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Calculated consumption of meat up, for poultrymeat the most

Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 1st quarter 2024

In Q1 2024, more pigs from Czech farms were delivered to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad, year-on-year, in contrast to almost unchanged amount of cattle and poultry. In terms of meat (carcass weight), it amounted to 58 179 tonnes (+3.8%) of pigmeat, 24 762 tonnes (-0.8%) of beef, and 48 478 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 all three types: by 3.9% for beef, by 3.2% for pigmeat, and by 8.9% for poultrymeat.

Beef

In total 17 437 tonnes of beef (-0.1%) were produced in slaughterhouses in Q1 2024. Despite that cattle slaughtering outside slaughterhouses represent only a small proportion of production, the quantity of meat from them was almost by 5% higher, y-o-y.

Gross indigenous beef production decreased by 0.8%, y-o-y, mainly due to lower exports of live animals for slaughter abroad (-3.2%), but also because of their higher imports (+2.0%). The structure of countries to which cattle for slaughter were exported changed compared to Q1 2023. Exports to Germany and Austria decreased, while exports to Poland, Italy and Hungary grew.

In total 4 084 tonnes of beef were exported (+7.3%) and 11 076 tonnes (+12.1%) were imported. Imports from the Netherlands, Germany, and Poland went up, while imports from Austria declined. Preliminary calculated consumption of beef in Q1 2024 reached 25 157 tonnes; i.e. by 3.9% more than in Q1 2023.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in the 1st quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	56 365	32 768	17 437	-0,1 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	2 316	1 340	728	+4,7 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	58 681	34 108	18 165	+0,1 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	19 641	12 511	6 693	-3,2 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	303	185	97	+2,0 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	78 019	46 434	24 762	-0,8 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	4 084	+7,3 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	11 076	+12,1 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	25 157	+3,9 %

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Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses in Q1 2024 slightly recovered. It was by 2.1% higher and amounted to 51 183 tonnes.

Exports of pigs for abroad slaughtering rose by 44.9% and their imports went up by 18.4%. Therefore, gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 58 179 tonnes (+3.8%). Exports of live pigs for slaughter increased especially for Slovakia and Hungary.

Increased imports (71 172 tonnes; +2.9%) and lower exports (7 042 tonnes; -10.7%) were expressed in preliminary calculated quantity of meat intended for domestic consumption being up by 3.2%, y-o-y. Higher amount of pigmeat was imported from Germany and Spain, while imports from Poland went down.

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in the 1st quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	548 541	66 977	51 183	+2,1 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	31 200	4 175	3 211	-5,8 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	579 741	71 152	54 395	+1,6 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	44 871	5 631	4 332	+44,9 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	5 837	721	547	+18,4 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	618 775	76 062	58 179	+3,8 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	7 042	-10,7 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	71 172	+2,9 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	118 524	+3,2 %

Poultrymeat

In total 62 695 tonnes of poultry were delivered to the slaughterhouses in Q1 2024, which corresponds to 40 721 tonnes of poultrymeat produced (-0.5%).

Exports of animals for abroad slaughtering increased to 6 585 tonnes of carcass weight (+4.2%), which, together with zero imports, corresponds with gross indigenous production negligibly up by 0.1% and amounting to 48 478 tonnes.

Imports of poultrymeat increased to 33 129 tonnes (+18.8%) but its exports fell (4 957 tonnes; -12.4%). Therefore, 70 065 tonnes (+8.9%) of poultrymeat intended for domestic consumption remained in Czechia. Year-on-year increase was recorded for imports from Poland, Hungary, and Ukraine, while imports from Slovakia declined.

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Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in the 1st quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (thous. head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	29 153	62 695	40 721	-0,5 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	685	1 771	1 172	+0,2 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	29 838	64 466	41 893	-0,5 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	2 813	9 765	6 585	+4,2 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	0	0	0	-
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	32 651	74 231	48 478	+0,1 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	4 957	-12,4 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	33 129	+18,8 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	70 065	+8,9 %

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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