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Supplies of slaughter animals to slaughterhouses up

Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 1st quarter 2025

The amount of cattle, pigs, and poultry for slaughter delivered from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad rose, year-on-year, in Q1 2025. In terms of meat (carcass weight), it amounted to 25 407 tonnes (+2.0%) of beef, 60 445 tonnes (+3.7%) of pigmeat, and 53 326 tonnes (+8.1%) of poultrymeat. After taking into account the balance of meat imports and exports, the preliminary calculated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, by 3.2% for pigmeat as well as for poultrymeat, while it distinctly declined, y-o-y, for beef.

Beef

In total 17 217 tonnes of beef (–1.3%) were produced in slaughterhouses in Q1 2025. The share of animals imported from abroad for slaughtering at slaughterhouses was negligible.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad increased by 11.5%; therefore, the gross indigenous production of beef went slightly up, y-o-y (+2.0%). In total 21.3 thous. head of cattle, i.e. almost one quarter of the animals fattened in Czechia, were exported abroad for slaughter. The largest sales of cattle for slaughter were in Austria; their exports to Italy rose, y-o-y, but these to Germany and Hungary declined.

Beef imports accounted for 8 928 tonnes (–20.0%), mainly from Poland and the Netherlands. Imports from all important countries, especially Germany, decreased. Exports of beef reached 3 537 tonnes (–13.0%), mainly to Slovakia. Exports to the Netherlands dropped the most but these to Poland were higher, y-o-y.

Preliminary calculated beef consumption in Q1 2025 was 23 311 tonnes, i.e. by significant 7.7% less, y-o-y.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in the 1st quarter 2025

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	55 459	32 387	17 217	–1.3%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	2 261	1 295	703	–3.4%
Usable Production	03=01+02	57 720	33 681	17 921	–1.3%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	21 308	14 259	7 634	+11.5%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	467	275	148	+38.6%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	78 561	47 666	25 407	+2.0%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	3 537	–13.0%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	8 928	–20.0%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	23 311	–7.7%

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Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses rose by 6.6% to 54 581 tonnes in Q1 2025.

Gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 60 445 tonnes, i.e. by 3.7% more, y-o-y. Exports of pigs for slaughter abroad plummeted by 29.5% and their imports went down as well by 15.8%. The largest number of fattened pigs was exported to Slovakia. Exports to all important countries decreased, most of all to Hungary. Exports to Poland increased.

Imports of pigmeat amounted to 72 396 tonnes (+1.9%) and its export to 8 004 tonnes (+13.6%). Imported pigmeat came the most from Germany and Spain, exports went mainly to Slovakia.

The amount of pigmeat remaining for domestic consumption, as preliminarily calculated, was 122 185 tonnes, i.e. by 3.2% more, y-o-y.

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in the 1st quarter 2025

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	571 414	71 463	54 581	+6.6%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	32 800	4 175	3 211	0.0%
Usable Production	03=01+02	604 214	75 638	57 793	+6.2%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	32 380	4 063	3 126	-29.5%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	5 191	622	473	-15.8%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	631 403	79 079	60 445	+3.7%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	8 004	+13.6%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	72 396	+1.9%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	122 185	+3.2%

Poultrymeat¹

In total 43 452 tonnes of poultrymeat (+6.7%) were produced at slaughterhouses in Q1 2025.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad increased, y-o-y, to 7 701 tonnes of carcass weight (+16.9%), which corresponds with the gross indigenous production being by 8.1% higher, y-o-y. It amounted in total to 53 326 tonnes of poultrymeat. Two thirds of chicken and hens intended to be slaughtered abroad were exported to Poland and the remaining ones to Slovakia and Germany. Fattened turkeys were exported to Germany and Poland.

Imports of poultrymeat declined only slightly, y-o-y, to 33 097 tonnes (-0.7%) and its exports went up by 8.1% (to 5 366 tonnes). Meat from Poland dominated almost two-thirds of imported poultrymeat and its imports from Germany rose as well. Poultrymeat from Czechia was exported mainly to Slovakia, Austria and Germany.

¹ From 2025 onwards, **quarterly** data on poultry meat production is available only for the following species: chickens (chicken, hens), ducks, and turkeys. In 2024, the share of meat from these species in total poultry production was 99.95%.

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Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in the 1st quarter 2025

	Row	Number of animals (thous. head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	29 073	66 877	43 452	+6.7%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	1 454	3 344	2 173	+6.7%
Usable Production	03=01+02	30 527	70 220	45 625	+6.7%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	3 849	11 580	7 701	+16.9%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	0	0	0	-
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	34 376	81 801	53 326	+8.1%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	5 366	+8.1%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	33 097	-0.7%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	73 357	+3.2%

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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