

Consumption of beef down again, on the contrary to poultrymeat and pigmeat

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In Q2 2026, higher number of poultry and pigs for slaughter was delivered from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in Czechia or abroad, year-on-year, and decline of supplies of cattle for slaughter slowed. In terms of meat (carcass weight), it amounted to 23 647 tonnes (–0.9%) of beef, 59 305 tonnes (+3.3%) of pigmeat, and 58 455 tonnes (+3.8%) of poultrymeat. After taking the balance of meat imports and exports into account, the preliminary estimated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, by 1.7% for pigmeat and by 5.9% for poultrymeat; on the contrary, the consumption of beef fell by 6.5%.

Beef

In total 16 343 tonnes of beef (–0.5%) were produced in slaughterhouses in Q2 2026. The number of animals imported from abroad for slaughtering at slaughterhouses in Czechia was very low, and, therefore, the share of imported cattle on slaughtering was negligible.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad went down by 1.6%. In total 19.2 thous. head of cattle for slaughter were exported, of which approximately one half were bulls and one quarter each were cows and heifers. Therefore, the total gross indigenous production of beef went down by 0.9%, y-o-y, and exports of animals for slaughter contributed to this figure by 29.8%.

Preliminary calculated beef consumption in Q2 2026 reached 21 186 tonnes, i.e. by 6.5% less, y-o-y. This result reflects decreased imports (to 8 306 tonnes; –10.6%) and increased exports (to 3 753 tonnes; +10.0%) of beef. Beef imports accounted for 39.2% of total consumption.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in the 2nd quarter 2026

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	51 977	30 711	16 343	–0,5 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	891	532	290	–17,6 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	52 868	31 244	16 633	–0,9 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	19 163	13 102	7 054	–1,6 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	138	74	40	–61,2 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	71 893	44 272	23 647	–0,9 %



Exports of meat	07	x	x	3 753	+10,0 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	8 306	-10,6 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	21 186	-6,5 %

Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses in Q2 2026 rose by 0.4% to 54 387 tonnes.

Gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 59 305 tonnes, i.e. by 3.3% more, y-o-y. Exports of pigs for slaughter abroad (in carcass weight) rose by 55.9%; their imports went distinctly up as well. The number of animals exported for slaughter contributed to the gross indigenous production by 8.9%,

The amount of pigmeat remaining for domestic consumption in Q2 2026, as preliminarily calculated, was 121 919 tonnes, i.e. by 1.7% more, y-o-y. This result was influenced by a slight increase of pigmeat imports to 76 475 tonnes (+3.4%); 9 239 tonnes (+8.6%) were exported. The share of pigmeat imports in the preliminary consumption was 62.7%.

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in the 2nd quarter 2026

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	569 164	71 271	54 387	+0,4 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	3 600	384	295	+33,8 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	572 764	71 654	54 682	+0,6 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	54 371	6 860	5 277	+55,9 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	6 715	858	654	+100,6 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	620 420	77 657	59 305	+3,3 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	9 239	+8,6 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	76 475	+3,4 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	121 919	+1,7 %

Poultrymeat¹

In total 31 303 thous. head of poultry were delivered to slaughterhouses and 48 525 tonnes of poultrymeat (+3,7%) was produced in Q2 2026.

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad increased, y-o-y, to 7 822 tonnes of carcass weight (+7.3%), with turkeys accounting for more than a quarter of this amount. The total gross indigenous

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.

production reached 58 455 tonnes of poultrymeat, i.e. by 3.8% more, y-o-y. The share of live poultry exports in the preliminary consumption was 13.4%.

Increased poultrymeat imports to 35 610 tonnes (+8.5%) and rise of its exports to 5 444 tonnes (+1.7%) was reflected in preliminary calculated poultrymeat consumption being by 5.9% higher (81 117 tonnes). Poultrymeat imports contributed to the preliminary consumption by 43.9%.

Table 3: Decomposition of poultry production in the 2nd quarter 2026

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	31 303	74 643	48 525	+3,7 %
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	1 565	3 732	2 426	+3,7 %
Usable Production	03=01+02	32 868	78 375	50 951	+3,7 %
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	3 571	11 703	7 822	+7,3 %
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	248	489	318	+216,6 %
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	36 191	89 589	58 455	+3,8 %
Exports of meat	07	x	x	5 444	+1,7 %
Imports of meat	08	x	x	35 610	+8,5 %
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	81 117	+5,9 %

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