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Gross indigenous production of pigmeat up

Supplementary information to the News Release on Animal production – 2nd quarter 2024

Deliveries of animals from Czech farms to slaughterhouses in the Czech Republic or abroad increased in Q2 2024, year-on-year, for pigs, in contrast to lower deliveries of poultry and almost the same amount of cattle. In terms of meat (carcass weight), it accounted for 55 751 tonnes (+7.4%) of pigmeat, 50 923 tonnes (-1.3%) of poultrymeat and 23 630 tonnes (-0.2%) of beef. After taking into account the balance of meat imports and exports, the preliminary calculated meat consumption increased, y-o-y, for all three types: beef by 2.5%, pigmeat by 2.0% and poultrymeat by 5.2%.

Beef

In total 16 690 tonnes of beef (-4.6%) were produced in slaughterhouses in Q2 2024. The share of animals imported from abroad for slaughtering at slaughterhouses was negligible.

However, exports of animals for slaughtering abroad increased by 12.7%, therefore gross indigenous production of beef decreased only by 0.2%, y-o-y. In total 18.8 thous. head of cattle were exported abroad for slaughter, i.e. one quarter of the animals fattened in the Czech Republic. These exports went mainly to Austria, Hungary, Italy and Poland, while exports to Germany declined.

Beef exports accounted for 3 968 tonnes (-4.4%) and imports, mostly from Poland and the Netherlands, for 12 030 tonnes (+11.4. %).

Preliminary calculated beef consumption in Q2 2024 was 25 101 tonnes, i.e. 2.5% more than in Q2 2023.

Table 1: Decomposition of beef production in the 2nd quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	54 128	31 367	16 690	-4.6%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	1 113	643	349	-3.4%
Usable Production	03=01+02	55 241	32 010	17 039	-4.5%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	18 822	12 309	6 622	+12.7%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	95	59	31	-33.3%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	73 968	44 260	23 630	-0.2%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	3 968	-4.4%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	12 030	+11.4%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	25 101	+2.5%

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Pigmeat

Pigmeat production at slaughterhouses slightly rose again, y-o-y, in Q2 2024. It was by 5.6% higher and amounted to 52 678 tonnes.

Exports of pigs for slaughtering abroad rose by 33.9%, y-o-y; on the contrary, their imports went down by 10.2%. Therefore, gross indigenous production of pigmeat reached 55 751 tonnes (+7.4%). Live pigs for slaughter were exported mainly to Slovakia and Poland.

Lower imports (67 289 tonnes; -2.6%) as well as exports (7 521 tonnes; -12.8%) were expressed in preliminary calculated quantity of meat intended for domestic consumption being up by 2.0%, y-o-y.

The amount of pigmeat remaining for domestic consumption, as preliminarily calculated, increased by 2.0%, y-o-y, despite that imports of pigmeat slightly decreased (67 289 tonnes; -2.6%). Less pigmeat was exported as well (7 521 tonnes; -12.8%).

Table 2: Decomposition of pigmeat production in the 2nd quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	566 657	68 979	52 678	+5.6%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	3 500	410	316	+68.0%
Usable Production	03=01+02	570 157	69 389	52 994	+5.8%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	35 536	4 471	3 436	+33.9%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	7 000	893	680	-10.2%
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	598 693	72 968	55 751	+7.4%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	7 521	-12.8%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	67 289	-2.6%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	112 763	+2.0%

Poultrymeat

In total 66 619 tonnes of poultry were delivered to the slaughterhouses in Q2 2024, which corresponds to 43 279 tonnes of poultrymeat produced (+0.2%).

Exports of animals for slaughtering abroad decreased to 6 470 tonnes of carcass weight (-10.8%), which, together with zero imports, corresponds with gross indigenous production down by 1.3% and amounting to 50 923 tonnes of poultrymeat.

Preliminary results show that, due to increased imports (32 482 tonnes; +12.2%) and slightly higher exports (5 556 tonnes; +2.4%) of poultrymeat, in total 71 379 tonnes (+5.2%) of poultrymeat intended for domestic consumption remained available in Czechia.

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Table 3: Decomposition of poultrymeat production in the 2nd quarter 2024

	Row	Number of animals (thous. head)	Live weight (tonnes)	Carcass weight / meat	
				tonnes	y-o-y change
Slaughtering in slaughterhouses	01	30 909	66 619	43 279	+0.2%
Slaughtering out of slaughterhouses	02	685	1 775	1 174	+0.3%
Usable Production	03=01+02	31 594	68 394	44 453	+0.2%
Exports of animals for slaughter	04	2 912	9 601	6 470	-10.8%
Imports of animals for slaughter	05	0	0	0	-
Gross indigenous production	06=03+04-05	34 506	77 995	50 923	-1.3%
Exports of meat	07	x	x	5 556	+2.4%
Imports of meat	08	x	x	32 482	+12.2%
Calculated consumption	09=03-07+08	x	x	71 379	+5.2%

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.

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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