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Consumption of pigmeat and poultrymeat continued to grow

Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 1st quarter 2026

In Q1 2026, higher number of poultry and pigs for slaughter was delivered from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad, year-on-year, while supplies of cattle for slaughter went slightly down. In terms of meat (carcass weight), it amounted to 24 808 tonnes (-4.2%) of beef, 63 858 tonnes (+5.6%) of pigmeat, and 56 713 tonnes (+7.2%) of poultrymeat. After taking the balance of meat imports and exports into account, the preliminary estimated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, by 6.1% for pigmeat and by 7.2% for poultrymeat; on the contrary, the consumption of beef fell by 2.7%.

Beef

In total 16 965 tonnes of beef (-1.5%) were produced in slaughterhouses in Q1 2026. The number of animals imported from abroad for slaughtering at slaughterhouses in Czechia was very low, and, therefore, the overall share of imports on the result was negligible.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad went down by 7.9%; despite this, these 20.9 thous. head of exported cattle for slaughter still accounted to more than a quarter of animals fattened in Czechia. Therefore, the total gross indigenous production of beef went down by 4.2%, y-o-y. The largest sales of cattle for slaughter were, despite a slight decrease, in Austria, followed by Italy and Poland.

Beef exports amounted to 3 532 tonnes (-1.6%) and its imports to 8 685 tonnes (-3.5%); it came the most from the Netherlands and Poland. Large amount of beef was exported to Slovakia, but exports to the Netherlands rose and began to dominate.

Preliminary calculated beef consumption in Q1 2026 reached 22 708 tonnes, i.e. by 2.7% less, y-o-y.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in the 1st quarter 2026

| | Row | Number of animals (head) | Live weight (tonnes) | Carcass weight / meat | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | | | tonnes | y-o-y change |
| Slaughtering in slaughterhouses | 01 | 53 778 | 31 908 | 16 965 | -1,5% |
| Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses | 02 | 1 834 | 1 087 | 591 | -16,1% |
| Usable Production | 03=01+02 | 55 612 | 32 995 | 17 556 | -2,0% |
| Exports of animals for slaughter | 04 | 20 861 | 13 644 | 7 302 | -10,1% |
| Imports of animals for slaughter | 05 | 165 | 96 | 50 | -66,1% |
| Gross indigenous production | 06=03+04-05 | 76 308 | 46 543 | 24 808 | -4,2% |
| Exports of meat | 07 | x | x | 3 532 | -1,6% |
| Imports of meat | 08 | x | x | 8 685 | -3,5% |
| Calculated consumption | 09=03-07+08 | x | x | 22 708 | -2,7% |

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Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses in Q1 2026 rose by 2.9% to 56 174 tonnes. Gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 63 858 tonnes, i.e. by 5.6% more, y-o-y. Exports of pigs for slaughter abroad rose by 73.8% and their imports went distinctly up as well. The number of animals imported for slaughter, however, accounts for only a quarter of the number of exported ones. Most of the fattened pigs were exported to Poland, with the amount increased more than three times; and the situation was similar for Hungary. Exports to Slovakia declined. The amount of pigmeat remaining for domestic consumption, as preliminarily calculated, was 130 388 tonnes, i.e. by 6.1% more, y-o-y. This result was influenced by a significant increase of pigmeat imports to 80 585 tonnes (+9.6%); 9 754 tonnes (+15.5%) were exported. Imported pigmeat came the most from Spain and Germany: Its exports went mainly to Slovakia.

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in the 1st quarter 2026

| | Row | Number of animals (head) | Live weight (tonnes) | Carcass weight / meat | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | | | tonnes | y-o-y change |
| Slaughtering in slaughterhouses | 01 | 585 035 | 73 632 | 56 174 | +2,9% |
| Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses | 02 | 34 000 | 4 398 | 3 383 | +5,4% |
| Usable Production | 03=01+02 | 619 035 | 78 030 | 59 557 | +3,1% |
| Exports of animals for slaughter | 04 | 56 007 | 7 060 | 5 431 | +73,8% |
| Imports of animals for slaughter | 05 | 17 208 | 1 470 | 1 130 | +139,2% |
| Gross indigenous production | 06=03+04-05 | 657 834 | 83 620 | 63 858 | +5,6% |
| Exports of meat | 07 | x | x | 9 754 | +15,5% |
| Imports of meat | 08 | x | x | 80 585 | +9,6% |
| Calculated consumption | 09=03-07+08 | x | x | 130 388 | +6,1% |

Poultrymeat¹

In total 30 195 thous. head of poultry were delivered to slaughterhouses and 46 136 tonnes of poultrymeat (+6,2%) was produced in Q1 2026.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad increased, y-o-y, to 8 357 tonnes of carcass weight (+14.6%), with turkeys accounting for more than a quarter of this amount. Chickens and hens for slaughter were exported to Poland and Slovakia, turkeys to Poland and Germany. The total gross indigenous production reached 56 713 tonnes of poultrymeat, i.e. by 7.2% more, y-o-y.

An increase of poultrymeat imports to 36 565 tonnes (+10.1%) and rise of its exports to 6 349 tonnes (+16.6%) was reflected in preliminary calculated poultrymeat consumption being by 7.2% higher (78 660 tonnes). Poultrymeat from Poland prevailed in imports; poultrymeat from Czechia was exported mainly to Austria and Slovakia.

¹ Data on poultry meat production is available as at the date of publication of the News Release only for the following species: chickens (chicken, hens), ducks, and turkeys.

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Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in the 1st quarter 2026

| | Row | Number of animals (thous. head) | Live weight (tonnes) | Carcass weight / meat | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | | | tonnes | y-o-y change |
| Slaughtering in slaughterhouses | 01 | 30 195 | 70 975 | 46 136 | +6,2% |
| Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses*) | 02 | 1 510 | 3 549 | 2 307 | +6,2% |
| Usable Production | 03=01+02 | 31 704 | 74 524 | 48 443 | +6,2% |
| Exports of animals for slaughter | 04 | 3 795 | 12 471 | 8 357 | +14,6% |
| Imports of animals for slaughter | 05 | 63 | 133 | 86 | - |
| Gross indigenous production | 06=03+04-05 | 35 437 | 86 862 | 56 713 | +7,2% |
| Exports of meat | 07 | x | x | 6 349 | +16,6% |
| Imports of meat | 08 | x | x | 36 565 | +10,1% |
| Calculated consumption | 09=03-07+08 | x | x | 78 660 | +7,2% |

*) Estimation: 5% of the value of slaughtering in slaughterhouses

Notes:

Published data on meat production are final.

Data on slaughtering out of slaughterhouses for cattle and pigs are provided by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Data on poultry supplied to slaughterhouses are based on statistical surveys of the Ministry of Agriculture.

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 exceeding the thresholds of CZK 15 million are under reporting duty for Intrastat. The data are valid as at the date of publication of the supplementary information.

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