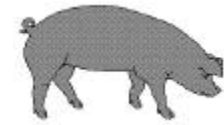




Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending March 20, 2004

Federal Slaughter	weekly kill # head	CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
		2004	2003	% chg
		'000 head		
West	170,091	1,998.0	2,054.0	-2.7
Ontario	81,886	986.0	987.0	-0.1
Quebec	157,822	1,918.0	1,915.0	0.2
Atlantic	10,339	121.0	119.0	1.7
CANADA	420,138	5,023.0	5,075.0	-1.0
Pork Production (t)	36,762	439,513	442,540	-0.7
Estimated Sow Slaughter	2,219	27,987	38,754	-27.8

Weekly Prices \$/kg (index 100)	2004		
	2004	2003	% chg
Ontario 102.5%	1.60	1.38	15.9
Quebec	1.75	1.40	25.0
Alberta	1.55	1.28	21.1
Manitoba*	1.58	1.38	14.5
British Columbia	1.65	1.45	13.8
Saskatchewan	1.47	1.25	17.6
Nova Scotia	1.59	1.39	14.4
Prince Ed. Is.	1.60	1.37	16.8
New Brunswick	1.55	1.34	15.7

*estimate

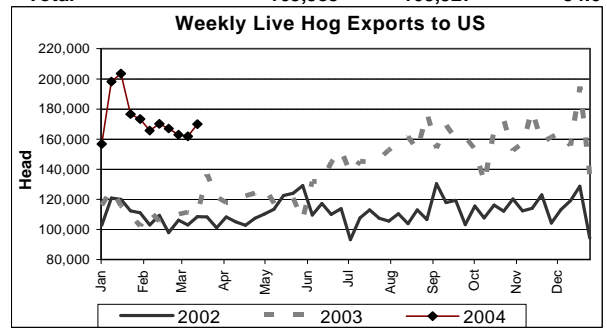
PORK EXPORTS YTD for the period of January 1 to 31, 2003

(Metric Tonnes)	2004	2003	% chg
FRESH, FROZEN AND PROCESSED PORK			
United States	34,528	36,075	(4.3)
Japan	16,226	18,311	(11.4)
Australia	2,332	2,304	1.2
Russia	1,027	4,463	(77.0)
Mexico	3,698	3,371	9.7
South Korea	3,211	1,459	120.1
China	1,568	1,475	6.3
Taiwan	1,815	1,619	12.1
Cuba	590	455	29.7
New Zealand	223	505	(55.8)
Other	5,460	6,384	(14.5)
Total	70,678	76,421	(7.5)

Source: STATISTICS CANADA

LIVE HOG EXPORTS TO U.S.

	YTD 04	YTD 03	% chg
HOGS (head)			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	673,937	348,687	93.3
Feeder Pigs	1,232,347	879,665	40.1
Total	1,906,284	1,228,352	55.2
Week Ending 04-03-13			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	57,062	28,743	98.5
Feeder Pigs	112,923	81,184	39.1
Total	169,985	109,927	54.6



IMPORTS YTD for the week ending March 13, 2004

(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2004	2003	% chg
FRESH & FROZEN PORK			
United States	16,099	10,895	47.8
Denmark	137	342	-59.9
Other	1	366	-99.7

PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2004	2003	% chg
United States	2,395	1,882	27.3
Denmark	-	6	
Other	4	35	
TOTAL IMPORTS	18,636	13,526	37.8

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 20, 2004		
	2003/2004	2002/2003	% chg
Utilization (kg)	2,969,000	2,962,582	0.2
Balance (kg)	1,000	7,418	
% Utilization	100.0%	99.8%	0.2

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