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**Meat production down**

Animal production – 3rd quarter 2023

**In Q3 2023, meat production further dropped by 5.7%, year-on-year. The largest decrease was observed again in pigmeat production (−8.5%). Poultrymeat production went down as well (−4.8%) during this period while beef production reached approximately the same amount as in Q3 2022 (+0.9%). Direct purchases of milk from producers rose by 1.3%, year-on-year.**

# Meat production and milk collection

In total 16 295 tonnes of beef (+0.9%) were produced in Q3 2023. In total 53.3 thous. head of cattle (+0.7%) were slaughtered, of which 25.6 thous. were cows (+4.7%), 20.3 thous. bulls (−5.4%), and 5.5 thous. heifers (+7.4%).

Pigmeat production amounted to 46 231 tonnes (−8.5%, y-o-y), i.e. by 3 670 tonnes less than in Q2 2023. Slaughtering of pigs plummeted to 504.8 thous. head (−8.4%).

The amount of poultry delivered to slaughterhouses accounted for 63 853 tonnes, which corresponds to 41 489 tonnes (−4.8%) of poultrymeat.

In total 784 966 (+1.3%) thousand litres of milk were collected from domestic producers in Q3 2023.

*„Meat production gradually declines since the beginning of 2022, mostly for pigmeat. The estimated quantity of pigmeat intended for domestic consumption fell by 5%, year-on-year, due to lowered imports,”* Markéta Fiedlerová from the Agricultural and Forestry Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office, added.

# Agricultural producer prices

Agricultural producer prices of cattle for slaughter slightly dropped, y-o-y, by 1.5%. Farmers received on average 57.00 CZK per kg in live weight or 103.70 CZK per kg in carcass weight.

Prices of pigs for slaughter continued to stay above the level of Q3 2022 (+24.0%). The average price reached 43.60 CZK per kg in live weight or 56.67 CZK per kg in carcass weight; i.e. by 2.60 CZK per kg in carcass weight more than in Q2 2023.

The prices of chicken for slaughter were only slightly higher than in Q3 2022 (+1.7%). Chicken for slaughter of the first quality class were sold on average for 29.79 CZK per kg in live weight.

Agricultural producer prices of milk were, due to high comparison basis in Q3 2022, by 12.3% lower, y-o-y. The average price of Q-quality milk reached 10.12 CZK per litre, i.e. by 1.47 CZK per litre less than in Q2 2023.

More detailed information on meat production in Q3 2023 can be found in [the supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/191257289/azem110823_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 - September 2023](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/livestock-slaughtering-september-2023)

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**Annexes:**

Supplementary information

Table 1 Meat production and milk collection (quarterly)

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)