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### The pig population in August 1992

#### The pig population continues to grow ...

The results of the surveys carried out in August 1992 show that the pig population is expanding at an increasing rate, a trend which began in April 1992. In that month, the rise at EUR12 level was 0.7 % over the preceding year, but the corresponding figure in August was 2.8 %. In absolute terms, this trend corresponds to an expansion in the pig population of 2.942.000 units.

Three Member States go against this trend, viz Spain (-1.9 %), Italy (-3.8 %) and Portugal (-2.8 %\*). These last two countries nevertheless expect greater imports of piglets, and this will lead to an increase in their production of pigmeat.

It is interesting to note that the German pig population, which was still falling last April (-4.4 %), has gone up for the first time since unification by 0.7 %, the breakdown being as follows: old Länder +3.7 %, new Länder -13 %. It should not be forgotten that the numbers in the old Länder, at 22.6 million head, are still far from the total in August 1988 which was more than 25 million head. Although the numbers are still falling in the new Länder, this tendency is expected to level off soon.

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<b>Pig population in Germany in the old and new "Länder" (1000 heads)</b>						
	Old "Länder"			New Länder		
	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	% 92/91	Aug. '91	Aug. '92	% 92/91
Pigs total	21834	22652	3.7	4889	4258	-12.9
Piglets (<20 kg)	6267	6477	3.4	1045	996	-4.7
Young pigs (20-50 kg)	5302	5530	4.3	1454	1318	-9.4
Pigs for fattening (50-80 kg)	4728	4939	4.5	942	756	-19.7
Pigs for fattening (80-110kg)	2944	3076	4.5	747	550	-26.4
Pigs for fattening (>110kg)	132	135	2.3	127	78	-38.6
Breeding boars (>50 kg)	89	89	0.0	8	7	-12.5
Breeding sows (>50 kg)	2371	2406	1.5	567	562	-0.9
Mated sows	1564	1577	0.8	379	376	-0.8
of which: mated for the first time	305	315	3.3	99	97	-2.0
Breeding sows not mated	808	829	2.6	188	186	-1.1
of which: gilts	219	245	11.9	105	105	0.0

The exceptional rise (+10.9 %\*) in the Belgian herd must be interpreted with caution; following the epidemic of swine fever in 1990, the 1991 figures were abnormally low. In this Member State, both production and the import of piglets seem to have regained their normal level.

A similar explanation applies to the Netherlands, whose pig population should have remained stable because of the restrictions imposed by legislation on environmental protection; the increase of 6.3 % is also explained by health problems (Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome or "mysterious swine disease") which was rampant in 1991.

At Community level, the increase is virtually uniform (+3 %) for the different categories of sows for breeding. Although the development of the number of sows conceals by no means negligible disparities, the figures indicate that this rise, of a cyclic nature, will continue to apply for some time.

### **Production also on an upward trend**

According to the forecasts drawn up by the Member States, one may expect an increase in gross indigenous production of 3.1 % (= 5.2 million head) for the whole of the forecast period of twelve months. This would bring the Community total for this period to 173.4 million head - a significant increase which is likely to be particularly marked in April and May 1993.

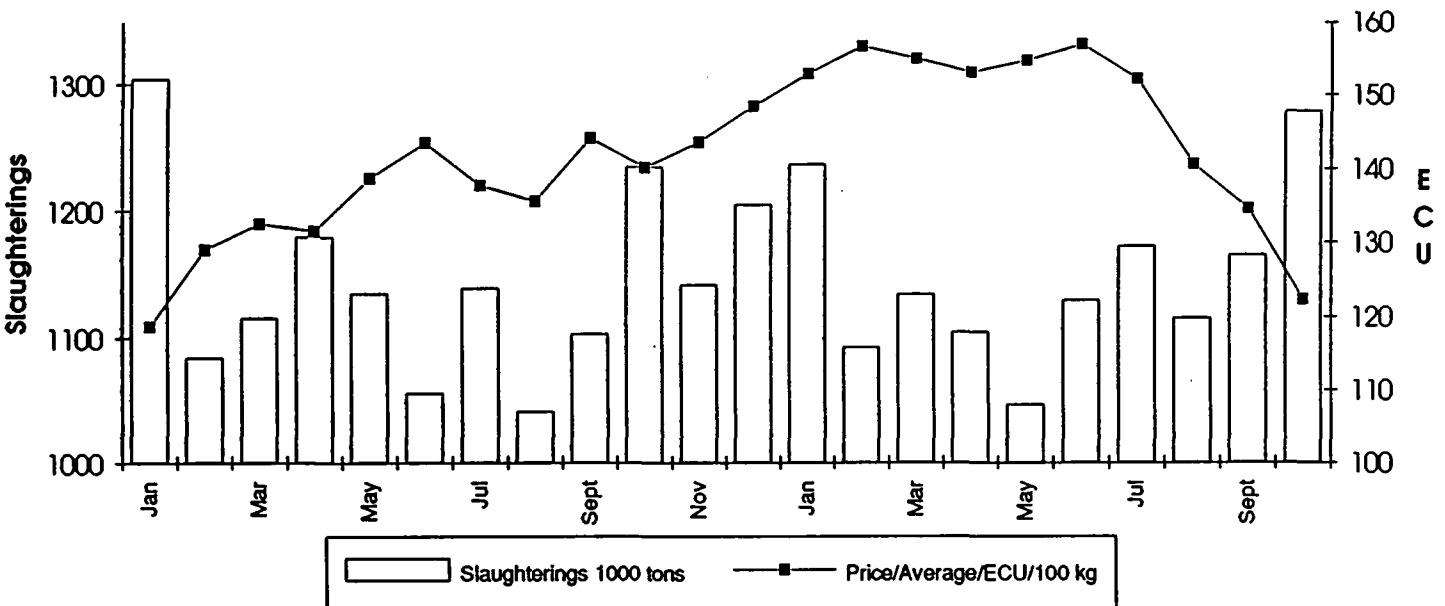
At Member State level, one may distinguish between three groups:

- those where the increase is between 8.1 and 4.2 % viz: IRL, NL, DK, F and B;
- those where this trend is more moderate (less than +2.7 %): D, P, UK, GR, I, L.
- one Member State (E = -1.5%) which constitutes an exception and which has submitted a downward forecast.

This production increase must necessarily have an influence on prices. The abundant supply has already caused prices to fall since June 1992, though these were very favourable to the producers until that time. The Community average of market prices for slaughtered pigs was ECU 125/100 kg at the middle of October 1992, or 22 % lower than the June level. Although the cost of compound feedingstuffs stabilized at a fairly low level (ECU 200/tonne) and this will probably apply for some time to come, the profit margins will continue to fall.

One must add that the fall in market prices over the last few weeks is reinforced by monetary difficulties (reintroduction of the MCA in Italy and the United Kingdom) and by health problems in the Netherlands (swine vesicular disease).

**Slaughterings and monthly average EC market price for pigmeat in 1991-1992**



Experience shows that if the pig producers continue this expansion, the market will collapse. Until there is any proof to the contrary, it is apparent that despite greater market transparency, the pig cycle still exists. The recommendation to behave in anti-cyclic fashion is as valid as ever.

An increase in human consumption would be welcome to relieve the market. Nevertheless, no great change is expected since it is known that it takes several months for a fall in producer prices to influence consumer prices.

## SCHWEINEBESTAND IM AUGUST

PIG POPULATION IN AUGUST

EFFECTIFS PORCINS EN AOUT

	1000 STUECK														1000 TETES
	EUR 12	EUR 12#	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK	
INSGESAMT															
TOTAL															TOTAL
1990	113913	104078	7423	9390	32559	1118	17108	12312	1047	8748	71	13971	2587	7579	
1991	105977	101088	6446	9765	26723	1035	16877	12130	1110	8566	66	13104	2655	7500	
1992	108919*	104661*	7149*	10553	26910	1048	16552	12844	1186	8236	68	13936	2581*	7856	
% 92/91	2.8*	3.5*	10.9*	8.1	0.7	1.3	-1.9	5.9	6.9	-3.8	3.0	6.3	-2.8*	4.7	
FERKEL (<20 KG)															
PIGLETS (<20 KG)															PORCELETS (<20 KG)
1990	31692	29849	2162	2934	8509	378	4898	3001	242	1578	25	5077	785	2103	
1991	29600	28556	1716	3062	7312	339	4851	3004	261	1510	24	4611	812	2099	
1992	30496*	29500*	1977*	3242	7473	346	4586	3118	300	1448	25	5048	785*	2148	
% 92/91	3.0*	3.3*	15.2*	5.9	2.2	2.1	-5.5	3.8	15.1	-4.1	5.6	9.5	-3.3*	2.3	
JUNGSCHWEINE (20-50 KG)															
YOUNG PIGS (20-50 KG)															JEUNES PORCS (20-50 KG)
1990	29011	25729	1602	2887	8784	286	4232	3459	330	1742	15	2871	690	2114	
1991	26491	25038	1703	2989	6756	261	3989	3351	350	1711	13	2598	732	2039	
1992	27590*	26280*	1782*	3264	6840	268	3909	3710	376	1718	15	2834	708*	2167	
% 92/91	4.1*	5.0*	4.7*	9.2	1.2	2.7	-2.0	10.7	7.4	0.4	16.9	9.1	-3.3*	6.3	
MASTSCHWEINE (>50 KG)															
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>50 KG)															PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>50 KG)
1990	40575	36950	2881	2504	11632	284	5960	4625	349	4659	21	4475	739	2447	
1991	37890	36074	2287	2610	9620	280	5979	4533	365	4624	19	4369	738	2466	
1992	38505*	37122*	2569*	2876	9533	273	6011	4693	366	4368	18	4494	711*	2592	
% 92/91	1.6*	2.9*	12.4*	10.2	-0.9	-2.5	0.5	3.5	0.3	-5.5	-8.8	2.9	-3.7*	5.1	
MASTSCHWEINE (50-80 KG)															
PIGS FOR FATTENING (50-80 KG)															PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (50-80 KG)
1990	-:	21925	1284	1994	-:	200	3919	2574	257	1614	15	2744	514	1748	
1991	22095	21153	1395	2078	5670	197	3539	2485	271	1620	13	2616	479	1732	
1992	22520*	21765*	1443*	2292	5695	190	3694	2584	271	1415	12	2611	460*	1854	
% 92/91	1.9*	2.9*	3.5*	10.3	0.4	-3.6	4.4	4.0	0.1	-12.7	-11.9	-0.2	-4.0*	7.0	
MASTSCHWEINE (80-110 KG)															
PIGS FOR FATTENING (80-110 KG)															PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (80-110 KG)
1990	-:	12441	1317	498	-:	78	1910	1809	79	1427	6	1648	185	646	
1991	13378	12631	869	520	3691	77	2334	1883	84	1434	6	1590	222	669	
1992	13459*	12908*	1094*	573	3626	78	2189	1926	88	1293	5	1693	217*	677	
% 92/91	0.6*	2.2*	25.9*	10.2	-1.7	1.3	-6.2	2.3	4.2	-9.9	-3.5	6.5	-2.3*	1.2	
MASTSCHWEINE (>110 KG)															
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>110 KG)															PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>110 KG)
1990	-:	2583	280	12	-:	6	130	242	13	1619	0	83	40	53	
1991	2416	2289	23	12	259	6	107	165	10	1570	0	163	37	64	
1992	2526*	2449*	32*	11	212	5	129	183	7	1661	1	190	34*	61	
% 92/91	4.6*	7.0*	42.1*	-8.3	-17.9	-16.7	20.8	10.9	-26.0	5.8	17.7	16.6	-8.1*	-4.7	

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	EUR 12	EUR 12#	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
<b>ZUCHTEBER (&gt;50 KG)</b>														
<b>BREEDING BOARS (&gt;50 KG)</b>														
1990	509	496	24	36	107	14	101	59	5	45	1	41	32	44
1991	493	485	22	36	97	15	107	55	6	44	1	40	28	43
1992	467*	461*	22*	37	96	11	91	53	6	40	1	39	27*	46
% 92/91	-5.2*	-4.9*	-0.9*	2.8	-1.4	-26.7	-14.6	-3.6	0.0	-10.2	29.1	-2.5	-3.6*	7.0
<b>ZUCHTSAUEN (&gt;50 KG)</b>														
<b>BREEDING SOWS (&gt;50 KG)</b>														
1990	-:	11055	754	1029	-:	156	1918	1168	122	724	10	1507	341	871
1991	11504	10937	719	1068	2938	140	1951	1188	129	676	10	1486	345	854
1992	11862*	11300*	799*	1134	2968	150	1955	1272	139	663	10	1521	350*	902
% 92/91	3.1*	3.3*	11.1*	6.2	1.0	7.1	0.2	7.1	8.0	-2.0	-0.6	2.4	1.4*	5.6
<b>GEDECKTE SAUEN</b>														
<b>MATED SOWS</b>														
1990	7985	7241	536	650	2352	88	1197	740	87	566	7	947	212	603
1991	7618	7240	496	690	1942	78	1190	789	92	552	6	967	226	589
1992	7845*	7470*	566*	727	1952	86	1202	854	99	518	7	988	230*	617
% 92/91	3.0*	3.2*	14.1*	5.4	0.5	10.3	1.0	8.2	7.9	-6.3	2.0	2.2	1.8*	4.8
<b>DARUNTER: ZUM ERSTEN MAL GEDECKTE SAUEN</b>														
<b>OF WHICH: SOWS MATED FOR THE FIRST TIME</b>														
1990	1569	1412	105	135	475	21	213	148	18	110	1	177	58	108
1991	1486	1387	110	146	404	20	208	153	18	84	1	185	60	97
1992	1531*	1435*	134*	160	412	24	189	162	20	70	1	190	58*	111
% 92/91	3.0*	3.4*	22.0*	9.6	1.8	20.0	-9.0	5.9	9.2	-16.3	1.4	2.7	-3.3*	14.4
<b>NICHT GEDECKTE ZUCHTSAUEN</b>														
<b>BREEDING SOWS NOT MATED</b>														
1990	-:	3815	218	379	-:	68	720	428	35	158	3	560	129	268
1991	3888	3700	226	378	996	62	762	399	37	124	3	519	119	264
1992	4017*	3830*	232*	407	1015	64	753	418	40	145	3	533	120*	285
% 92/91	3.3*	3.5*	2.9*	7.7	2.0	3.2	-1.1	4.8	8.4	17.3	-5.8	2.7	0.8*	8.0
<b>DARUNTER: NOCH NICHT GEDECKTE JUNGS AUEN</b>														
<b>OF WHICH: BREEDING GILTS NOT YET MATED</b>														
1990	1530	1202	86	137	572	12	154	127	10	64	1	231	40	97
1991	1233	1128	94	141	324	12	141	124	11	51	1	203	35	95
1992	1333*	1228*	94*	160	350	12	143	142	12	65	1	205	40*	109
% 92/91	8.1*	8.8*	-0.6*	13.5	8.1	0.0	1.2	14.5	4.4	28.2	-10.3	1.0	14.3*	14.7

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## BRUTTOEIGENERZEUGUNG VON SCHWEINEN

GROSS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF PIGS

PRODUCTION INDIGENE BRUTE DE PORCS

1000 STUECK

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	EUR 10	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
12 MONATE														
12 MONTHS														
1990/91	147139*	174294*	8793	16907	48112	2327	23766	20314	2461	10383	122	23208	3389	14512*
1991/92	140990*	168183*	8814*	17692*	40360*	2398*	23750*	20964*	2675*	10356*	92	22965*	3443	14674*
1992/93	146494*	173381*	9188*	18786*	41200*	2428*	23387*	22070*	2892*	10394*	92*	24600*	3500*	14844*
% 92/91	-4.2*	-3.5*	0.2*	4.6*	-16.1*	3.0*	-0.1*	3.2*	8.7*	-0.3*	-24.3	-1.0*	1.6	1.1*
% 93/92	3.9*	3.1*	4.2*	6.2*	2.1*	1.2*	-1.5*	5.3*	8.1*	0.4*	0.0*	7.1*	1.7*	1.2*
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER														
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1990	23789	28211	1583	2830	7984	341	3813	3199	405	1368	20	3843	609	2216
1991	22611	26845	1472	3009	6829	345	3641	3475	428	1425	14	3296	593	2318
1992	23214*	27524*	1524*	3187*	6500*	350*	3727*	3550*	435*	1420*	14*	3990*	583	2244*
% 90/91	-4.9	-4.8	-7.0	6.3	-14.5	1.4	-4.5	8.6	5.7	4.2	-31.1	-14.2	-2.6	4.6
% 91/92	2.7*	2.5*	3.5*	5.9*	-4.8*	1.4*	2.4*	2.2*	1.6*	-0.3*	0.0*	21.1*	-1.7	-3.2*
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER														
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1990	26957	31437	1574	2984	9030	389	3864	3666	449	1854	25	4315	616	2671
1991	24580	29310	1536	3016	7109	400	4167	3534	455	1893	17	3886	563	2734
1992	25193*	29731*	1594*	3168*	6900*	414*	3944*	3770*	480*	1900*	17*	4240*	594*	2710*
% 91/92	-8.8	-6.8	-2.4	1.1	-21.3	2.8	7.8	-3.6	1.3	2.1	-33.6	-9.9	-8.6	2.4
% 92/93	2.5*	1.4*	3.8*	5.0*	-2.9*	3.6*	-5.4*	6.7*	5.5*	0.3*	0.0*	9.1*	5.5*	-0.9*
DEZEMBER/JANUAR														
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1990/91	26553	31361	1326	2848	8430	610	4249	3586	405	2564	25	4244	559	2516
1991/92	25384*	30330*	1421	3057	7050	639*	4370*	3690	456*	2505*	17	3997	576	2552*
1992/93	26059*	30984*	1485*	3176*	7200*	641*	4346*	3870*	505*	2514*	17*	4090*	579*	2562*
% 91/92	-4.4*	-3.3*	7.2	7.3	-16.4	4.8*	2.8*	2.9	12.6*	-2.3*	-33.2	-5.8	3.0	1.4*
% 92/93	2.7*	2.2*	4.5*	3.9*	2.1*	0.3*	-0.5*	4.9*	10.7*	0.4*	0.0*	2.3*	0.5*	0.4*
FEBRUAR/MAERZ														
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1991	22937	27364	1381	2594	7499	356	3925	3186	386	1629	21	3693	502	2191
1992	23033*	27440*	1434	2907	6498	361*	3839*	3389	431*	1653*	16	4081	568	2264*
1993	23985*	28349*	1488*	3055*	6800*	364*	3792*	3620*	470*	1560*	16*	4310*	572*	2302*
% 91/92	0.4*	0.3*	3.8	12.1	-13.3	1.3*	-2.2*	6.4	11.7*	1.5*	-26.9	10.5	13.1	3.3*
% 92/93	4.1*	3.3*	3.8*	5.1*	4.6*	0.8*	-1.2*	6.8*	9.0*	-5.6*	0.0*	5.6*	0.7*	1.7*
APRIL/MAI														
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1991	23922	28529	1517	2767	7930	302	4028	3377	408	1539	16	3651	579	2415
1992	22344*	26862*	1427	2680*	6419*	315*	3936*	3352*	432*	1450*	14	3875	582	2380*
1993	23749*	28225*	1502*	3017*	6800*	318*	3882*	3600*	480*	1550*	14*	3960*	594*	2508*
% 91/92	-6.6*	-5.8*	-5.9	-3.1*	-19.1*	4.2*	-2.3*	-0.7*	5.9*	-5.8*	-9.3	6.1	0.5	-1.4*
% 92/93	6.3*	5.1*	5.3*	12.6*	5.9*	0.9*	-1.4*	7.4*	11.1*	6.9*	0.0*	2.2*	2.1*	5.4*
JUNI/JULI														
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1991	22981*	27392*	1412	2885	7239	329	3887	3300	408	1429	15	3462	524	2503*
1992	23037*	27395*	1524*	3023*	6455*	337*	3797*	3524*	473*	1430*	15	3830*	561	2426*
1993	24294*	28568*	1595*	3183*	7000*	341*	3696*	3660*	522*	1450*	15*	4010*	578*	2518*
% 91/92	0.2*	0.0*	7.9*	4.8*	-10.8*	2.6*	-2.3*	6.8*	15.9*	0.1*	2.9	10.6*	7.1	-3.1*
% 92/93	5.5*	4.3*	4.7*	5.3*	8.4*	0.9*	-2.7*	3.9*	10.4*	1.4*	0.0*	4.7*	3.0*	3.8*



