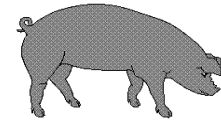




Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending December 18, 2004

Federal Slaughter	weekly kill # head	CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
		2004	2003	% chg
		'000 head		
West	176,282	8,352.0	8,281.0	0.9
Ontario	84,184	4,060.0	4,154.0	-2.3
Quebec	181,272	8,287.0	8,033.0	3.2
Atlantic (estimated)	9,835	473.0	499.0	-5.2
CANADA	451,573	21,172.0	20,967.0	1.0
Pork Production (t)	39,513	1,852,550	1,828,322	1.3
Estimated Sow Slaughter	2,508	120,453	154,884	-22.2

Weekly Prices \$/kg (index 100)	2004			2003			% chg
	2004	2003	% chg	2004	2003	% chg	
Ontario 102.5%	1.68	1.22	37.7				
Quebec	1.50	1.12	33.9				
Alberta	1.52	1.13	34.5				
Manitoba*	1.63	1.27	28.3				
British Columbia	1.85	1.26	46.8				
Saskatchewan	1.40	1.08	29.6				
Nova Scotia	1.68	1.19	41.2				
Prince Ed. Is.	1.66	1.15	44.3				
New Brunswick	1.64	1.14	43.9				

*estimate

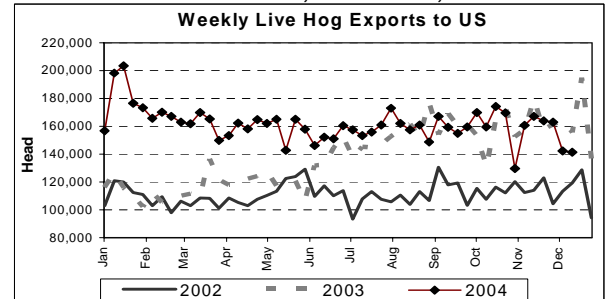
PORK EXPORTS YTD for the period of January to October

(Metric Tonnes)	2004	2003	% chg
FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED PORK			
United States	342,522	377,492	(9.3)
Japan	173,983	164,362	5.9
Australia	27,302	30,166	(9.5)
Russia	12,948	21,412	(39.5)
Mexico	56,795	47,052	20.7
South Korea	24,985	25,079	(0.4)
China	29,989	21,712	38.1
Taiwan	19,452	16,496	17.9
Cuba	5,691	5,477	3.9
New Zealand	6,218	6,342	(2.0)
Other	91,488	58,141	57.4
Total	791,373	773,731	2.3

Source: STATISTICS CANADA

LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.

	YTD 04	YTD 03	% chg
HOGS (head)			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	2,748,978	2,274,426	20.9
Feeder Pigs	5,326,323	4,647,809	14.6
Total	8,075,301	6,922,235	16.7
Week Ending 04-12-11			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	51,160	57,585	-11.2
Feeder Pigs	90,240	98,149	-8.1
Total	141,400	155,734	-9.2



Source: USDA-APHIS

IMPORTS YTD for the week ending December 11, 2004

(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2004	2003	% chg
FRESH & FROZEN PORK			
United States	68,618	61,446	11.7
Denmark	953	4,108	-76.8
Other	127	1,440	-91.2

PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2004	2003	% chg
United States	14,076	11,122	26.6
Denmark	-	6	-
Other	177	172	2.9
TOTAL IMPORTS	83,951	78,294	7.2

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, 2005. 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.

	Permits issued as of December 18, 2004		
	2004/2005	2003/2004	% chg
Utilization (kg)	1,222,320	2,970,000	-58.8
Balance (kg)	1,747,680	-	-
% Utilization	41.2%	100.0%	(58.8)

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Canadian Hog Slaughter by Province of Origin

Total Slaughter Year to Date December 18, 2004

Week ending December 18, 2004

	2004	2003	% chg	2004	2003	% chg
British Columbia	245,124	248,852	-1.5	5,580	6,096	-8.5
Alberta	3,372,043	3,457,647	-2.5	68,102	72,960	-6.7
Saskatchewan	1,309,442	1,324,550	-1.1	27,919	27,836	0.3
Manitoba	3,854,696	3,711,359	3.9	82,520	79,265	4.1
Ontario	5,196,968	5,291,249	-1.8	104,582	107,785	-3.0
Quebec	7,574,737	7,424,590	2.0	168,283	158,439	6.2
New Brunswick	156,028	177,274	-12.0	3,798	3,207	18.4
Nova Scotia	192,250	203,851	-5.7	3,344	5,675	-41.1
Prince Edward Island	221,249	213,949	3.4	5,174	4,869	6.3
CANADA	22,122,537	22,053,321	0.3	469,302	466,132	0.7

UNITED STATES

Year To Date for the Week Ending December 18, 2004

Supply Summary	2004	2003	% chg	Weekly US Prices (\$/cwt)			
	2004	2003	% chg	2004	2003	% chg	
Slaughter ('000 head)	98,663	96,788	1.9	South St. Joseph	51.00	35.25	44.7
Slaughter for the week	2,241	2,236	0.2	Sioux Falls	47.40	35.50	33.5
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	202	200	1.0	Oklahoma City	46.00	n/a	
Pork Produced (mil lbs)	19,627	19,155	2.5	National Cost	67.94	48.86	39.1
Source: USDA-APHIS				(51-54% Lean Yield Basis)			

LEADING MARKETS FOR U.S. PORK PLUS PORK VARIETY MEAT EXPORTS (January-October 2004)

COUNTRY	Year to date Quantity (Metric Tons)			COUNTRY	Year to date Quantity (Metric Tons)		
	1/04 - 10/04	1/03 - 10/03	% Chg		1/04 - 10/04	1/03 - 10/03	% Chg
Japan	258,663	231,469	11.7	Taiwan	32,981	19,286	71.0
Mexico	286,114	168,185	70.1	Central & South America	14,758	13,240	11.5
Canada	92,483	77,195	19.8	Korea	19,599	24,265	-19.2
China	49,750	23,702	109.9	Caribbean	10,390	5,664	83.4
Hong Kong	15,436	19,970	-22.7	Eastern Europe	6,330	1,895	234.0
Russia	15,333	6,012	155.0				
European Union	8,954	14,581	-38.6	World Total	819,964	612,706	33.8

Source: FAS, USDA

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