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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

	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

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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

	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	1 006	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.

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Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in Q2 2023

	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.

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