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**Pigmeat production down**

Animal production – 2nd quarter 2023

**The meat production continued to drop in Q2 2023; by 2.2%, year-on-year. It was caused by a significant decline of pigmeat production (−6.7%), while the production of the remaining meat types went up, y-o-y: beef by 4.0% and poultrymeat by 1.1%. Direct purchases of milk from producers increased by 1.9%, year-on-year.**

# Meat production and milk collection

In total 17 486 tonnes of beef were produced in Q2 2023; it is, due to a low comparison base of the last year, by 4.0% more, y-o-y. In total 55.9 thous. head of cattle (+3.0%) were slaughtered, of which by 6.4% more cows and by 0.5% less bulls, whose average slaughtering weight was by 8.3 kg higher. Pigmeat production amounted to 49 901 tonnes (−6.7%). Slaughtering of pigs declined to 540.6 thous. head (−6.2%). Poultrymeat production reached 43 187 tonnes (+1.1%).In total 805 682 thousand litres of milk (+1.9%) were collected from domestic producers in Q2 2023.

*„Pigmeat production declines since the beginning of 2022 due to reduced farming of sows and consequent drop in the number of fattening pigs. The impact of growing prices of pigs for slaughter begins to be reflected in stabilisation in the number of sows, but on the other hand, there was a decline in the preliminary calculated consumption of pigmeat,"* Renata Vodičková, Head of the Agricultural and Forestry Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), explained.

„*Beef and poultrymeat production in Q2 2023 slightly increased. Persistently increased prices of cattle for slaughter mirrored in lower preliminary calculated consumption of beef, while the consumption of poultrymeat rose,”* 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 were similar to those in Q2 2022 (+0.9%). Farmers received on average 58.08 CZK per kg in live weight or 105.70 CZK per kg in carcass weight. Prices of pigs for slaughter were by 24.1% higher than in Q2 2022. The average price reached 41.60 CZK per kg in live weight or 54.08 CZK per kg in carcass weight; i.e. by 3.78 CZK per kg in carcass weight more than in Q1 2023. The prices of chicken for slaughter increased as well, y-o-y (+17.6%). Chicken for slaughter of the first quality class were sold on average for 30.61 CZK per kg in live weight, i.e. for the same price as in Q1 2023. Agricultural producer prices of milk grew by 7.8%, y-o-y. The average price of Q-quality milk reached 11.60 CZK per litre.

More detailed information on meat production in Q2 2023 can be found [in the supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production](https://www.czso.cz/documents/11350/191257293/azem080823_komentar.pdf).

Notes:

*Published data are final.*

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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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**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)