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**Report Highlights:**

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### Animal and Meat Production in Slovakia

Slovak pork production decreased by 5.7 percent in 2003 with the total number of pigs decreasing by 7.1 percent in 2003. Slightly lower pig production is estimated for 2004. While the total number of cattle went down by 2.4 percent, the number of suckler cows increased by 4.6 percent in 2003. This trend is also expected to continue in 2004. Poultry production decreased slightly in 2003 by 0.9 percent. However, rising numbers are expected for 2004. Sheep production was and is fairly stable.

The 2002 production of animal commodities increased due to a number of factors. The long-term targeted support schemes increased the production and sale of most animal products. From 2001 to 2002 the output of animal products increased between 0.7 percent (slaughter pigs) to 17.5 percent (slaughter calves).

Prices of animal products declined in 2002 by 0.6 percent on average. This decline was particularly influenced by cheap imports from China and the Czech Republic.

### Cattle

In 2003, the total number of cattle decreased by 2.4 percent (14.1 thousand heads). At the end of 2003, the number of cattle amounted to 593.2 thousand heads. The number of cows also decreased by 5.4 percent (14.1 thousand heads). Average number of suckler cows rose by 1.4 thousand heads (4.6 percent). The share of suckler cows out of total number of cows reached 12.9 percent. The number of cattle for fattening increased in 2003 to 66,268 heads. The increase amounted to 2,756 heads or 4.3 percent.

The average weight increment of cattle for fattening in 2003 reached 0.737 kg per head per day, this is 0.005 kg (or 0.7 percent) more than in 2002. The average weight of slaughter bulls accounted for 491.3 kg live weight per head, which is an increase of 7.2 kg in comparison to the previous year. Slaughter cows showed an average live weight of 463.2 kg (6.5 kg higher than the previous year 2002), heifers showed a live weight of 378.9 kg (plus 0.2 kg), and calves had a live weight of 79.5 kg per head (minus 7.9 kg).

Sales of slaughter cattle in 2003 were 4 percent lower than in 2002. Total sales of slaughter cattle accounted for 66.417 MT, which is 2.753 MT less than the year before. Exports of cattle and beef (calculated in meat with bone) were down 24.6 percent compared to 2002. The live animals accounted for the major share of exports (71.3 percent) whereas the export of beef and veal were less important.

<b>PSD Table</b>							
<b>Country</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>						
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Animal Numbers, Cattle</b>				<b>(1000 HEAD)</b>		
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]		
<b>Market Year Begin</b>		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Total Cattle Beg. Stks		608		593		583	(1000 HEAD)
Dairy Cows Beg. Stks		260		246		236	(1000 HEAD)
Beef Cows Beg. Stocks		30		31		31	(1000 HEAD)
Production (Calf Crop)		66		65		65	(1000 HEAD)
EC Imports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Total Imports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL Imports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL SUPPLY		674		658		648	(1000 HEAD)
EC Exports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Total Exports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL Exports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Cow Slaughter		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Calf Slaughter		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Other Slaughter		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Total Slaughter		81		75		70	(1000 HEAD)
Loss		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Ending Inventories		593		583		578	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION		674		658		648	(1000 HEAD)
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)

### Meat, Beef and Veal

Domestic consumption of beef (expressed in meat including bones) is estimated for 36.000 MT. Slovaks consume on an average 6.7 kg beef per capita and year. No changes in consumer habits are expected.

Imports of cattle and beef rose in 2003 compared to the previous years by 1,057 MT, which is in total 2,063 MT.

<b>PSD Table</b>							
<b>Country</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>						
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Meat, Beef and Veal</b>			<b>(1000 MT CWE)(1000 HEAD)</b>			
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]	Post Estimate [New]			
<b>Market Year Begin</b>	01/2003		01/2004	01/2005		MM/YYYY	
Slaughter (Reference)	81		75	70		(1000 HEAD)	
Beginning Stocks	1		2	1		(1000 MT CWE)	
Production	41		41	41		(1000 MT CWE)	
EC Imports	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
Total Imports	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
TOTAL Imports	2		2	2		(1000 MT CWE)	
TOTAL SUPPLY	44		45	44		(1000 MT CWE)	
EC Exports	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
Total Exports	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
TOTAL Exports	6		7	6		(1000 MT CWE)	
Human Dom. Consumption	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
Other Use, Losses	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	36		36	36		(1000 MT CWE)	
Ending Stocks	2		2	2		(1000 MT CWE)	
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	44		45	44		(1000 MT CWE)	
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.	0		0	0		(1000 MT CWE)	

## Swine

Due to a surplus of slaughter pigs in Slovakia (and the EU) and the relatively low purchasing power in Slovakia, Slovak pig producers are facing problems with their sales of pigs and pig meat. Even though there was an increase of pig numbers at the beginning of 2003, a consequent decline of pig numbers could be found in the second half of the year. This was due to reproductive and productive indicators.

At the end of 2003, total number of pigs amounted to 1,443 thousand heads. This corresponds with a decrease of 110.9 thousand heads (or 7.1 percent). Out of that number, 105.2 thousand were sows, which is 12.3 thousand heads (or 10.5 percent) less than the previous year.

Total number of pigs for fattening amounted to 641.7 thousand heads in 2003. This means 38.9 thousand heads (or 5.7 percent) less than in 2002. The number of pigs up to 20 kg was down by 9.2 percent (36.6 thousand heads) and reached a total number of 363.2 thousand heads.

Total production of slaughter pigs in 2003 accounted for 232,166 MT of live weight. This is 2.3 percent more than in the year before. Out of that number, 182,166 MT of live weight was sold (plus 4.3 percent compared to 2002) and around 50,000 MT was used for self-supply (4.3 percent less than in 2002).

<b>PSD Table</b>							
<b>Country</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>						
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Animal Numbers, Swine</b>					(1000 HEAD)	
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]		
<b>Market Year Begin</b>		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
TOTAL Beginning Stocks		1554		1443		1454	(1000 HEAD)
Sow Beginning Stocks		118		105		90	(1000 HEAD)
Production (Pig Crop)		2145		1920		1710	(1000 HEAD)
Intra EC Imports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Total Imports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL Imports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL SUPPLY		3699		3363		3164	(1000 HEAD)
Intra EC Exports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Total Exports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL Exports		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Sow Slaughter		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
OTHER SLAUGHTER		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Total Slaughter		2256		1909		1721	(1000 HEAD)
Loss		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Ending Inventories		1443		1454		1443	(1000 HEAD)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION		3699		3363		3164	(1000 HEAD)
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.		0		0		0	(1000 HEAD)

### Meat, Pork

In 2003, imports of pigs and pig meat amounted to 12,946 MT (a decrease of 25.4 percent compared to 2002, however the number is expected to rise again in 2004 up to 16,000 MT). Slovak exports of pigs and pig meat are marginal.

In 2003, Slovak per capita consumption amounted to 31.2 kg per capita and year (0.1 kg less than in 2002).

In comparison to 2002, the average annual price of slaughter pigs of quality class E decreased by 11.17 SKK (US\$ 0.30) per kg of slaughter weight (a 17 percent decrease). Processor prices and consumer prices were lower by 10.5 to 15 percent and 10.2 to 12.2 percent respectively in 2003 compared to the previous year. Slovak pig breeders estimate their sales losses in 2003 for 1.2 billion SKK (US\$ 30.3 million).

<b>PSD Table</b>							
<b>Country</b>	<b>Slovakia</b>						
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Meat, Swine</b>				<b>(1000 MT CWE)(1000 HEAD)</b>		
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]		Post Estimate [New]		
<b>Market Year Begin</b>		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Slaughter (Reference)		2256		1909		1721	(1000 HEAD)
Beginning Stocks		5		8		2	(1000 MT CWE)
Production		158		145		131	(1000 MT CWE)
EC Imports		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
Total Imports		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
TOTAL Imports		13		16		35	(1000 MT CWE)
TOTAL SUPPLY		176		169		168	(1000 MT CWE)
EC Exports		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
Total Exports		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
TOTAL Exports		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
Human Dom. Consumption		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
Other Use, Losses		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption		168		167		166	(1000 MT CWE)
Ending Stocks		8		2		2	(1000 MT CWE)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION		176		169		168	(1000 MT CWE)
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.		0		0		0	(1000 MT CWE)