

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Gross indigenous production of meat up in 2024

# **Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 2024**

In 2024, the same amount of cattle and poultry for slaughter was delivered from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad, while deliveries of pigs for slaughter increased, year-on-year. In terms of meat (carcass weight), this amounted to 99 815 tonnes (+0.9%) of beef, 228 876 tonnes (+5.4%) of pigmeat and 201 799 tonnes (+0.5%) of poultrymeat. After taking into account the balance of meat imports and exports, the preliminary estimated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, by 0.6% for beef, by 3.4% for pigmeat, and by 6.2% for poultrymeat.

#### Beef

In total 68 831 tonnes of beef (-2.0%) were produced in slaughterhouses in 2024. The share of animals imported from abroad for slaughtering at slaughterhouses was negligible.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad went up by 8.4%; therefore, the gross indigenous production of beef remained almost the same as in 2023 (+0.9%). In total 83.7 thous. head of cattle, i.e. one quarter of the animals fattened in Czechia, were exported abroad for slaughter. The largest sales of this commodity were in Austria, but compared to 2023, exports to Austria and Germany declined, while those to more distant countries (Italy, Hungary, Croatia) went up. Beef exports accounted for 15 333 tonnes (-4.9%) and their imports for 44 374 tonnes (+2.8%), mostly from Poland; imports from Germany declined. Beef was exported mainly to Slovakia.

Transports of beef between the Netherlands and the Czechia run in both directions Preliminary calculated beef consumption in 2024 was 100 040 tonnes, i.e. by 0.6% more than in 2023.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	224 267	129 365	68 831	-2.0%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	6 916	3 988	2 168	+1.3%
Usable Production	03=01+02	231 183	133 353	70 999	-1.9%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	83 661	54 231	29 088	+8.4%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	860	517	272	-11.3%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	313 984	187 067	99 815	+0.9%
Exports of meat	07	х	х	15 333	-4.9%
Imports of meat	08	х	х	44 374	+2.8%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	х	х	100 040	+0.6%



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#### **Pigmeat**

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses rose by 6.9% to 211 588 tonnes in 2024.

Gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 228 876 tonnes, i.e. by 5.4% more than in 2023. Exports of pigs for slaughtering abroad went down by 8.3%, y-o-y; on the contrary, their imports rose by 28.1%. However, imports accounted for only a quarter of exports. Fattened pigs were exported mostly to Slovakia and Hungary, although exports to both countries declined. On the contrary, exports to Germany and Poland significantly increased.

The amount of pigmeat remaining for domestic consumption, as preliminarily calculated, was 471 025 tonnes, i.e. by 3.4% more, y-o-y. Imports of pigmeat stagnated. Its imports amounted to 282 136 tonnes (+0.3%) and its exports to 30 273 tonnes; (-4.0%). Imported pigmeat came from Germany in quantities lower than in 2023, while higher imports were recorded from Spain. Exports of pigmeat went mainly to Slovakia

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	2 281 355	276 962	211 588	+6.9%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	77 500	9 845	7 573	-1.5%
Usable Production	03=01+02	2 358 855	286 807	219 162	+6.6%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	136 453	16 931	13 018	-8.3%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	35 443	4327	3303	+28.1%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	2 459 865	299 411	228 876	+5.4%
Exports of meat	07	х	х	30 273	-4.0%
Imports of meat	08	х	х	282 136	+0.3%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	х	х	471 025	+3.4%

### **Poultrymeat**

In total 260 886 tonnes of poultry were delivered to the slaughterhouses in 2024, which corresponds to 169 534 tonnes of poultrymeat produced (+1.1%).

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad slightly decreased, y-o-y, to 27 574 tonnes of carcass weight (-2.9%), which, together with negligible imports, corresponds with the gross indigenous production being almost the same as in 20233 (+0.5%) It amounted to 201 799 tonnes of poultrymeat.

Higher poultrymeat imports (134 715 tonnes; +11.6%) and lower exports (21 304 tonnes; -3.8%) were reflected in preliminary poultrymeat consumption being by 6.2% higher (287 638 tonnes). Meat from Poland dominated almost two-thirds of imported poultry meat, with an increase by 18%, y-o-y, and imports from Hungary rose as well. Poultrymeat from Czechia was exported mainly to Slovakia, Austria and Germany.

Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in the 3rd quarter 2024

Row	Number of Live weight	Carcass weight / meat		
Row	animals (thous. head)	(tonnes)	tonnes	y-o-y change



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Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	287 638	+6.2%
Imports of meat	08	х	х	134 715	+11.6%
Exports of meat	07	х	х	21 304	-3.8%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	136 475	309 073	201 799	+0.5%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	2	5	3	_
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	13 002	41 096	27 574	-2.9%
Usable Production	03=01+02	123 474	267 981	174 228	+1.1%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	2 684	7 095	4 694	+0.3%
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	120 790	260 886	169 534	+1.1%

#### 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.

Data on cross border movements of goods within EU (Intrastat) include individual trading operations carried out by persons who are registered for VAT. Reporting units, which exceeded the thresholds of CZK 12 million a year for both flows in 2023, or newly reporting ones, which exceeded CZK 15 million in 2024. are under reporting duty for Intrastat. The data are valid as at the date of publication of the supplementary information.

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