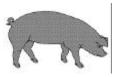


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Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending April 3, 2004

Federal Slaughter		CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE			
	weekly kill	2004	2003	% chg	
	# head		'000 head		
West	168,127	2,334.0	2,395.0	-2.5	
Ontario	82,968	1,152.0	1,156.0	-0.3	
Quebec	165,846	2,247.0	2,229.0	0.8	
Atlantic	9,162	140.0	139.0	0.7	
CANADA	426,103	5,873.0	5,919.0	-0.8	
Pork Production (t)	37,284	513,888	516,137	-0.4	
Estimated Sow Slaughter	2,525	35,321	45,246	-21.9	

PORK EXPORTS YTD for the period of January 1 to 31, 2003

(Metric Tonnes)

FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED PORK	2004	2003	% chq
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United States	34,528	36,075	(4.3)
Japan	16,226	18,311	(11.4)
Australia	2,332	2,304	1.2
Russia	1,027	4,463	(77.0)
Mexico	3,698	3,371	9.7
South Korea	3,211	1,459	120.1
China	1,568	1,475	6.3
Taiwan	1,815	1,619	12.1
Cuba	590	455	29.7
New Zealand	223	505	(55.8)
Other	5,460	6,384	(14.5)
Total	70,678	76,421	(7.5)

Source: STATISTICS CANADA

IMPORTS	YTD for the week ending March 27, 2004			
(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2004	2003	% chg	
FRESH & FROZEN PORK				
United States	18,691	13,306	40.5	
Denmark	137	740	-81.5	
Other	1	483	-99.8	

Frozen Pork from the European Union:

The TRQ level has established for frozen meat of pork originating from EU countries, for the twelve month period August 1 to July 31, 2004. Imports in excess of 2,970,000 kg in the twelve month period are subject to a surtax in an amount equal to the value for the duty (100%) determined in accordance with the Customs Act. Effective as of October 3, 2003 the frozen pork TRQ from the EU imported under tariff item No. 0203.29.00 of the Customs Tariff has filled and therefore all frozen pork imports from the EU, until July 31, 2004, will be subject to the European Union Surtax Order.

	Permits issued as of March 24, 2004		
	2003/2004	2002/2003	% chg
Utilization (kg)	2,969,000	2,962,582	0.2
Balance (kg)	1,000	7,418	
% Utilization	100.0%	99.8%	0.2

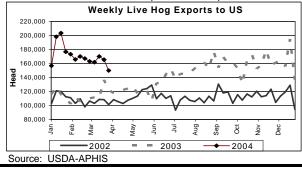
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Weekly Prices	\$/kg (index 100)		
	2004	2003	% chg
Ontario 102.5%	1.64	1.34	22.4
Quebec	1.70	1.38	23.2
Alberta	1.53	1.22	25.4
Manitoba*	1.60	1.39	15.1
British Columbia	1.71	1.42	20.4
Saskatchewan	1.43	1.18	21.2
Nova Scotia	1.68	1.44	16.7
Prince Ed. Is.	1.62	1.39	16.5
New Brunswick	1.63	1.39	17.3
*estimate			

LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.

	YTD 04	YTD 03	% chg
HOGS (head)			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	781,564	430,052	81.7
Feeder Pigs	1,440,119	1,056,584	36.3
Total	2,221,683	1,486,636	49.4
Week Ending 04-03-27			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	51,058	30,575	67.0
Feeder Pigs	98,905	91,127	8.5
Total	149,963	121,702	23.2



PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2004	2003	% chg
United States	3,487	2,533	37.7
Denmark	-	6	
Other	4	51	
TOTAL IMPORTS	22,320	17,119	30.4