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Deliveries of animals to slaughterhouses up Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 3rd quarter 2024

Deliveries of animals from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in the Czech Republic or abroad increased, year-on-year, in Q3 2024 for cattle, pigs, and poultry for slaughter. Expressed in terms of meat (carcass weight), it was 23 691 tonnes (+3.6%) of beef, 54 677 tonnes (+8.4%) of pigmeat and 52 048 tonnes (+3.6%) of poultry. After taking into account the balance of meat imports and exports, the preliminary estimated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, by 1.1% for beef, 4.3% for pigmeat, and 5.7% for poultry.

Beef

In total 16 218 tonnes of beef (–0.5%) were produced in slaughterhouses in Q3 2024. The share of animals imported from abroad for slaughtering at slaughterhouses was negligible. Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad went up by 13.6%; therefore, gross indigenous production of beef slightly increased by 3.6%, y-o-y. In total 21.4 thous. head of cattle were exported abroad for slaughter, i.e. one quarter of the animals fattened in the Czech Republic. The largest sales of this commodity were in Austria, but compared to Q3 2023, exports from neighbouring countries (Austria, Germany, Poland) moved to more distant ones (Italy, Hungary). Beef exports accounted for 3 550 tonnes (–11.2%) and their imports for 11 088 tonnes (–1.0%), mostly from Poland and the Netherlands; imports from Germany declined. Preliminary calculated beef consumption in Q3 2024 was 23 880 tonnes, i.e. by 1.1% more than in Q3 2023.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in the 3rd quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	53 442	30 498	16 218	-0.5%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	414	226	123	-5.2%
Usable Production	03=01+02	53 856	30 724	16 341	-0.5%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	21 400	13 794	7 424	+13.6%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	240	138	73	-15.8%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	75 016	44 380	23 691	+3.6%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	3 550	-11.2%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	11 088	-1.0%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	23 880	+1.1%

Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses rose again, y-o-y, in Q3 2024. It was by 12.7% higher and amounted to 52 109 tonnes.

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Gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 54 677 tonnes, i.e. by 8.4% more, y-o-y. Exports of pigs for slaughtering abroad went down by 34.0%, y-o-y; on the contrary, their imports rose by 36.8%. However, imports accounted for only a quarter of exports. Declined exports of fattened pigs were recorded mainly to Slovakia and Hungary, exports to Germany and Poland slightly increased.

The amount of pigmeat remaining for domestic consumption, as preliminarily calculated, was 112 426 tonnes, i.e. by 4.3% more, y-o-y, despite its decreased imports (67 949 tonnes; -0.4%) and higher exports (8 024 tonnes; +15.2%). Imported pigmeat came from Germany in quantities significantly lower than a year ago, while higher imports were recorded from Spain.

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in the 3rd quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	570 083	68 236	52 109	+12.7%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	5 800	510	392	+37.2%
Usable Production	03=01+02	575 883	68 747	52 502	+12.9%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	31 937	3 889	2 990	-34.0%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	8 733	1068	814	+36.8%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	599 087	71 568	54 677	+8.4%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	8 024	+15.2%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	67 949	-0.4%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	112 426	+4.3%

Poultrymeat

In total 66 720 tonnes of poultry were delivered to the slaughterhouses in Q3 2024, which corresponds to 43 355 tonnes of poultrymeat produced (+4.5%).

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad decreased only slightly, y-o-y, to 7 518 tonnes of carcass weight (-0.8%), which, together with zero imports, corresponds with gross indigenous production up by 3.6% and amounting to 52 048 tonnes of poultrymeat.

Although poultrymeat exports rose (5 972 tonnes; +5.0%), the increase in imports to 32 058 tonnes (+7.4%) was reflected in a 5.7% higher preliminary poultrymeat consumption (70 615 tonnes). Imported poultry meat was dominated by meat from Poland, whose amount increased year-on-year, as did poultry meat from Hungary. In contrast, imports from Germany and Slovakia decreased.

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

	Row	Number of animals (thous. head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	31 222	66 720	43 355	+4.5%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	685	1 776	1 175	+0.3%
Usable Production	03=01+02	31 907	68 496	44 530	+4.4%

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Exports of animals for slaughter	04	3 998	11 292	7 518	-0.8%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	0	0	0	-
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	35 905	79 788	52 048	+3.6%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	5 972	+5.0%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	32 058	+7.4%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	70 615	+5.7%

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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