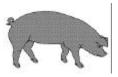


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Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



2002

1.28

1.20

n/a

1.31

1.30

1.07

1.29

1.25

1.28

% chg

-6.3

-6.7

-1.5

-3.1

-3.7

-7.0

-8.8

-10.2

For the Week Ending December 27, 2003

Weekly Prices

Ontario 102.5%

British Columbia

Saskatchewan

Nova Scotia

Prince Ed. Is.

New Brunswick

*estimate

Quebec

Alberta

Manitoba*

Federal Slaughter		CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
	weekly kill	2003	2002	% chg
	# head	'000 head		
West	84,851	8,366.0	8,166.0	2.4
Ontario	42,874	4,197.0	4,009.0	4.7
Quebec	86,649	8,120.0	8,105.0	0.2
Atlantic	4,023	503.0	523.0	-3.8
CANADA	218,397	21,186.0	20,803.0	1.8
Pork Production (t)	19,110	1,853,775	1,814,022	2.2
Estimated Sow Slaughter	1,826	156,580	165,139	-5.2

PORK EXPORTS	YTD for the period of January 1 to October 31, 2003
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(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
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IMPORTS	YTD for the week ending December 20, 2003		
(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2003	2002	% chg
FRESH & FROZEN PORK			
United States	61,819	64,771	-4.6
Denmark	4,145	828	400.6
Other	1,440	406	254.7

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 issue	d as of Decembe	er 23, 2003
	2003/2004	2002/2003	% chg
Utilization (kg)	2,970,000	1,187,517	150.1
Balance (kg)	-	1,782,483	0.0
% Utilization	100.0%	40.0%	150.1

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LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.	
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\$/kg (index 100) 2003

1.20

1.12

n/a

1.29

1.26

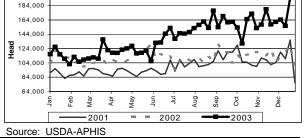
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1.15

	YTD 03	YTD 02	% chg
HOGS (head)			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	2,349,742	1,821,359	29.0
Feeder Pigs	4,767,348	3,850,537	23.8
Total	7,117,090	5,671,896	25.5
Week Ending 03-12-20			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	75,316	44,941	67.6
Feeder Pigs	119,539	83,851	42.6
Total	194,855	128,792	51.3
Wee	kly Live Hog E	Exports to US	
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PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2003	2002	% chg
United States	11,353	11,416	-0.6
Denmark	6	-	
Other	153	259	-40.9
TOTAL IMPORTS	78,916	77,680	1.6