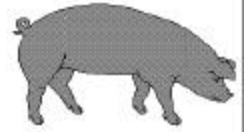




Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending April 26, 2003

Federal Slaughter	weekly kill # head	CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
		2003 '000 head	2002 '000 head	% chg
West	173,062	2,891.0	2,554.0	13.2
Ontario	82,177	1,389.0	1,270.0	9.4
Quebec	139,586	2,666.0	2,680.0	-0.5
Atlantic	10,498	170.0	169.0	0.6
CANADA	405,323	7,116.0	6,673.0	6.6
Pork Production (t)	35,466	622,650	579,884	7.4
Estimated Sow Slaughter	2,912	54,040	54,778	-1.3

Weekly Prices \$/kg (index 100)	2003			2002			% chg
	2003	2002	% chg	2003	2002	% chg	
Ontario	102.5%	1.34	1.31	2.3			
Quebec	1.31	1.39	-5.8				
Alberta	1.26	1.22	3.3				
Manitoba*	1.37	1.34	2.2				
British Columbia	1.34	1.26	6.3				
Saskatchewan	1.24	1.20	3.3				
Nova Scotia	1.39	1.35	3.0				
Prince Ed. Is.	1.33	1.26	5.6				
New Brunswick	1.34	1.30	3.1				

*estimate

PORK EXPORTS YTD for the period of January 1 to February 28, 2003

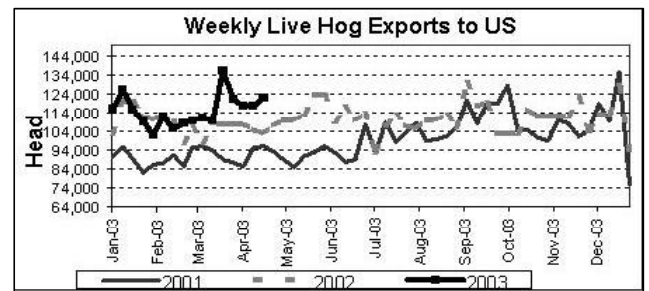
(Metric Tonnes)

FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED PORK	2003	2002	% chg
United States	71,537	60,347	18.5
Japan	32,046	29,150	9.9
Australia	5,450	4,416	23.4
Russia	8,664	6,836	26.7
Mexico	7,002	7,126	(1.7)
Korea	5,651	4,877	15.9
China	3,822	2,073	84.4
Taiwan	3,265	545	499.1
Cuba	1,345	1,885	(28.6)
New Zealand	1,060	932	13.7
Other	10,463	9,007	16.2
Total	150,305	127,194	18.2

Source: STATISTICS CANADA

LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.

	YTD 03	YTD 02	% chg
HOGS (head)			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	516,970	629,710	-17.9
Feeder Pigs	1,327,928	1,092,026	21.6
Total	1,844,898	1,721,736	7.2
Week Ending 03-04-19			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	30,769	36,055	-14.7
Feeder Pigs	91,578	66,852	37.0
Total	122,347	102,907	18.9



Source: USDA-APHIS

IMPORTS YTD for the week ending April 19, 2003

(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2003	2002	% chg
FRESH & FROZEN PORK			
United States	16,058	18,797	-14.6
Denmark	949	72	1218.1
Other	500	-	

PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2003	2002	% chg
United States	3,436	3,515	-2.2
Denmark	-	-	
Other	46	78	-41.0
TOTAL IMPORTS	20,989	22,462	-6.6

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. 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. In 2001/02 the Tariff Rate Quota was reached on October 2, 2002. Effective as of February 19, 2003 the Tariff Rate Quota has filled, therefore, all imports to July 31, 2003 will be subject to the EU Surtax Order.

	Permits issued as of March 24, 2003		
	2002/2003	2001/2002	% chg
Utilization (kg)	2,962,582	2,969,839	-0.2
Balance (kg)	7,418	541	
% Utilization	99.8%	100.0%	(0.2)

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Canadian Hog Slaughter by Province of Origin

Total Slaughter Year to Date April 26, 2003

Week ending April 26, 2003

	2003	2002	% chg	2003	2002	% chg
British Columbia	85,659	79,614	7.6	4,585	4,442	3.2
Alberta	1,173,153	1,067,760	9.9	73,966	73,106	1.2
Saskatchewan	455,261	460,548	-1.1	25,918	25,465	1.8
Manitoba	1,324,073	1,100,106	20.4	76,403	78,435	-2.6
Ontario	1,804,436	1,705,896	5.8	107,118	104,984	2.0
Quebec	2,437,908	2,414,172	1.0	134,789	128,306	5.1
New Brunswick	57,475	67,840	-15.3	2,958	3,054	-3.1
Nova Scotia	69,155	74,545	-7.2	4,842	4,261	13.6
Prince Edward Island	70,638	69,895	1.1	4,256	4,593	-7.3
CANADA	7,477,758	7,040,376	6.2	434,835	426,646	1.9

UNITED STATES

Year To Date for the Week Ending April 26, 2003

Supply Summary

	2003	2002	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	31,516	31,395	0.4
Slaughter for the week	1,869	1,914	-2.4
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	200	199	0.5
Pork Produced (mil lbs)	6,289	6,230	1.0

Source: USDA-APHIS

Weekly US Prices (\$/cwt)

	2003	2002	% chg
South St. Joseph	35.50	n/a	
Sioux Falls	37.40	32.70	
Lancaster County	26.67	29.23	
National Cost	48.78	44.26	10.2

(51-54% Lean Yield Basis)

LEADING MARKETS FOR U.S. PORK PLUS VARIETY MEAT EXPORTS (January-February)

COUNTRY	Year to date Quantity (Tonnes)			COUNTRY	Year to date Quantity (Tonnes)		
	01/03 - 02/03	01/02 - 02/02	% chg		01/03 - 02/03	01/02 - 02/02	% chg
Japan	45,847	44,724	2.5	ASEAN	339	274	23.7
Mexico	28,644	36,530	-21.6	Taiwan	3,918	1,866	110.0
Canada	12,245	12,824	-4.5	Cent. & South America	2,370	1,938	22.3
China	4,579	4,162	10.0	Korea	5,385	2,431	121.5
Hong Kong	3,126	5,075	-38.4	Caribbean	822	716	14.8
Russia	1,798	2,998	-40.0	Eastern Europe	594	361	64.5
European Union	1,756	515	241.0	World Total	112,770	115,687	-2.5

Source: USMEF

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