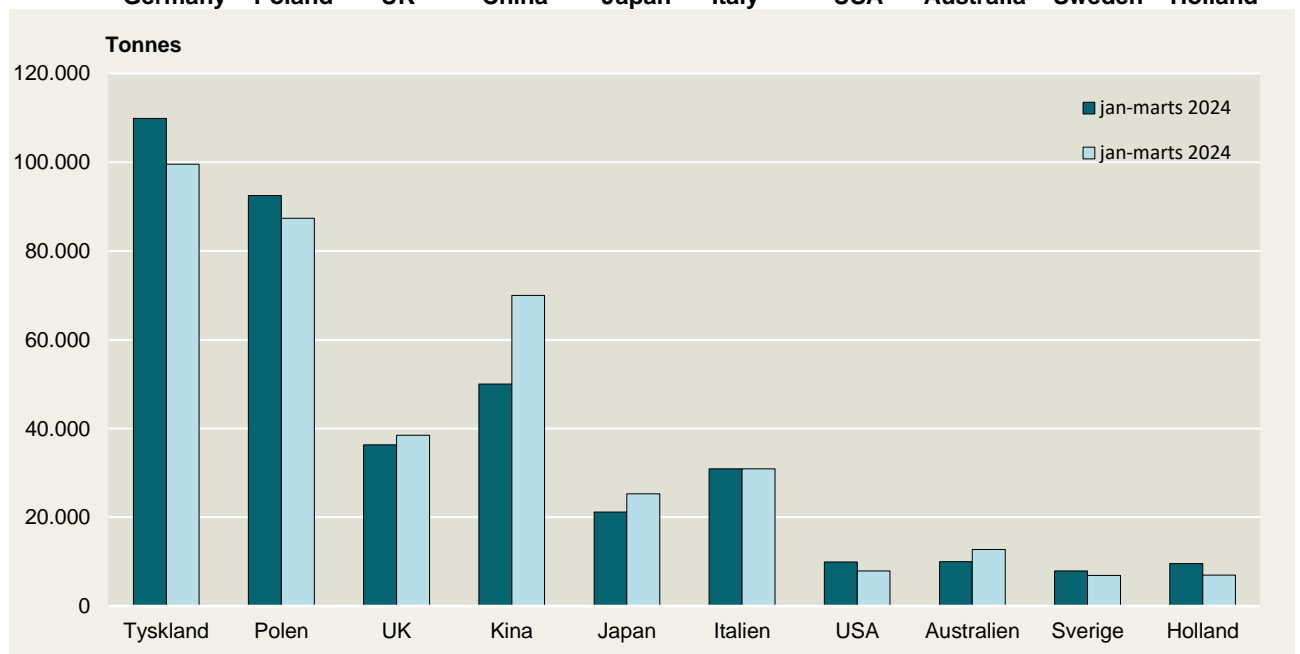
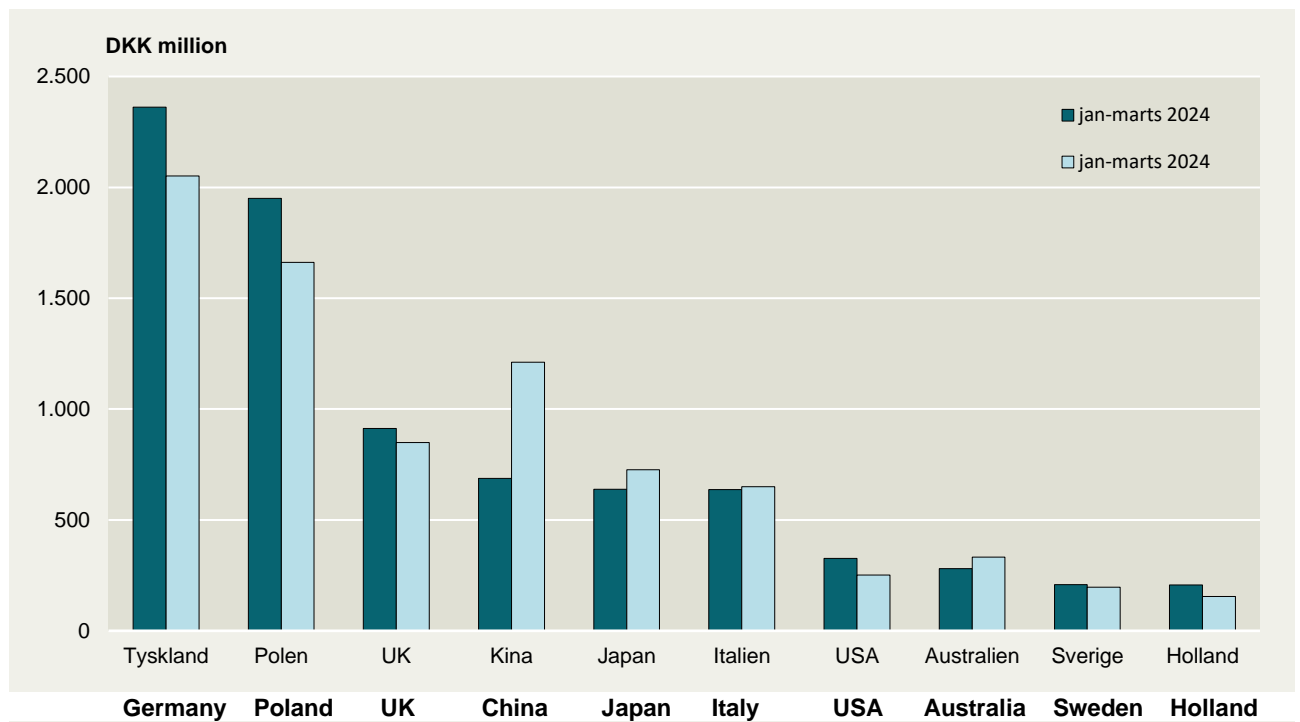
Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	2,870	36,806	1,458	13	12,952	19,717	866	74,681	23.9
Poland	298	36,358	3	2	20	25,291	2	61,974	19.8
Italy	470	2,949	56	17	79	18,075	58	21,703	6.9
Holland	1,213	2,749	76	2	0	1,974	168	6,182	2.0
Sweden	1,777	5	213	359	1	2,314	666	5,334	1.7
France	426	161	201	31	0	3,039	130	3,989	1.3
Romania	49	126	28	0	0	3,704	1	3,908	1.2
Spain	1	1,922	210	0	0	886	374	3,393	1.1
Other EU countries	2,719	2,762	543	533	0	13,421	602	20,580	6.6
Total EU	9,823	83,839	2,788	958	13,052	88,419	2,866	201,745	64.5
China	25,783	0	32	0	0	10,603	35	36,452	11.7
UK	485	9	1,832	9,321	488	10,406	1,834	24,375	7.8
Japan	217	0	1,008	0	0	12,073	220	13,518	4.3
Australia	74	0	81	0	0	6,578	9	6,741	2.2
Philippines	2,816	0	327	0	0	3,507	0	6,650	2.1
USA	781	0	1,432	0	0	4,104	175	6,492	2.1
Malaysia	117	8	55	0	0	3,102	0	3,282	1.0
South Korea	230	0	348	0	0	2,030	37	2,646	0.8
Taiwan	576	0	16	0	0	1,143	16	1,751	0.6
Other 3rd countries	1,326	1,321	2,190	270	0	2,938	998	9,044	2.9
3rd countries, total	32,404	1,339	7,321	9,591	489	56,483	3,325	110,951	35.5
Total exports	42,228	85,178	10,109	10,549	13,541	144,902	6,191	312,696	100

2023

Tonnes	By-products	Live pigs	Processed Canned	Bacon	Whole and half pigs/sows	Cuts	Sausages	Total	Per cent
Germany	2,319	28,489	1,660	26	11,379	17,794	963	62,631	20.8
Poland	734	32,764	3	0	0	26,152	3	59,656	19.8
Italy	345	3,116	53	9	55	15,859	83	19,521	6.5
Sweden	1,296	58	301	231	2	1,715	668	4,271	1.4
Holland	1,112	1,521	73	2	0	1,386	131	4,226	1.4
Romania	66	156	40	0	0	3,844	0	4,107	1.4
France	457	113	164	38	0	2,943	156	3,871	1.3
Spain	55	1,667	181	23	0	1,267	241	3,433	1.1
Other EU countries	1,993	2,490	520	328	187	9,255	600	15,373	5.1
Total EU	8,379	70,375	2,996	656	11,624	80,215	2,844	177,089	58.8
China	25,551	0	47	0	0	22,287	47	47,932	15.9
UK	455	7	1,469	9,049	772	11,769	1,775	25,296	8.4
Japan	288	0	738	0	0	14,192	272	15,491	5.1
Australia	0	0	106	0	0	9,324	0	9,430	3.1
USA	692	0	1,191	11	0	3,231	179	5,303	1.8
Philippines	2,099	2	82	0	0	1,355	20	3,558	1.2
South Korea	65	0	268	0	0	2,512	38	2,883	1.0
Taiwan	255	3	18	0	0	2,223	17	2,516	0.8
Malaysia	105	0	86	0	0	2,212	0	2,402	0.8
Other 3rd countries	1,823	627	1,268	233	1	4,469	739	9,159	3.0
3rd countries, total	31,333	639	5,272	9,293	773	73,574	3,088	123,971	41.2
Total exports	39,712	71,014	8,268	9,949	12,397	153,789	5,932	301,061	100

Top 10 importers of Danish pig meat according to value

Country	Jan-March 2024		Jan-March 2023	
	Value in DKK million	Tonnes	Value in DKK million	Tonnes
Germany	2,362	109,885	2,051	99,590
Poland	1,951	92,467	1,662	87,396
UK	912	36,315	849	38,508
China	688	50,052	1,211	70,020
Japan	638	21,173	727	25,321
Italy	638	30,895	649	30,892
USA	326	9,915	251	7,938
Australia	280	10,009	332	12,720
Sweden	208	7,935	197	6,937
Holland	207	9,563	154	6,958
Top 10 total	8,209	378,208	8,082	386,279
Other countries	2,013	83,390	1,733	71,203
Total	10,223	461,598	9,815	457,483





Stable earnings for British pig producers continue in Q1 2024

The British trade association, AHDB, reports that British pig producers posted average earnings of £16 per pig in Q1 2024.

This is the fourth quarter in succession where AHDB's model calculations have shown positive earnings for British pig producers. Earnings in the three previous quarters have ranged between £19 and £25 per pig.

This follows an extended period of negative earnings, i.e. the eight quarters of 2021 and 2022.



Vion to sell shares in Topigs Norsvin

Vion is selling its shares in the pig genetics company, Topigs Norsvin, reports Topagrar.

As was published in last week's Market News, Vion has opened up for the sale of its German activities. It is reviewing its assets in Germany and shifting its future focus towards strengthening chains in the Benelux.

Please note!

Market News will not be published for the next three weeks due to Danish summer holidays.

The next edition will be published on Wednesday 17 July.