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Gross indigenous production up for beef but down for pigmeat

Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 2023

During 2023, fewer pigs from Czech farms were delivered to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad, year-on-year, in contrast to higher supplies of cattle and almost unchanged amount of poultry. In terms of meat (carcass weight), it amounted to 216 761 tonnes (-7.6%) of pigmeat, 98 980 tonnes (+3.2%) of beef, and 200 874 tonnes (+0.1%) of poultrymeat. After taking the balance of meat imports and exports into account, the preliminary calculated consumption increased, year-on-year, for beef (+2.3%) and poultrymeat (+5.1%) but decreased for pigmeat (-3.7%).

Beef

In total 70 230 tonnes (+2.4%) of beef were produced in slaughterhouses in 2023.

Due to year-on-year higher exports (+5.1%) and lower imports (-4.3%) of live animals for slaughter abroad, gross indigenous beef production increased by 3.2%. In terms of meat, 26 916 tonnes were exported as live animals, which amount exceeds the beef production in Czechia in one quarter.

In total 16 109 tonnes of beef were exported (+12.3%) and 42 905 tonnes (+5.6%) were imported during the last year. The net import of beef corresponded to net exports of live cattle for slaughter in terms of meat (carcass weight).

Preliminary calculated consumption of beef in 2023 reached 99 166 tonnes; i.e. by 2.3% more, y-o-y. The comparison base in Q2 2022 was low due to a sharp increase in prices whereas prices in 2023 were stable, though still high.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in 2023

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	228 248	131 814	70 230	+2,4 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	6 936	3 938	2 141	+4,4 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	235 184	135 752	72 371	+2,5 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	77 475	50 263	26 916	+5,1 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	955	578	306	-4,3 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	311 704	185 437	98 980	+3,2 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	16 109	+12,3 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	42 905	+5,6 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	99 166	+2,3 %

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Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses in 2023 fell again. It was by 5.2% lower, y-o-y, and amounted to 197 859 tonnes.

Exports of pigs for slaughter declined by 27.1% and their imports rose more than 2.5times. Both changes contributed to a decrease of gross indigenous production to 216 761 tonnes (-7.6%).

The turnover of cross-border movements for the pigmeat commodity decreased as well. In total 280 848 tonnes of pigmeat (-3.5%) were imported and 31 417 tonnes (-10.8%) were exported, so the preliminary calculated quantity of meat intended for domestic consumption fell by 3.7%.

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in 2023

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	2 146 792	258 897	197 859	-5,2 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	79 900	9 986	7 689	-5,2 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	2 226 692	268 883	205 548	-5,2 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	141 810	17 902	13 770	-27,1 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	26 825	3 391	2557	+173,2 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	2 341 677	283 394	216 761	-7,6 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	31 417	-10,8 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	280 848	-3,5 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	454 979	-3,7 %

Poultrymeat

In total 258 013 tonnes of poultry were delivered to the slaughterhouses in 2023, which corresponds to 167 687 tonnes of poultrymeat produced (-1.3%).

Exports of animals for slaughter increased to 28 505 tonnes of carcass weight (+9.1%), which, together with zero imports, corresponds with gross indigenous production negligibly up by 0.1% and amounting to 200 874 tonnes.

Imports of poultrymeat increased to 119 652 tonnes (+11.0%) but its exports fell (22 033 tonnes; -13.6%). Therefore, 269 987 tonnes (+5.1%) of poultrymeat intended for domestic consumption remained in Czechia.

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Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in 2023

	Row	Number of animals (thous. head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	118 852	258 013	167 687	-1,3 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	2 765	7 075	4 682	+0,4 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	121 617	265 088	172 369	-1,3 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	13 334	42 590	28 505	+9,1 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	0	0	0	-
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	134 951	307 678	200 874	+0,1 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	22 033	-13,6 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	119 652	+11,0 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	269 987	+5,1 %

Notes:

Published data on meat production are final.

Data on slaughtering out of slaughterhouses are expert estimates of Ministry of Agriculture.

Data on poultry supplied to slaughterhouses are based on statistical surveys of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic.

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