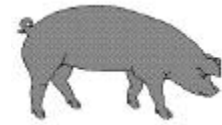




# Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending March 6, 2004

Federal Slaughter	weekly kill # head	CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
		2004	2003	% chg
		'000 head		
West	168,031	1,660.0	1,713.0	-3.1
Ontario	82,175	823.0	818.0	0.6
Quebec	162,611	1,599.0	1,591.0	0.5
Atlantic	10,096	100.0	99.0	1.0
<b>CANADA</b>	<b>422,913</b>	<b>4,182.0</b>	<b>4,221.0</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
<b>Pork Production (t)</b>	<b>37,005</b>	<b>365,925</b>	<b>368,071</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
<b>Estimated Sow Slaughter</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>25,424</b>	<b>32,214</b>	<b>-21.1</b>

Weekly Prices \$/kg (index 100)	2004	2003	% chg
	Ontario 102.5%	1.57	1.33
Quebec	1.63	1.37	19.0
Alberta	1.48	1.23	20.3
Manitoba*	1.53	1.39	10.1
British Columbia	1.57	1.39	12.9
Saskatchewan	1.40	1.20	16.7
Nova Scotia	1.56	1.43	9.1
Prince Ed. Is.	1.53	1.35	13.3
New Brunswick	1.51	1.39	8.6

\*estimate

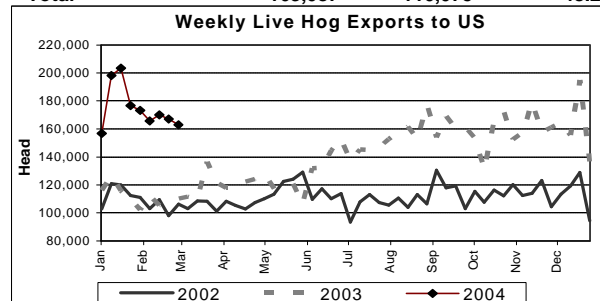
## PORK EXPORTS YTD for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2003

(Metric Tonnes)	2003	2002	% chg
<b>FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED PORK</b>			
United States	450,925	450,925	-
Japan	191,748	165,697	15.7
Australia	36,041	24,320	48.2
Russia	24,694	39,606	(37.7)
Mexico	55,808	38,182	46.2
South Korea	29,942	34,943	(14.3)
China	25,897	19,106	35.5
Taiwan	21,371	13,701	56.0
Cuba	7,292	10,582	(31.1)
New Zealand	7,434	7,867	(5.5)
Other	72,697	22,450	223.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>923,849</b>	<b>827,379</b>	<b>11.7</b>

Source: STATISTICS CANADA

## LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.

	YTD 04	YTD 03	% chg
<b>HOGS (head)</b>			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	562,584	289,646	94.2
Feeder Pigs	1,011,842	717,171	41.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,574,426</b>	<b>1,006,817</b>	<b>56.4</b>
<b>Week Ending 04-02-28</b>			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	55,944	26,943	107.6
Feeder Pigs	107,143	83,132	28.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>163,087</b>	<b>110,075</b>	<b>48.2</b>



Source: USDA-APHIS

## IMPORTS YTD for the week ending February 28, 2004

(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2004	2003	% chg
<b>FRESH &amp; FROZEN PORK</b>			
United States	13,305	8,954	48.6
Denmark	118	224	-47.3
Other	1	291	-99.7

## PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2004	2003	% chg
United States	1,979	1,512	30.9
Denmark	-	-	-
Other	4	35	-88.0
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>15,407</b>	<b>11,016</b>	<b>39.9</b>

## 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 3, 2004		
	2003/2004	2002/2003	% chg
Utilization (kg)	2,969,000	2,962,582	0.2
Balance (kg)	1,000	7,418	-86.6
% Utilization	100.0%	99.8%	0.2

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