



Foreign Agricultural Service

**GAIN Report**

Global Agriculture Information Network

Voluntary Report - public distribution

Date: 9/26/2002

GAIN Report #DA2019

## **Denmark**

### **Livestock and Products**

#### **Beef, Swine and Products Update**

## **2002**

Approved by:

**Morgan Perkins**

**U.S. Embassy, The Hague**

Prepared by:

Hasse Kristensen

---

#### **Report Highlights:**

**Beef markets and prices have recovered to pre-BSE levels. Pork production continue to increase by two percent annually in spite of low prices. Pork markets seem very stable.**

---

Includes PSD changes: Yes  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
Unscheduled Report  
The Hague [NL1], DA

Executive Summary ..... [2](#)  
Cattle ..... [3](#)  
Beef ..... [4](#)  
Swine ..... [5](#)  
Pigmeat ..... [6](#)

## **Executive Summary**

The export market for beef looks good. Russia has further opened its markets last February to imports of meat with bones as well as de-boned meat. Import demand from Italy and Spain (traditional high price markets for Danish veal and beef) is strong. Prices have increased 20 percent since last year and are now back to pre-BSE levels. Slaughter and export estimates for 2002 and forecast for 2003 may change depending on the number of cows slaughtered after cattle are taken in from the pasture in Ireland at the end of the autumn.

In spite of a temporary decrease in number of sows (July counting) caused by postponement of farms closings by farmers waiting for pig prices to fall during the high during the high price period (up to May 2002), production is forecast to increase by almost four percent in 2002 (and 2003). With increased exports of live pigs (piglets as well as pigs for slaughter) to Germany, slaughter is forecast to increase by 2.2 percent in 2002 and by 2.0 percent in 2003. Pork production is forecast to increase accordingly.

Pork exports are stable. Exports to Russia, though frequently volatile, are forecast to remain stable as are exports to the rest of the World. On a yearly basis, exports to Japan are almost not effected by the Safe Guard. Exports to Japan are forecast to decrease between 5,000 and 10,000 tons in 2002 to about 220,000 tons.

**Cattle**

PSD Table			
Country	Denmark		
Commodity	Cattle		
	2001	2002	2003
	New	New	New
Market Year Begin	01/2001	01/2002	01/2003
Total Cattle Beg. Stks	1891	1840	1800
Dairy Cows Beg. Stocks	644	628	605
Beef Cows Beg. Stocks	121	123	123
Production (Calf Crop)	758	769	755
Extra EC Imports	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	2649	2609	2555
Extra EC Exports	5	5	5
Cow Slaughter	253	244	237
Calf Slaughter	12	10	10
Total Slaughter	610	623	597
Loss	114	115	112
Ending Inventories	1840	1800	1765
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2569	2543	2479

**Beef**

PSD Table			
Country	Denmark		
Commodity	Beef		
	2001	2002	2003
	New	New	New
Market Year Begin	01/2001	01/2002	01/2003
Slaughter (Reference)	610	623	597
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0
Production	152	157	150
Extra EC Imports	1	1	1
TOTAL SUPPLY	153	158	151
Extra EC Exports	26	28	28
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	129	130	132
Ending Stocks	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	155	158	160

**Swine**

Country	Denmark		
Commodity	Swine		
	2001	2002	2003
	New	New	New
Market Year Begin	01/2001	01/2002	01/2003
TOTAL Beginning Stocks	12125	12365	12735
Sow Beginning Stocks	1150	1160	1160
Production (Pig Crop)	23570	24500	25000
Extra EC Imports	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	35695	36865	37735
Extra EC Exports	2	2	2
Sow Slaughter	400	400	410
Total Slaughter	21843	22325	22770
Loss	140	140	140
Ending Inventories	12365	12735	12990
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	34350	35202	35902

**Pigmeat**

PSD Table			
Country	Denmark		
Commodity	Pigmeat		
	2001	2002	2003
	New	New	New
Market Year Begin	01/2001	01/2002	01/2003
Slaughter (Reference)	21843	22325	22770
Beginning Stocks	5	6	27
Production	1705	1740	1775
Extra EC Imports	1	1	1
TOTAL SUPPLY	1711	1747	1803
Extra EC Exports	515	520	545
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	400	410	410
Ending Stocks	6	27	10
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	921	957	965