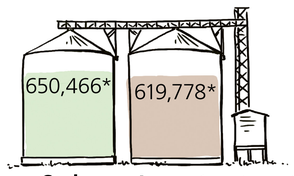
The Swiss pig market 2018

1 Inputs

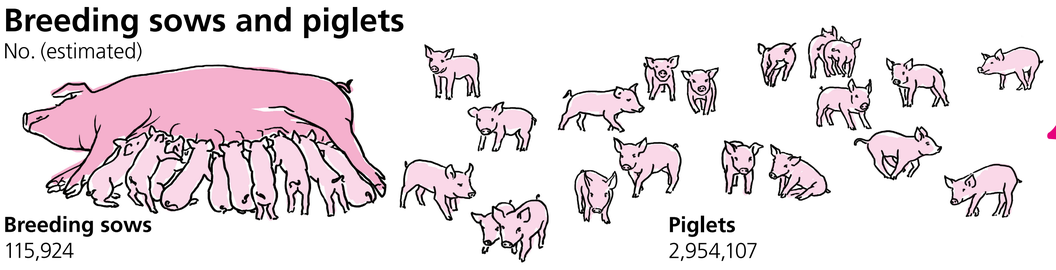
The figures given indicate the available feed based on the **energy content**. In volume terms, around 24 % of feed is imported, corresponding to 49 % of the gross available energy (standard feed).

Available feed
converted into tonnes of standard feed



Swiss **Imports** Figures for 2017*

Breeding sows and piglets
No. (estimated)



Breeding sows
115,924

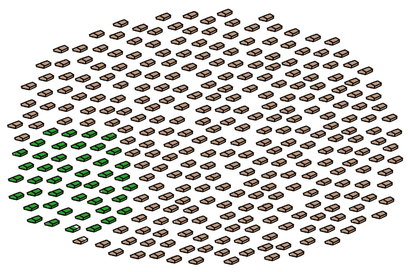
Piglets
2,954,107

The piglets are suckled by the sow for the first four weeks. After weaning and the transition from milk to feed, they develop into young pigs (growers). These are then finished and slaughtered at the age of approx. **24 weeks**.

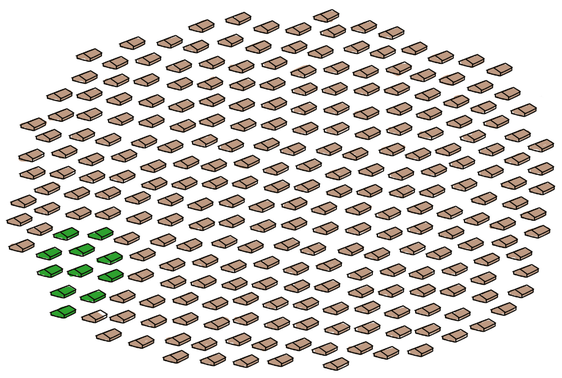
2 Production & prices

Structure

Explanation
5.7 % of all fattened pigs (45,869) live in 3272 farms (52 %) with 1–50 animals/farm

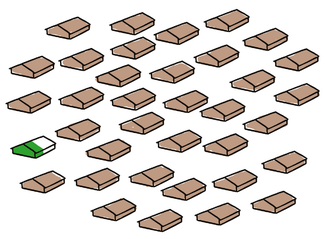


Animals per farm: **1–50**
No. of farms: 3272 (52.0 %), incl. 446 organic
Proportion of animals: **5.7 %** (45,869)



51–500
2657 (42.2 %), incl. 110 organic
57.7 % (465,601)

Minimum requirements for pig housing are specified in federal legislation. In addition, federal **animal welfare programmes** promote particularly animal-friendly housing systems (BTS) and regular access to outdoor areas (RAUS).



501–1500
353 (5.6 %), incl. 4 organic
34.4 % (277,282)

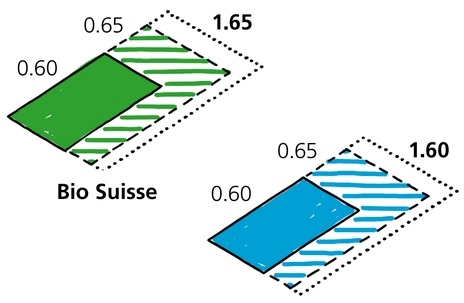
>1500
8 (0.1 %), incl. 0 organic
2.3 % (18,328)

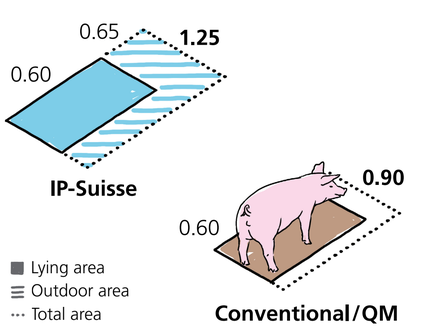
807,080
Average total herd of fattening pigs

6290
Pig fattening farms

Each farm has approx. **3 production cycles** per year.

Housing
in m²





Slaughter figures
Number (%)

Bio Suisse
42,458 (1.7 %)

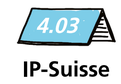
Coop Naturafarm
304,719 (11.9 %)

IP-Suisse
512,636 (20.0 %)

QM + remainder
1,708,976 (66.5 %)

Producer prices
in CHF/kg hot carcass weight

Bio Suisse



Coop Naturafarm

IP-Suisse

QM + remainder

3 Slaughter & processing

Production-consumption balance

Domestic production
Slaughtered pigs
2,568,789

47.1 %
Pigmeat as a proportion of Swiss meat production

The **fresh meat equivalent** is a value based on fresh meat ready for sale. The conversion factor used to calculate this value varies according to the product.

Domestic production
in tonnes of fresh meat equivalent
176,628 t

Imports
9812 t

Exports
1441 t

Consumption
184,998 t

95.5 %
Domestic share

41.6 %
Pigmeat as a proportion of total meat consumption

Carcass
Percentages are based on the cold carcass weight

The **carcass** is roughly divided into four major cuts and a residual category, comprising various parts such as the snout, shanks, tail and rind.

Shoulder
8.7 kg (10.0 %)

Loin without chump
15.8 kg (18.2 %)

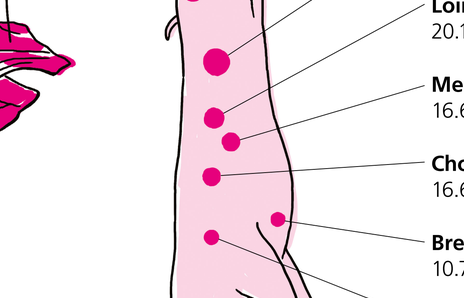
Leg with chump
17.4 kg (20.0 %)

Breast
8.4 kg (9.7 %)

Remainder
36.6 kg (42.1 %)

A fattened pig shortly before slaughter weighs approx. 113.7 kg (**liveweight**). Waste materials removed after slaughter account for around 21 % of the liveweight (approx. 23.8 kg).

The remaining 89.9 kg is the hot carcass weight – the value on which producer prices are based. As a result of cooling, the weight is reduced by another 2.5 % (2.9 kg). The remaining 87.0 kg is the **cold carcass weight**.

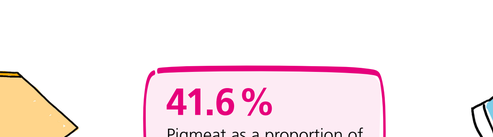


Liveweight
in kg (whole animal)

Cold carcass weight
in kg

4 Retail & wholesale for catering trade

Retail sales of pigmeat
CH and imported products
in tonnes of selling weight



Fresh meat excluding charcuterie 30,437

Organic 1061

Escalope/cordon bleu 4118

Roast 3899

Chops 4015

Steak 3535

Bratwurst 12,652

Fillet 2007

Ham 10,879

Meat loaf 4885

Bacon 5839

Lyoner sausage 1532

Consumer prices
Swiss prices excl. discount
in CHF/kg, CHF/100 g (sausages and salami)

Wholesale prices for catering
Swiss prices
in CHF/kg

5 Consumption

Swiss per capita consumption
in kg per capita

Pigmeat 21.6

Poultry 14.2

Beef 11.4

Fish/shellfish 8.7

Veal 2.6

Other 2.3

Per capita consumption abroad
in kg per capita

US 21.1**
Switzerland 21.6
China 30.3*
France 32.0*
Germany 35.7
Austria 37.2*

Figures for 2017* and 2016**

1 %
Fillet accounts for around 1 % (approx. 800 g per pig) of the total cold carcass weight, and loin accounts for around 3 % (2800 g per pig).

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