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THE PIG POPULATION IN DECEMBER 1992

and forecasts of gross indigenous production

Further rise in EC pig population

The pig population in the EC rose again, this time by 2.9% or 3 059 000 animals to a total of 109 437 000. The growth rates were well above average in Greece (+12.8%), Belgium (+7.7%), Denmark (+5.9%), Ireland (+5.7%), Spain (+5.6%) and France (+4.2%). The increase in Luxembourg was 2.9%, while the population rose by 1.5% in Germany. The German figure is the result of an increase of around 3.3% in the old Bundesländer and a decrease of -6.2% in the new Bundesländer. The populations fell in all the other Member States. The number of covered sows, which is important for future population trends, rose by 3.5% in the EC as a whole. The highest growth rates were recorded in Spain (+10.2%), Greece (+7.8%), Ireland (+7.3%), Denmark (+6.6%) and France (+5.3%). The population rose by 3.3% in Luxembourg, 2.8% in Portugal, 2.2% in the United Kingdom and 1.9% in Germany. Italy was the only country to record a fall in the number of covered sows (-8.7%).

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No further reductions in pig population in new Bundesländer

Pig stocks in the new Bundesländer have been reduced by more than 40% since December 1990, but this process has now been brought to an end. Although the December figures are still down 6.2% on those for December 1991, the number of animals has risen for the first time by 150 000 from the August level. This would suggest that the pig population in the new Bundesländer reached its lowest level in August 1992 at 4 258 000 animals. As regards sow-keeping, the number of breeding sows in the new Bundesländer rose for the first time by 1%, and sows covered for the first time by 3.2%.

Pig population in Germany in the old and new "Länder" (1000 heads)

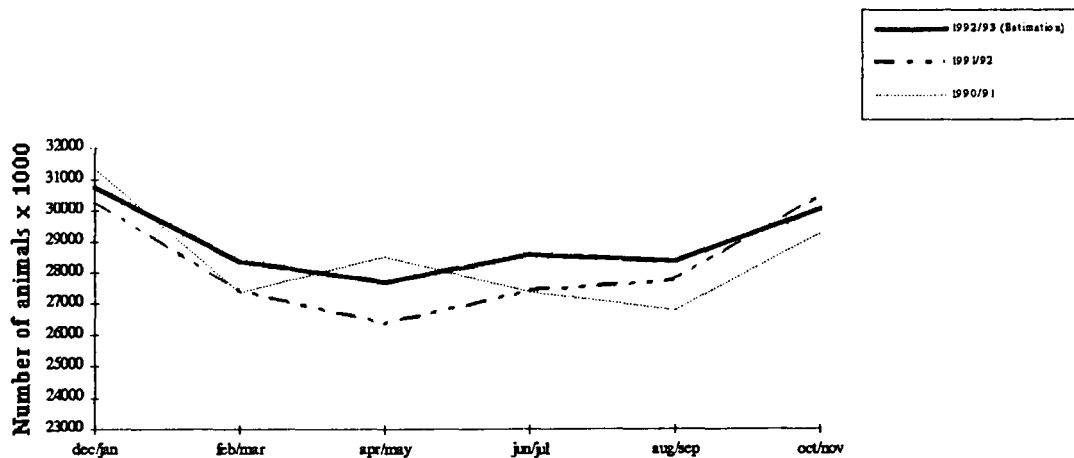
	Old "Länder"					New "Länder"				
	Dec '91	Apr '92	Aug '92	Dec '92	Dec92/91	Dec '91	Apr '92	Aug '92	Dec '92	Dec92/91
Piglets (< 20 kg)	5745	6305	6477	5843	1.7%	980	1044	996	929	-5.2%
Young pigs (20-50 kg)	5357	5336	5530	5523	3.1%	1432	1200	1310	1367	-4.5%
Pigs for fattening (50-80 kg)	4691	4632	4939	4866	3.7%	880	723	756	775	-11.9%
Pigs for fattening (80-110 kg)	2976	3029	3076	3114	4.6%	675	625	550	613	-9.2%
Pigs for fattening (> 110 kg)	169	133	135	223	32.0%	143	90	78	125	-12.6%
Breeding boars (> 50 kg)	91	92	89	89	-2.2%	8	7	7	9	12.5%
Breeding sows (> 50 kg)	2333	2365	2406	2400	2.9%	584	578	562	590	1.0%
Mated sows	1553	1560	1577	1588	2.3%	389	391	376	390	0.3%
of which:										
mated for the first time	293	325	315	311	6.1%	98	107	97	101	3.1%
Breeding sows not mated	780	805	829	812	4.1%	195	187	186	200	2.6%
of which:										
gilts	233	228	245	247	6.0%	111	105	105	115	3.6%
Pigs total	21362	21893	22652	22058	3.3%	4702	4267	4258	4408	-6.3%

Production continues to rise

Gross domestic production in the European Community will rise again between December 1992 and November 1993 by 2.5% or 4 184 000 animals to reach 173 945 000. With the exception of Luxembourg, where gross domestic production will remain stable at the previous year's level, an increase is forecast in all the other Member States, with Ireland (+5.3%) and Belgium (+5.1%) topping the table. The growth rates in the Netherlands (+4.3%), Denmark (+3.6%) and Portugal (+2.5%) will also be above the EC average. Production will be up 1.7% in Spain, 1.2% in Germany and 1.0% in the United Kingdom, with Greece (+0.4%) and Italy (+0.1%) recording the lowest increases.

For the EC as a whole, the highest growth rates of +5.0% are expected in April/May, while the June/July figure of +4.2% and the August/September rate of +2.3% will also exceed the levels for the previous year. The only drop in production from the 1992 figures is expected in October/November (-1.3%).

Gross indigenous production of pigs



Glut in supply reflected in market price

Since autumn 1992 the overproduction of pigmeat has caused prices to fall sharply. Whereas in the summer of 1992 prices were still around ECU 150 per 100 kg, they had fallen to ECU 125 per 100 kg by mid-October before sinking to a temporary low of ECU 106 per 100kg at the end of December. Since February 1993, they have been stable at ECU 108 per 100 kg which is only 57% of the basic price. At the same time last year, the market prices were still at 82% of the basic price.

Given the continuing glut of pigmeat in the Community, there seems little prospect of prices picking up over the coming weeks and months.

Intra-Community trade difficulties caused by veterinary problems (swine vesicular disease in the Netherlands and Italy) and monetary events (the withdrawal of monetary compensatory amounts) have further unsettled the market and accentuated the negative trends.

In order to help stabilize the market and prevent a possible slide in prices, the Commission adopted various market support measures in mid-March 1993. To relieve pressure on the markets by increasing exports, it raised the export subsidies for half carcasses and cuts with bone in from ECU 25 to ECU 35 per 100 kg. In addition to this, dealers can apply for assistance in storing pigmeat privately as of 22 March 1993. This should ensure a relatively long minimum storage time, which means that if the stored meat is not exported it should not reappear on the market before the autumn of 1993.

SCHWEINEBESTAND IM DEZEMBER

PIG POPULATION IN DECEMBER

EFFECTIFS PORCINS EN DECEMBRE

1000 HEAD

1000 STUECK

1000 TETES

	EUR 12	EUR 12#	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
INSGESAMT														
TOTAL														TOTAL
1990	109620	100836	6426	9282	30819	1143	15949	12013	1249	8837	70	13788	2664	7380
1991	106378*	101676*	6533	9767	26063	974*	17209	12067	1346	8549	64	13727	2560*	7519
1992	109461*	105053*	7037*	10345*	26466*	1099*	18177*	12574*	1423*	8307*	66*	13709*	2547*	7711
% 92/91	2.9*	3.3*	7.7*	5.9*	1.5*	12.8*	5.6*	4.2*	5.7*	-2.8*	2.9*	-0.1*	-0.5*	2.6
FERKEL (<20 KG)														
PIGLET (<20 KG)														PORCELETS (<20 KG)
1990	28486	26902	1660	2832	7479	350	3968	2770	334	1565	24	4743	766	1995
1991	28151*	27171*	1727	2992	6725	289*	4144	2836	365	1520	22	4807	736*	1989
1992	29038*	28109*	1904*	3125*	6772*	352*	4294*	2968*	398*	1472*	23*	4983*	714*	2034
% 92/91	3.2*	3.5*	10.2*	4.4*	0.7*	21.8*	3.6*	4.7*	8.9*	-3.2*	6.6*	3.7*	-3.0*	2.3
JUNGSCHWEINE (20-50 KG)														
YOUNG PIGS (20-50 KG)														JEUNES PORCS (20-50 KG)
1990	28293	25388	1769	2887	8308	305	3818	3500	377	1682	13	2895	678	2060
1991	27177*	25745*	1739	3046	6789	253*	4284	3501	403	1698	13	2725	667*	2059
1992	27331*	25964*	1793*	3188*	6889*	263*	4282*	3551*	424*	1660*	13*	2469*	656*	2142
% 92/91	0.6*	0.8*	3.1*	4.7*	1.5*	4.0*	0.0*	1.4*	5.2*	-2.2*	1.6*	-9.4*	-1.6*	4.0
MASTSCHWEINE (>50 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>50 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>50 KG)
1990	40618	37139	2245	2486	11726	315	6187	4515	383	4818	23	4654	839	2426
1991	38992*	37295*	2317	2615	9534	284*	6754	4487	411	4577	20	4650	786*	2558
1992	40652*	39139*	2551*	2845*	9716*	323*	7400*	4737*	424*	4476*	20*	4774*	794*	2594
% 92/91	4.3*	4.9*	10.1*	8.8*	1.9*	13.7*	9.6*	5.6*	3.0*	-2.2*	-0.7*	2.7*	1.0*	1.4
MASTSCHWEINE (50-80 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (50-80 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (50-80 KG)
1990	22582	20851	1375	1979	6634	201	3259	2495	282	1331	14	2756	577	1678
1991	22131*	21251*	1403	2082	5571	195*	3687	2454	310	1377	13	2708	536*	1796
1992	23024*	22249*	1550*	2266*	5641*	203*	4099*	2574*	315*	1261*	13*	2718*	547*	1838
% 92/91	4.0*	4.7*	10.5*	8.8*	1.3*	4.1*	11.2*	4.9*	1.6*	-8.4*	-3.1*	0.4*	2.1*	2.3
MASTSCHWEINE (80-110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (80-110 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (80-110 KG)
1990	14069	12730	840	495	4484	104	2230	1873	91	1272	8	1802	202	669
1991	13247*	12571*	890	521	3651	80*	2216	1886	93	1196	6	1792	200*	716
1992	13924*	13310*	945*	567*	3728*	107*	2541*	1983*	102*	1160*	6*	1876*	198*	711
% 92/91	5.1*	5.9*	6.2*	8.8*	2.1*	33.8*	14.7*	5.1*	9.7*	-3.1*	4.9*	4.7*	-1.0*	-0.7
MASTSCHWEINE (>110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>110 KG)														PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>110 KG)
1990	3966	3556	29	12	609	10	698	147	10	2216	1	96	60	78
1991	3615*	3472*	24	12	312	9*	852	147	8	2004	1	150	50*	46
1992	3705*	3581*	56*	12*	347*	13*	760*	180*	7*	2055*	1*	180*	49*	46
% 92/91	2.5*	3.1*	130.0*	0.0*	11.3*	44.4*	-10.8*	22.4*	-18.1*	2.6*	1.1*	20.0*	-2.0*	0.0

* VORLÄUFIGE ODER GESCHÄTZTE ANGABE -- NICHT VERFUEGBAR

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ZUCHTEBER (>50 KG)														
BREEDING BOARS (>50 KG)														
1990	504	491	21	36	111	13	105	55	6	45	0	41	27	44
1991	474*	467*	20	37	99	11*	96	51	7	42	0	40	27*	44
1992	455*	446*	21*	38*	98*	12*	87*	50*	7*	38*	1*	28*	29*	46
% 92/91	-4.1*	-4.4*	4.8*	2.7*	-0.5*	9.1*	-9.4*	-2.0*	-1.5*	-9.7*	40.3*	-30.0*	7.4*	4.5
ZUCHTSAUEN (>50 KG)														
BREEDING SOWS (>50 KG)														
1990	11720	10916	731	1041	3195	160	1870	1173	149	726	10	1455	354	855
1991	11582*	10998*	730	1077	2917	137*	1930	1192	160	712	9	1505	344*	869
1992	11977*	11387*	769*	1149*	2990*	150*	2114*	1268*	172*	651*	9*	1455*	354*	896
% 92/91	3.4*	3.5*	5.3*	6.7*	2.5*	9.5*	9.5*	6.4*	7.2*	-8.5*	1.7*	-3.3*	2.9*	3.1
GEDECKTE SAUEN														
MATED SOWS														
1990	7820	7306	511	669	2099	83	1199	796	106	582	7	947	218	603
1991	7763*	7374*	513	696	1942	77*	1229	813	115	565	6	990	213*	604
1992	8038*	7648*	535*	742*	1978*	83*	1355*	856*	123*	516*	7*	1004*	219*	620
% 92/91	3.5*	3.7*	4.4*	6.6*	1.9*	7.8*	10.2*	5.3*	7.3*	-8.7*	3.3*	1.4*	2.8*	2.6
DARUNTER: ZUM ERSTEN MAL GEDECKTE SAUEN														
OF WHICH: SOWS MATED FOR THE FIRST TIME														
1990	1507	1391	119	138	420	22	207	147	20	87	1	187	49	109
1991	1482*	1384*	112	145	392	20*	195	155	22	85	1	190	60*	105
1992	1573*	1471*	117*	165*	412*	22*	229*	167*	27*	77*	1*	184*	59*	113
% 92/91	6.1*	6.3*	4.5*	13.8*	5.2*	10.0*	17.4*	7.7*	20.4*	-9.3*	-9.9*	-3.2*	-1.7*	7.6
NICHT GEDECKTE ZUCHTSAUEN														
BREEDING SOWS NOT MATED														
1990	3901	3611	220	372	1096	77	671	377	43	144	3	508	136	253
1991	3820*	3625*	217	381	976	61*	701	379	45	146	3	515	131*	265
1992	3938*	3738*	234*	407*	1012*	66*	759*	412*	48*	135*	3*	451*	135*	276
% 92/91	3.1*	3.1*	7.4*	6.8*	3.7*	8.2*	8.3*	8.7*	6.8*	-7.4*	-1.6*	-12.4*	3.1*	4.2
DARUNTER: NOCH NICHT GEDECKTE JUNGSAUEN														
OF WHICH: BREEDING GILTS NOT YET MATED														
1990	1313	1147	98	144	400	13	157	123	12	49	1	197	36	83
1991	1276*	1165*	92	148	344	11*	147*	129	14	55	1	192	46*	97
1992	1339*	1223*	100*	170*	362*	11*	189*	140*	15*	51*	1*	143*	46*	111
% 92/91	4.9*	5.0*	8.2*	14.9*	5.3*	0.0*	28.9*	8.5*	6.4*	-7.8*	-0.2*	-25.5*	0.0*	14.4

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12 MONATE															
12 MONTHS															12 MOIS
1990/91	143581	170702	8644	17118	45032	2342	23897	20458	2490	10479	107	22232	3224	14678	
1991/92	142592*	169761*	9020*	18315*	40069*	2400*	23679*	21266*	2706*	10463*	92*	23665	3490*	14595*	
1992/93	146282*	173945*	9484*	18977*	40550*	2410*	24085*	22010*	2850*	10474*	92*	24690*	3578*	14745*	
% 92/91	-0.7*	-0.6*	4.3*	7.0*	-11.0*	2.5*	-0.9*	3.9*	8.7*	-0.2*	-14.0*	6.4	8.3*	-0.6*	
% 93/92	2.6*	2.5*	5.1*	3.6*	1.2*	0.4*	1.7*	3.5*	5.3*	0.1*	0.0*	4.3*	2.5*	1.0*	
DEZEMBER/JANUAR															
DECEMBER/JANUARY															DECEMBRE/JANVIER
1990/91	26553	31361	1326	2848	8430	610	4249	3586	405	2564	25	4244	559	2516	
1991/92	25379*	30325*	1421	3057	7054	635*	4370*	3690	450*	2505*	17	3997	576	2553	
1992/93	25885*	30930*	1510*	3145*	6900*	637*	4456*	3870*	470*	2514*	17*	4250*	589*	2572*	
% 91/92	-4.4*	-3.3*	7.2	7.3	-16.3	4.1*	2.8*	2.9	11.1*	-2.3*	-33.2	-5.8	3.0	1.5	
% 92/93	2.0*	2.0*	6.3*	2.9*	-2.2*	0.4*	2.0*	4.9*	4.4*	0.4*	0.0*	6.3*	2.3*	0.7*	
FEBRUAR/MAERZ															
FEBRUARY/MARCH															FEVRIER/MARS
1991	22937	27364	1381	2594	7499	356	3925	3186	386	1629	21	3693	502	2191	
1992	23015*	27424*	1434	2907	6498	359*	3841*	3389	419*	1653*	16	4081	568	2259	
1993	23755*	28295*	1531*	2986*	6800*	360*	3950*	3470*	445*	1650*	16*	4225*	590*	2272*	
% 91/92	0.3*	0.2*	3.8	12.1	-13.3	0.9*	-2.1*	6.4	8.5*	1.5*	-26.9	10.5	13.1	3.1	
% 92/93	3.2*	3.2*	6.8*	2.7*	4.6*	0.3*	2.8*	2.4*	6.2*	-0.2*	0.0*	3.5*	3.9*	0.6*	
APRIL/MAI															
APRIL/MAY															AVRIL/MAI
1991	23922	28529	1517	2767	7930	302	4028	3377	408	1539	16	3651	579	2415	
1992	22275*	26384*	1427	2680	6422	304*	3527*	3352*	420*	1396*	14	3875	582	2385	
1993	23158*	27708*	1502*	3017*	6550*	315*	3950*	3480*	446*	1400*	14*	3960*	600*	2474*	
% 91/92	-6.9*	-7.5*	-5.9	-3.1	-19.0	0.5*	-12.4*	-0.7*	2.9*	-9.3*	-9.3	6.1	0.5	-1.2	
% 92/93	4.0*	5.0*	5.3*	12.6*	2.0*	3.6*	12.0*	3.8*	6.2*	0.3*	0.0*	2.2*	3.1*	3.7*	
JUNI/JULI															
JUNE/JULY															JUIN/JULIET
1991	22982	27393	1412	2885	7239	329	3887	3300	408	1429	15	3462	524	2504	
1992	23223*	27421*	1526*	3023	6455*	337*	3637*	3524*	466*	1406*	15	4018	561	2453*	
1993	24214*	28585*	1601*	3237*	6750*	337*	3781*	3700*	498*	1400*	15*	4190*	590*	2485*	
% 91/92	1.1*	0.1*	8.1*	4.8	-10.8*	2.6*	-6.4*	6.8*	14.2*	-1.6*	2.9	16.1	7.1	-2.0*	
% 92/93	4.3*	4.2*	4.9*	7.1*	4.6*	-0.1*	4.0*	5.0*	6.9*	-0.4*	0.0*	4.3*	5.2*	1.3*	
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER															
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER															AOUT/SEPTEMBRE
1991	22611	26790	1472	3009	6829	345	3641	3475	428	1425	14	3296	538	2318	
1992	23348*	27757*	1627*	3255*	6517*	350*	3826*	3607*	474*	1480*	14*	3764	583	2260*	
1993	23981*	28387*	1692*	3272*	6600*	350*	3805*	3790*	506*	1490*	14*	3995*	601*	2272*	
% 91/92	3.3*	3.6*	10.5*	8.2*	-4.6*	1.4*	5.1*	3.8*	10.7*	3.9*	0.0*	14.2	8.4	-2.5*	
% 92/93	2.7*	2.3*	4.0*	0.5*	1.3*	0.0*	-0.5*	5.1*	6.8*	0.7*	0.0*	6.1*	3.1*	0.5*	
OKTOBER/NOVEMBER															
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER															OCTOBRE/NOVEMBRE
1991	24576	29265	1536	3016	7105	400	4167	3534	455	1893	17	3886	522	2734	
1992	25352*	30450*	1585*	3394*	7123*	414*	4478*	3704*	477*	2023*	17*	3930	620*	2685*	
1993	25290*	30041*	1648*	3320*	6950*	410*	4143*	3700*	485*	2020*	17*	4070*	608*	2670*	
% 91/92	3.2*	4.0*	3.2*	12.5*	0.3*	3.6*	7.5*	4.8*	4.8*	6.8*	0.0*	1.1	18.8*	-1.8*	
% 92/93	-0.2*	-1.3*	4.0*	-2.2*	-2.4*	-0.9*	-7.5*	-0.1*	1.7*	-0.1*	0.0*	3.6*	-1.9*	-0.6*	

