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**Meat production further down**

Animal production – 4th quarter and year 2022

**The decrease in meat production at slaughterhouses continued in Q4 2022. The production declined, year-on-year, by 6.7% for beef, by 7.5% for pigmeat, and by 8.4% for poultrymeat. However, agricultural producer prices increased, y-o-y: by 21.7% for cattle for slaughter, by 29.6% for chicken for slaughter, and even by 49.8% for pigs for slaughter, although the latter figure reflects a very low comparison base.**

*“In 2022, the meat production at slaughterhouses declined to the level of 2018, with only little variation among the meat types. This drop was accompanied also by lower gross domestic production. The largest year-on-year decrease was observed in pigs for slaughter, due to previous reductions in their numbers,”* Radek Matějka, Director of the Agricultural and Forestry, Industrial, Construction, and Energy Statistics Department of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), said.

# Meat production a milk collection

In Q4 2022, the production of beef fell by 6.7%, y-o-y, to 18 186 tonnes. In total 59.5 thous. head of cattle (i.e. by 6.1% less) were slaughtered. The number of slaughtered bulls went down by 9.6% and the number of slaughtered cows by 3.9%. The pigmeat production reached 51 899 tonnes (−7.5%) and the number of slaughtered pigs declined to 559.4 thous. head (−7.7%, y-o‑y). The poultrymeat production amounted to 42 155 tonnes (−8.4%). In total 752 839 thousand litres of milk (+1.0%) were collected from domestic producers in Q4 2022.

In total 447 317 tonnes of meat were produced during the entire year 2022. The declines in production of beef (−5.5%), pigmeat (−3.9%), and poultrymeat (−4.1%) contributed to the overall 4.2% decrease. Along with the meat production at slaughterhouses, the gross domestic production of animals for slaughter of all three species went down.

# Agricultural producer prices

Agricultural producer prices of cattle for slaughter went up in Q4 2022 by 21.7%, y-o-y. The average price of bulls for slaughter was 57.85 CZK per kg in live weight or 105.30 CZK per kg in carcass weight.

The prices of pigs for slaughter rose by 49.8%, y-o-y. Agricultural producers sold pigs on average for 37.68 CZK per kg in live weight or for 48.99 CZK per kg in carcass weight; i.e. by 3.30 CZK per kg in carcass weight more than in Q3 2022.

The prices of chicken for slaughter increased as well (+29.6%, y-o-y). Chicken for slaughter of the first quality class were sold on average for 30.17 CZK per kg in live weight.

Agricultural producer prices of milk grew by 35.5%, y-o-y. The average price of Q-quality milk reached 12.63 CZK per litre.

*“A sharp growth of prices in 2022 was probably the most important reason for the year-on-year decline in the preliminary calculated consumption of beef and poultrymeat. The pigmeat consumption stayed on a similar level to 2021 as its lower production was compensated mainly by higher imports,”* Markéta Fiedlerová from the Agricultural and Forestry Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office, added.

More detailed information on meat production in 2022 can be found in the [supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/165278783/azem020923_komentar.pdf).

Notes:

*Published data are final.*

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Data source: Statistical survey of the CZSO on livestock slaughtering (Zem 1-12)

Outcomes of statistical surveys of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic on milk collection (Mlék(MZe) 6-12, Odbyt(MZe) 6-12), and on poultry purchase (Drůb(MZe) 4-12)

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Related outcomes: [Livestock slaughtering – December 2022](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/livestock-slaughtering-december-2022)

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**Annexes:**

Supplementary information

Table 1 Meat production and milk collection (quarterly)

Table 2 Meat production and milk collection (yearly)

Chart 1 Beef – production and average agricultural producer price (base indices)

Chart 2 Pigmeat – production and average agricultural producer price (base indices)

Chart 3 Poultrymeat – production and average agricultural producer price (base indices)