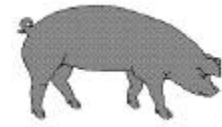




Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending December 20, 2003

Federal Slaughter	weekly kill # head	CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
		2003 '000 head	2002 '000 head	% chg
West	177,062	8,281.0	8,072.0	2.6
Ontario	89,083	4,154.0	3,961.0	4.9
Quebec	167,755	8,033.0	8,022.0	0.1
Atlantic	11,794	499.0	519.0	-3.9
CANADA	445,694	20,967.0	20,574.0	1.9
Pork Production (t)	38,998	1,834,613	1,794,053	2.3
Estimated Sow Slaughter	3,251	154,754	163,435	-5.3

Weekly Prices \$/kg (index 100)			
	2003	2002	% chg
Ontario 102.5%	1.22	1.33	-8.3
Quebec	1.12	1.20	-6.7
Alberta	1.13	1.15	-1.7
Manitoba*	1.27	1.33	-4.5
British Columbia	1.26	1.31	-3.8
Saskatchewan	1.08	1.12	-3.6
Nova Scotia	1.19	1.33	-10.5
Prince Ed. Is.	1.15	1.28	-10.2
New Brunswick	1.14	1.29	-11.6

*estimate

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

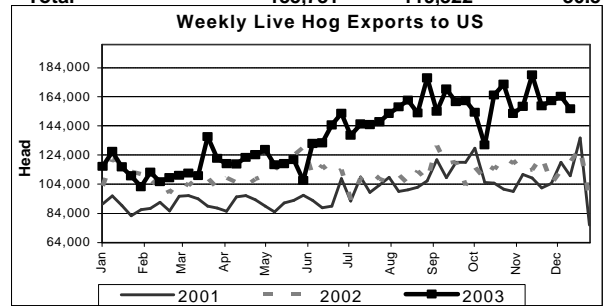
(Metric Tonnes)

FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED PORK	2003	2002	% chg
United States	377,495	336,064	12.3
Japan	163,400	135,979	20.2
Australia	29,687	20,759	43.0
Russia	21,350	31,414	(32.0)
Mexico	46,444	30,819	50.7
South Korea	25,049	27,656	(9.4)
China	21,634	15,415	40.3
Taiwan	16,420	9,460	73.6
Cuba	5,451	8,408	(35.2)
New Zealand	6,294	6,785	(7.2)
Other	57,662	49,323	16.9
Total	770,886	672,082	14.7

Source: STATISTICS CANADA

LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.

	YTD 03	YTD 02	% chg
HOGS (head)			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	2,274,426	1,776,418	28.0
Feeder Pigs	4,647,809	3,766,686	23.4
Total	6,922,235	5,543,104	24.9
Week Ending 03-12-13			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	57,582	32,267	78.5
Feeder Pigs	98,149	87,055	12.7
Total	155,731	119,322	30.5



IMPORTS YTD for the week ending December 13, 2003

(Metric Tonnes) preliminary

FRESH & FROZEN PORK	2003	2002	% chg
United States	59,893	63,764	-6.1
Denmark	3,812	780	388.7
Other	1,440	406	254.7

PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2003	2002	% chg
United States	10,987	11,128	-1.3
Denmark	6	-	-
Other	151	250	-39.6
TOTAL IMPORTS	76,289	76,328	-0.1

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 December 16, 2003		
	2003/2004	2002/2003	% chg
Utilization (kg)	2,970,000	1,162,625	155.5
Balance (kg)	-	1,807,375	0.0
% Utilization	100.0%	39.1%	155.5

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Canadian Hog Slaughter by Province of Origin

Total Slaughter Year to Date December 20, 2003

Week ending December 20, 2003

	2003	2002	% chg		2003	2002	% chg
British Columbia	248,852	247,253	0.6		6,096	6,117	-0.3
Alberta	3,460,887	3,337,215	3.7		73,770	76,429	-3.5
Saskatchewan	1,321,777	1,394,606	-5.2		27,685	30,905	-10.4
Manitoba	3,712,167	3,567,688	4.0		79,467	78,321	1.5
Ontario	5,300,456	5,227,309	1.4		110,104	110,011	0.1
Quebec	7,426,918	7,315,201	1.5		159,005	174,758	-9.0
New Brunswick	177,274	201,837	-12.2		3,207	4,475	-28.3
Nova Scotia	202,459	223,791	-9.5		5,584	5,911	-5.5
Prince Edward Island	213,715	216,624	-1.3		4,869	4,847	0.5
CANADA	22,064,505	21,731,524	1.5		469,787	491,774	-4.5

UNITED STATES

Year To Date for the Week Ending December 20, 2003

Supply Summary

	2003	2002	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	96,791	96,598	0.2
Slaughter for the week	2,225	2,147	3.6
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	201	199	1.0
Pork Produced (mil lbs)	19,178	18,977	1.1

Source: USDA-APHIS

Weekly US Prices (\$/cwt)

	2003	2002	% chg
South St. Joseph	35.25	30.50	15.6
Sioux Falls	35.50	30.45	16.6
Lancaster County	n/a	32.70	
National Cost	48.86	43.67	11.9

(51-54% Lean Yield Basis)

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

COUNTRY	Year to Date Quantity (Tonnes)			COUNTRY	Year to Date Quantity (Tonnes)		
	01/03 - 10/03	01/02 - 10/02	%chg		01/03 - 10/03	01/02 - 10/02	%chg
Japan	227,094	222,810	1.9	Taiwan	18,892	15,617	21.0
Mexico	157,700	170,811	-7.7	Cent. & South America	11,800	11,522	2.4
Canada	76,267	64,307	18.6	Korea	23,760	17,977	32.2
China	14,389	9,724	48.0	Caribbean	5,075	8,102	-37.4
Hong Kong	17,911	18,896	-5.2	Eastern Europe	2,891	2,464	17.3
Russia	5,529	12,850	-57.0	Australia	2,072	2,758	-24.9
European Union	10,991	6,852	60.4	World Total	578,650	569,726	1.6

Source: FAS, USDA

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