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### The pig population in April 1990

**NOTE:** There is an update of the bovine, pig, sheep and goat populations in December 1989 in the latest Animal Production publication

#### Pig population on the increase

The data available from the surveys carried out in April 1990 show that, contrary to the situation in April 1989 (-2.5%), the Community pig population is now increasing slightly.

Since at the time of writing the data for Greece and Portugal are not yet available, Eurostat has calculated the EUR-12 totals by carrying forward the 1989 statistical data for these two Member States. The favourable market price situation in all the Member States gives grounds for forecasting some increase in the national pig populations.

An important factor which must certainly be taken into account is the break in the series for France. The updating of the Agricultural Holdings Register at the time of the Agricultural Census at the end of 1988 meant that updated samples could be used which reflected the actual situation more closely. The results confirm that the data for the previous years had regularly been under-estimated. Pending a back-calculation of the older data, which should be carried out soon, the growth rates for the French pig population have been omitted from the tables below. Accordingly, the data for Europe should be used with caution.

The population of pigs for fattening increased substantially in Belgium, by +12.5% in the 80-110 kg category and +95% in the over-110 kg category. The reason for this was the favourable economic situation at the end of 1989, which was responsible for large-scale imports of piglets. There was a similar situation in Ireland and Italy, although to a lesser degree, with +14.7% and +14.1% respectively.

The continuing decrease in the numbers of breeding boars (-35.5% in the Netherlands and -3.2% for EUR-12) is not very significant in market terms, but shows that artificial insemination is gaining ground all the time. This can only have a beneficial effect from the point of view of health, and consequently for the market.



The incidence of various contagious diseases affects trade and the breeders in the areas directly or indirectly concerned. For example, in mid-June 1990 more than 600 000 pigs in Belgium (10% of the population) had to be slaughtered and destroyed because of swine fever, in order to eradicate the outbreak and support the market. As not only pigs for fattening are slaughtered, but all categories, including sows and piglets, the consequences will be felt for a few months yet.

There is a more or less general increase in the various categories of breeding sow. The number of sows having been mated for the first time - the category which best indicates the upswing - increased by +3.8% in EUR-12 (IRL +15.8%, B +13.9%, UK +13.5%, and E +12.2%). Apart from the healthy market situation, other explanations could be adduced for this increase in production, such as the continued high level of exports to non-Community countries, the improvement in the economy and in health conditions in Spain, which have enabled this country to become an exporter, and the trend towards closed holdings or production systems.

It is still too early to determine whether, and to what extent, the press articles on BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) in the United Kingdom have had an indirect effect on pork consumption. The rising trend in the United Kingdom could in this case reflect an expectation on the part of the slaughterhouses and producers that pork consumption will increase.

#### **... following attractive prices**

Since the fourth week of 1990 Community prices for slaughtered pigs have steadily increased. In the 23rd week they reached nearly ECU 160/100 kg, which is an increase of more than 30% over the same period in 1988.

This favourable trend is even more marked in the average price for piglets, which has risen by almost 50% in a year to ECU 45 per head.

A comparison of the price of pigmeat and those of compound feedingstuffs (which are stable, or even falling slightly) shows that, compared to January 1990, the margin - calculated from this point of view only - has risen by nearly 60%.

The pork/feedingstuffs relative price index rose to an exceptionally good level for this time of year. So far there are no grounds for expecting major changes in the near future.

#### **Production: the trend continues**

According to the forecasts made by the Member States we may expect for the whole of the 12 month forecast period that domestic gross production will grow by 1%, which would bring the Community total for this period to 161.5 million head. This increase would occur more specifically between August 1990 and January 1991.

When these forecasts are compared with the trends in the number of sows having been mated and the number of sows mated for the first time, it appears that this time the forecasts were cautious.

The forecasts are expressed by head and not carcass weight. The supply in terms of tonnes of pigmeat will depend on the average weight at slaughter, which has been increasing for several years.

#### **Note:**

Eurostat believes it reflects the views of the users of meat statistics to deplore the lengthening delays on the part of certain Member States in collecting and supplying these figures.

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INSGESAMT														
TOTAL														TOTAL
1987	84632	103187	5652	9160	24614	1143	16122	11766	994	8520	74	14409	2433	8300
1988	83496	102521	6413	9055	23755	1169	16654	11572	971	8600	76	13905	2371	7980
1989	81964	100419	6345	9353	22548	1151	16036	11615	984	8624	76	13757	2419	7511
1990	82101*	101152*	6757	9269	22040	1151*	16632	12141!	1016	8619	68	13534	2419*	7506
% 90/89	0.2*	0.7*	6.5	-0.9	-2.2	0.0*	3.7	-!	3.2	-0.1	-10.9	-1.6	0.0*	-0.1
FERKEL (<20 KG)														
PORCELETS (<20 KG)														
PIGLETS (<20 KG)														
1987	25179	30553	1685	3029	7619	390	4615	3087	225	1820	31	4952	759	2341
1988	24533	30062	1851	2952	7125	420	4801	2693	233	1838	31	5162	728	2228
1989	24106	29644	1805	3053	6841	400	4811	2801	225	1861	29	4988	726	2103
1990	23922*	29784*	1961	3011	6648	400*	5136	2841!	234	1648	28	4957	726*	2195
% 90/89	-0.8*	0.5*	8.6	-1.4	-2.8	0.0*	6.7	-!	4.0	-11.5	-4.4	-0.6	0.0*	4.4
JUNGSCHWEINE (20-50 KG)														
JEUNES PORCS (20-50 KG)														
YOUNG PIGS (20-50 KG)														
1987	21713	26725	1362	2751	5790	286	4331	3506	310	1982	13	3387	681	2327
1988	20889	25664	1640	2694	5505	292	4107	3502	304	1987	13	2703	668	2248
1989	20444	25330	1494	2766	5321	278	4183	3423	324	1941	16	2785	703	2096
1990	20459*	25465*	1528	2782	5258	278*	4303	3556!	328	2032	12	2675	703*	2010
% 90/89	0.1*	0.5*	2.3	0.6	-1.2	0.0*	2.9	-!	1.1	4.7	-24.6	-3.9	0.0*	-4.1
MASTSCHWEINE (>50 KG)														
PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>50 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>50 KG)														
1987	27949	33676	1876	2291	8261	302	5092	3890	346	3903	18	4416	635	2647
1988	28692	34945	2158	2346	8364	287	5638	4220	319	3960	19	4458	616	2561
1989	28376	34112	2315	2475	7834	288	5098	4226	320	4036	20	4422	638	2441
1990	28570*	34345*	2476	2398	7617	288*	5138	4497!	333	4142	18	4416	638*	2385
% 90/89	0.7*	0.7*	7.0	-3.1	-2.8	0.0*	0.8	-!	4.1	2.6	-9.5	-0.1	0.0*	-2.3
MASTSCHWEINE (50-80 KG)														
PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (50-80 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (50-80 KG)														
1987	17032	20852	1161	1822	5128	181	3341	2161	264	1613	10	2770	479	1921
1988	17182	21196	1320	1865	5109	180	3554	2254	236	1639	11	2707	460	1861
1989	16712	20298	1340	1970	4734	185	3152	2262	246	1493	12	2695	434	1775
1990	16764*	20425*	1362	1909	4702	185*	3228	2401!	253	1529	11	2724	434*	1688
% 90/89	0.3*	0.6*	1.6	-3.1	-0.7	0.0*	2.4	-!	2.9	2.4	-9.3	1.1	0.0*	-4.9
MASTSCHWEINE (80-110 KG)														
PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (80-110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (80-110 KG)														
1987	9234	11005	695	455	3001	100	1644	1582	67	1169	8	1539	127	618
1988	9799	11884	817	466	3126	100	1942	1763	67	1181	7	1662	143	610
1989	9852	11773	953	493	2969	94	1760	1799	65	1235	7	1642	161	595
1990	9769*	11669*	1072	477	2800	94*	1739	1908!	69	1111	6	1610	161*	622
% 90/89	-0.8*	-0.9*	12.5	-3.2	-5.7	0.0*	-1.2	-!	7.4	-10.0	-18.2	-1.9	0.0*	4.5
MASTSCHWEINE (>110 KG)														
PORCS A L'ENGRAIS (>110 KG)														
PIGS FOR FATTENING (>110 KG)														
1987	1683	1819	20	14	132	20	108	147	15	1120	1	107	29	108
1988	1708	1863	21	15	129	8	142	204	16	1137	0	88	13	90
1989	1812	2040	22	12	130	9	185	165	9	1309	0	85	43	70
1990	2037*	2250*	43	12	115	9*	171	188!	11	1502	1	82	43*	75
% 90/89	12.4*	10.3*	95.5	0.0	-11.9	0.0*	-7.7	-!	14.1	14.7	229.3	-3.5	0.0*	7.1

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ZUCHTEBER (>50 KG)														
BREEDING BOARS (>50 KG)														
1987	425	555	25	40	117	13	103	74	5	45	1	57	27	47
1988	401	538	24	37	103	14	111	63	5	46	1	64	26	45
1989	385	513	22	35	98	16	103	61	5	41	1	65	25	42
1990	373*	497*	24	37	89	16*	99	66!	5	50	1	42	25*	44
% 90/89	-3.2*	-3.2*	7.3	5.7	-9.4	0.0*	-3.8	-!	2.1	22.9	-8.8	-35.4	0.0*	4.8
ZUCHTSAUEN (>50 KG)														
BREEDING SOWS (>50 KG)														
1987	9365	11676	704	1049	2827	153	1980	1207	108	771	11	1597	331	938
1988	8986	11316	740	1026	2658	155	1998	1093	109	774	12	1519	333	900
1989	8653	10820	709	1024	2454	169	1841	1105	110	745	11	1497	327	829
1990	8777*	11060*	768	1041	2429	169*	1956	1181!	115	748	10	1444	327*	872
% 90/89	1.4*	2.2*	8.3	1.7	-1.0	0.0*	6.3	-!	5.0	0.4	-11.4	-3.5	0.0*	5.2
GEDECKTE SAUEN														
MATED SOWS														
1987	6075	7519	469	650	1797	96	1242	767	77	573	7	986	202	654
1988	5920	7380	501	645	1718	96	1261	702	76	576	8	970	199	628
1989	5765	7109	496	659	1602	119	1135	724	78	565	7	934	210	581
1990	5886*	7328*	527	671	1591	119*	1232	787!	82	575	7	918	210*	610
% 90/89	2.1*	3.1*	6.3	1.8	-0.6	0.0*	8.6	-!	5.4	1.7	-10.6	-1.7	0.0*	5.0
DARUNTER: ZUM ERSTEN MAL GEDECKTE SAUEN														
OF WHICH: SOWS MATED FOR THE FIRST TIME														
1987	1306	1610	112	153	385	21	241	169	15	143	2	197	63	110
1988	1234	1516	104	148	362	22	232	151	15	143	2	183	50	104
1989	1143	1396	111	137	333	11	198	145	14	118	2	176	55	96
1990	1171*	1448*	112	156	333	11*	222	154!	16	101	2	178	55*	109
% 90/89	2.5*	3.8*	0.7	13.9	0.0	0.0*	12.2	-!	15.8	-14.7	-8.9	1.1	0.0*	13.5
NICHT GEDECKTE ZUCHTSAUEN														
BREEDING SOWS NOT MATED														
1987	3290	4157	235	399	1031	57	738	440	32	198	4	611	129	284
1988	3065	3936	239	381	940	59	737	391	33	198	4	549	134	271
1989	2887	3710	213	365	852	50	706	380	32	180	4	563	117	248
1990	2892*	3733*	241	370	838	50*	724	394!	33	173	3	526	117*	263
% 90/89	0.2*	0.6*	13.1	1.4	-1.7	0.0*	2.6	-!	4.0	-3.7	-12.9	-6.6	0.0*	6.0
DARUNTER: NOCH NICHT GEDECKTE JUNGS AUEN														
OF WHICH: BREEDING GILTS NOT YET MATED														
1987	1092	1294	96	135	290	14	171	151	8	83	1	227	31	87
1988	998	1182	100	128	253	9	155	126	9	83	1	203	28	86
1989	962	1145	84	121	227	17	144	119	8	75	1	233	39	77
1990	971*	1173*	97	129	232	17*	162	127!	9	71	1	200	39*	89
% 90/89	1.0*	2.4*	15.2	6.6	2.3	0.0*	12.6	-!	8.3	-5.4	-13.5	-14.2	0.0*	15.6
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BRUTTOEIGENERZEUGUNG VON SCHWEINEN

GROSS INDIGENOUS PRODUCTION OF PIGS

PRODUCTION INDIGENE BRUTE DE PORCS

1000 HEAD		1000 STUECK											1000 TETES	
	EUR 10	EUR 12	B	DK	D	GR	E	F	IRL	I	L	NL	P	UK
12 MONTHS														
1988/89	137022*	162419*	8367	16006	38083	2367	22161	20219	2133	10223	131*	23905	3236	15588
1989/90	134785*	159819*	8639*	16141*	36545	2341*	21729*	19904*	2245*	10422*	131*	23978*	3305*	14439
1990/91	135424*	161469*	9008*	16070*	35900*	2445*	22590*	20035*	2315*	10726*	131*	23755*	3455*	15039*
% 89/90	-1.6*	-1.6*	3.3*	0.8*	-4.0	-1.1*	-1.9*	-1.6*	5.3*	1.9*	0.0*	0.3*	2.1*	-7.4
% 90/91	0.5*	1.0*	4.3*	-0.4*	-1.8*	4.4*	4.0*	0.7*	3.1*	2.9*	0.0*	-0.9*	4.5*	4.2*
12 MONATE														
APRIL/MAY														
1988	22240	26460	1341	2489	6426	295	3671	3302	335	1491	21	3871	549	2669
1989	22266*	26354*	1425	2605	6238	299*	3549	3279*	368	1545	21*	4000	539	2486
1990	22297*	26577*	1492*	2565*	5920*	297*	3746*	3345*	385*	1851*	21*	4040*	534	2381*
% 88/89	0.1*	-0.4*	6.3	4.7	-2.9	1.3*	-3.3	-0.7*	9.9	3.6	0.0*	3.3	-1.8	-6.9
% 89/90	0.1*	0.8*	4.7*	-1.5*	-5.1*	-0.8*	5.6*	2.0*	4.6*	19.8*	0.0*	1.0*	-0.9	-4.2*
JUNI/JULI														
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1988	21862	25893	1281	2608	6100	337	3504	3231	346	1367	22	3832	527	2738
1989	21448*	25482*	1313	2532	5915	335*	3487	3161*	361	1523	22*	3795	547	2491
1990	21449*	25624*	1359*	2541*	5820*	367*	3625*	3250*	365*	1445*	22*	3740*	550*	2540*
% 88/89	-1.9*	-1.6*	2.5	-2.9	-3.0	-0.7*	-0.5	-2.2*	4.3	11.4	0.0*	-1.0	3.8	-9.0
% 89/90	0.0*	0.6*	3.5*	0.4*	-1.6*	9.5*	4.0*	2.8*	1.1*	-5.1*	0.0*	-1.4*	0.5*	2.0*
AUGUST/SEPTEMBER														
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1988	23005	27126	1515	2854	6417	358	3576	3531	375	1374	20	4118	545	2443
1989	21898*	25826*	1496	2763	5714	350*	3368	3282*	373	1608	20*	4045	560	2247
1990	22030*	26148*	1540*	2690*	5760*	396*	3518*	3290*	380*	1655*	20*	3955*	600*	2344*
% 88/89	-4.8*	-4.8*	-1.3	-3.2	-11.0	-2.2*	-5.8	-7.1*	-0.5	17.0	0.0*	-1.8	2.8	-8.0
% 89/90	0.6*	1.2*	2.9*	-2.6*	0.8*	13.1*	4.5*	0.2*	1.9*	2.9*	0.0*	-2.2*	7.1*	4.3*
OKTOBER/NOVEMBER														
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER														
1988	23692	27887	1518	2752	6624	413	3665	3417	366	1715	24	4010	530	2853
1989	23616*	27757*	1615	2855	6370	411*	3613*	3432*	406	1787	24*	4107	528	2609
1990	23780*	28060*	1680*	2873*	6220*	405*	3664*	3400*	420*	1790*	24*	4195	616*	2774*
% 88/89	-0.3*	-0.5*	6.4	3.7	-3.8	-0.5*	-1.4*	0.4*	10.9	4.2	0.0*	2.4	-0.4	-8.6
% 89/90	0.7*	1.1*	4.0*	0.6*	-2.4*	-1.5*	1.4*	-0.9*	3.4*	0.1*	0.0*	2.1	16.7*	6.3*
DEZEMBER/JANUAR														
DECEMBER/JANUARY														
1988/89	24299	29179	1375	2762	6562	602	4335	3440	351	2483	22	4076	545	2626
1989/90	23736*	28314*	1406*	2739*	6331	588*	3998*	3483*	377	2347*	22*	4010*	580*	2432
1990/91	23909*	28751*	1473*	2806*	6170*	618*	4248*	3483*	390*	2335*	22*	3960*	594*	2652*
% 89/90	-2.3*	-3.0*	2.3*	-0.8*	-3.5	-2.3*	-7.8*	1.3*	7.4	-5.5*	0.0*	-1.6*	6.4*	-7.4
% 90/91	0.7*	1.5*	4.8*	2.4*	-2.5*	5.1*	6.3*	0.0*	3.4*	-0.5*	0.0*	-1.2*	2.4*	9.0*
FEBRUAR/MAERZ														
FEBRUARY/MARCH														
1989	21922*	25872*	1337	2541	5954	360	3410	3299	360	1793	22*	3998	540	2259
1990	21820*	26085*	1384*	2647*	5977	357*	3714*	3267*	360*	1611*	22*	4021*	551*	2174
1991	21958*	26308*	1464*	2595*	6010*	362*	3789*	3267*	375*	1650*	22*	3865*	561*	2348*
% 89/90	-0.5*	0.8*	3.5*	4.2*	0.4	-0.8*	8.9*	-1.0*	0.0*	-10.2*	0.0*	0.6*	2.0*	-3.8
% 90/91	0.6*	0.9*	5.8*	-2.0*	0.6*	1.3*	2.0*	0.0*	4.2*	2.4*	0.0*	-3.9*	1.8*	8.0*

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(B) Das Angebot von April-Juli 90 wird durch die Abschachtungen von ca. 600.000 Schweinen verzerrt, eine Folge der klassischen Schweinepest.

(B) The April-July 90 supply is perturbed by the destruction of about 600.000 pigs ,a consequence of classical swine fever.

(B) Avril-Juillet 90 l'offre est perturbée par la destruction d'environ 600.000 porcs, conséquence de la peste porcine classique.



