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Fewer pigs but more cattle and poultry delivered to slaughterhouses

Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 2nd quarter 2023

**Gross domestic beef and poultry production slightly increased year-on-year in Q2 2023, in contrast to pigmeat. In terms of carcass weight (meat), by 2.0% more cattle for slaughter and by 1.3% more poultry for slaughter were delivered from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad. The number of pigs for slaughter delivered to slaughterhouses again decreased significantly (-12.3%). Preliminary calculated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, for poultrymeat (+3.2%) but decreased for beef (-3.9%) and pigmeat (-5.9%).**

# Beef

The total beef production at slaughterhouses in Q2 2023 amounted to 17 486 tonnes (+4.0%).

Its gross indigenous production, however, increased only by 2.0% due to slightly reduced exports of animals for slaughter. In total 5 797 tonnes of live animals, recalculated to carcass weight, were exported; this amount corresponds to monthly production of beef in Czechia.

The deficit of the balance of the cross-border movement of beef slightly deepened, y-o-y, as its exports in Q2 2023 amounted to 4 145 tonnes (+22.5%) and its imports to 10 648 tonnes (−7.8%).

Thus, the preliminary calculated amount of beef intended for consumption in Czechia went down by 3.9% to 24 351 tonnes.

**Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in Q2 2023**

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|  | **Row** | **Number of animals (head)** | **Live weight****(tonnes)** | **Carcass weight / meat**  |
| **tonnes** | **y-o-y change** |
| Slaughtering in slaughterhouses | 01 | 55 947 | 32 792 | 17 486 | +4.0% |
| Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses | 02 | 1 165 | 665 | 362 | -4.0% |
| **Usable Production** | **03=01+02** | **57 112** | **33 457** | **17 848** | **+3.8%** |
| Exports of animals for slaughter | 04 | 16 409 | 10 826 | 5 797 | -3.0% |
| Imports of animals for slaughter | 05 | 150 | 90 | 47 | +44.0% |
| **Gross indigenous production** | **06=03+04-05** | **73 371** | **44 194** | **23 598** | **+2.0%** |
| Exports of meat | 07 | x | x | 4 145 | +22.5% |
| Imports of meat | 08 | x | x | 10 648 | -7.8% |
| **Calculated consumption** | **09=03-07+08** | **x** | **x** | **24 351** | **-3.9%** |

According to results of the statistical survey as at 30 June 2023, there were 1 424.9 thous. head of cattle (−2.0%, y-o-y) kept in the Czech Republic, of which 579.4 thous. cows (−0.7%). A more distinct year-on-year decline, reflecting slightly increasing exports of young cattle and calves, was recorded for fattening bulls (−9.2%). The number of mated heifers, i.e. animals intended for recovery of the basic herd, remained almost unchanged (+0.5%).

**Pigmeat**

Pigmeat production in Q2 2023 reached 49 901 tonnes and was by 6.7% lower than in Q2 2022. Slaughtering of pigs from fattening went down by 5.7%.

Exports of pigs for slaughter plummeted, y-o-y, to approximately one half (to 26.2 thous. head; −53.4%). As their imports increased at the same time, the gross indigenous production fell to 51 883 tonnes (−12.3%).

The preliminary calculated consumption of pigmeat dropped by 5.9%, y-o-y, although there was a slight decline of imports (−4.2%) and increase of exports (+1.6%) of pigmeat.

**Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in Q2 2023**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Row** | **Number of animals (head)** | **Live weight****(tonnes)** | **Carcass weight / meat**  |
| **tonnes** | **y-o-y change** |
| Slaughtering in slaughterhouses | 01 | 540 608 | 65 305 | 49 901 | -6.7% |
| Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses | 02 | 3 500 | 244 | 188 | -33.1% |
| **Usable Production** | **03=01+02** | **544 108** | **65 549** | **50 089** | **-6.9**% |
| Exports of animals for slaughter | 04 | 26 229 | 3 321 | 2 554 | -53.1% |
| Imports of animals for slaughter | 05 | 8 035 | 1006 | 761 | 919.6% |
| **Gross indigenous production** | **06=03+04-05** | **562 302** | **67 864** | **51 883** | **-12.3**% |
| Exports of meat | 07 | x | x | 8 656 | +1.6% |
| Imports of meat | 08 | x | x | 68 097 | -4.2% |
| **Calculated consumption** | **09=03-07+08** | **x** | **x** | **109 530** | **-5.9**% |

The number of pigs farmed in Czechia as at 30 June 2023 accounted for 1 333.4 thous head (by 4.2% less, y-o-y), of which 78.4 thous. head were sows (+0.2%). The number of fattening pigs decreased by 3.3%. However, exports of piglets went considerably down and their imports up during Q2 2023. With a stable sow numbers and a higher number of mated gilts (+20.3%), the decline in gross domestic pig meat production is expected to stop in the coming period.

**Poultrymeat**

In total 66 455 tonnes of poultry were delivered to the slaughterhouses in Q2 2023, which represents the production of 43 187 tonnes of poultrymeat; i.e. 1.1% more, y-o-y.

Exports of animals intended to slaughter slightly rose, y-o-y, to 7 220 tonnes of carcass weight (+2.6%), which supported an increase in gross domestic poultrymeat production to a total of 51 577 tonnes (+1.3%).

Imports of poultrymeat remained approximately at the same level as in Q2 2022 (28 202 tonnes; +0.8%) but its exports went down (5 425 tonnes; −20.2%). Therefore, 67 134 tonnes (+3.2%) of poultrymeat intended for domestic consumption remained in the Czech Republic.

**Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in Q2 2023**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Row** | **Number of animals (thous. head)** | **Live weight****(tonnes)** | **Carcass weight / meat**  |
| **tonnes** | **y-o-y change** |
| Slaughtering in slaughterhouses | 01 | 30 602 | 66 455 | 43 187 | +1.1% |
| Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses | 02 | 680 | 1 770 | 1 171 | +0.4% |
| **Usable Production** | **03=01+02** | **31 282** | **68 225** | **44 358** | **+1.1**% |
| Exports of animals for slaughter | 04 | 3 580 | 10 819 | 7 220 | +2.6% |
| Imports of animals for slaughter | 05 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| **Gross indigenous production** | **06=03+04-05** | **34 862** | **79 044** | **51 577** | **+1.3**% |
| Exports of meat | 07 | x | x | 5 425 | -20.2% |
| Imports of meat | 08 | x | x | 28 202 | +0.8% |
| **Calculated consumption** | **09=03-07+08** | **x** | **x** | **67 134** | **+3.2**% |

According to the statistics of poultry hatching, in total 54.8 million (+0.3%) meat type chicken were hatched in the Czech Republic in Q2 2022. Taking into account imports and exports of day-old chicks, 33.9 million broilers remained for fattening on Czech poultry farms (−1.4%, y-o-y, and by 5.9% more compared to Q1 2023).

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.*

*Data on cross border movements of goods within EU (Intrastat) do not include individual trading operations carried out by persons who are not registered for VAT. Reporting units below the applicable thresholds of CZK 12 million a year for both flows are not under reporting duty for Intrastat as well. Data on cross border movements are preliminary.*

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