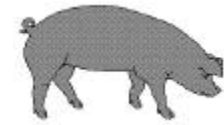




Hog Statistics at a Glance CANADA



For the Week Ending March 27, 2004

Federal Slaughter	weekly kill # head	CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE		
		2004	2003	% chg
		'000 head		
West	168,061	2,166.0	2,225.0	-2.7
Ontario	82,936	1,069.0	1,073.0	-0.4
Quebec	163,219	2,081.0	2,076.0	0.2
Atlantic	10,350	131.0	129.0	1.6
CANADA	424,566	5,447.0	5,503.0	-1.0
Pork Production (t)	37,150	476,613	479,862	-0.7
Estimated Sow Slaughter	2,590	32,796	41,983	-21.9

Weekly Prices \$/kg (index 100)	2004			2003			% chg
	2004	2003	% chg	2003	2002	% chg	
Ontario 102.5%	1.69	1.38	22.5	1.38	1.38	0.0	
Quebec	1.76	1.41	24.8	1.41	1.41	0.0	
Alberta	1.59	1.28	24.2	1.28	1.28	0.0	
Manitoba*	1.63	1.40	16.4	1.40	1.40	0.0	
British Columbia	1.73	1.44	20.1	1.44	1.44	0.0	
Saskatchewan	1.50	1.25	20.0	1.25	1.25	0.0	
Nova Scotia	1.64	1.41	16.3	1.41	1.41	0.0	
Prince Ed. Is.	1.63	1.39	17.3	1.39	1.39	0.0	
New Brunswick	1.60	1.37	16.8	1.37	1.37	0.0	

*estimate

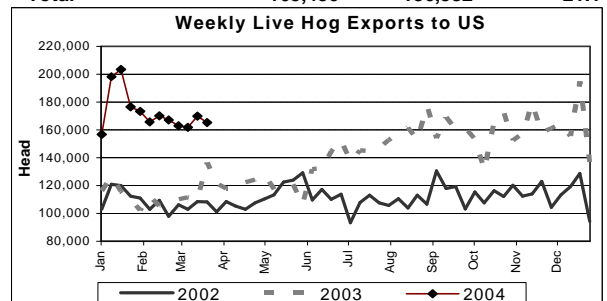
PORK EXPORTS YTD for the period of January 1 to 31, 2003

(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	730,506	399,477	82.9
Feeder Pigs	1,341,214	965,457	38.9
Total	2,071,720	1,364,934	51.8
Week Ending 04-03-20			
Barrows/Gilts/Sows	56,569	50,790	11.4
Feeder Pigs	108,867	85,792	26.9
Total	165,436	136,582	21.1



Source: USDA-APHIS

IMPORTS YTD for the week ending March 20, 2004

(Metric Tonnes) preliminary	2004	2003	% chg
FRESH & FROZEN PORK			
United States	17,574	12,100	45.2
Denmark	137	509	-73.1
Other	1	391	-99.7

PROCESSED & OTHER PORK

	2004	2003	% chg
United States	2,927	2,115	38.4
Denmark	-	6	
Other	4	35	
TOTAL IMPORTS	20,643	15,156	36.2

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, 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 24, 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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Canadian Hog Slaughter by Province of Origin

Total Slaughter Year to Date March 27, 2004

Week ending March 27, 2004

	2004	2003	% chg	2004	2003
British Columbia	62,958	67,728	-7.0	4,741	4,520
Alberta	880,780	895,412	-1.6	68,316	71,229
Saskatchewan	339,999	357,116	-4.8	25,272	25,831
Manitoba	994,514	1,020,478	-2.5	78,470	78,417
Ontario	1,322,541	1,392,854	-5.0	107,014	109,420
Quebec	1,946,627	1,900,249	2.4	147,478	146,951
New Brunswick	41,274	44,953	-8.2	4,035	2,971
Nova Scotia	50,340	51,652	-2.5	3,878	4,575
Prince Edward Island	58,441	54,549	7.1	4,386	4,475
CANADA	5,697,474	5,784,991	-1.5	443,590	448,389

UNITED STATES

Year To Date for the Week Ending March 27, 2004

Supply Summary

	2004	2003	% chg
Slaughter ('000 head)	24,207	23,940	1.1
Slaughter for the week	1,921	1,912	0.5
Avg Dressed Wt (lbs)	201	200	0.5
Pork Produced (mil lbs)	4,860	4,761	2.1

Source: USDA-APHIS

Weekly US Prices (\$/cwt)

	2004	2003
South St. Joseph	45.50	34.00
Sioux Falls	46.30	34.81
Oklahoma City	41.67	31.58
National Cost	67.42	49.70

(51-54% Lean Yield Basis)

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

COUNTRY	Year to date			COUNTRY	Year to date	
	Quantity (Metric Tons)				Quantity (Metric Tons)	
	1/04 - 1/04	1/03 - 1/03	% Chg		1/04 - 1/04	1/03 - 1/03
Japan	21,896	22,691	-3.5	Taiwan	3,204	2,203
Mexico	27,563	15,313	80.0	Central & South America	1,512	1,128
Canada	10,240	6,060	69.0	Korea	1,048	2,735
China	1,762	2,299	-23.4	Caribbean	584	452
Hong Kong	1,311	1,200	9.3	Eastern Europe	309	263
Russia	317	691	-54.1			
European Union	837	773	8.3	World Total	71,513	56,788

Source: FAS, USDA