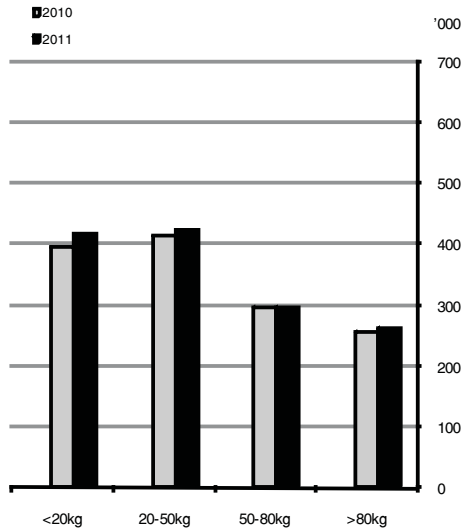




Non-breeding pigs



Pig Survey
June 2011

	Breeding pigs	Other pigs	Total pigs
		'000	
2010	161.7	1,356.6	1,518.3
2011	156.8	1,398.3	1,555.1
% change	-3.1%	+3.1%	+2.4%

Pig numbers up 2.4%

The total number of pigs in Ireland in June 2011 was estimated at 1,555,100. This represents an increase of 2.4% since June 2010. *See Table 1.*

The number of breeding pigs decreased by 3.1% and non-breeding pig numbers increased by 3.1% in the same period. *See Table 1.*

A comparison of the June 2010 and June 2011 figures (*see Table 1*) shows that in the breeding category the number of:

- ◆ Gilts not yet served increased by 4.5%.
- ◆ Other Sows for breeding decreased by 3.2%.

EU pig population figures showed a decrease of 0.6% in December 2010 compared to December 2009. *See page 3.*

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Table 1 Numbers of Pigs

Description	June	June	June	Change 2010 - 2011	
	2009	2010	2011	'000	%
Total Pigs	1,385.2	1,518.3	1,555.1	36.7	2.4
Breeding Pigs	149.0	161.7	156.8	-4.9	-3.1
Gilts in Pig	18.8	19.5	18.8	-0.7	-3.8
Sows in Pig	87.3	94.4	91.0	-3.4	-3.6
Other Sows for breeding	23.5	31.7	30.6	-1.0	-3.2
Gilts not yet served ¹	17.8	14.4	15.0	0.6	4.5
Boars	1.6	1.7	1.3	-0.4	-23.4
Other Pigs	1,236.2	1,356.6	1,398.3	41.7	3.1
Pigs 80kg and over	218.2	254.4	262.0	7.7	3.0
Pigs 50kg and under 80kg	283.9	294.5	296.4	1.9	0.7
Pigs 20kg and under 50kg	362.9	414.1	422.6	8.6	2.1
Less than 20kg	371.3	393.7	417.1	23.5	6.0

¹ *Gilts of at least 50kg liveweight intended for breeding but not yet served.*

Background Notes

Introduction This release presents estimates of numbers of pigs in June 2011 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2011 Pig Survey which collects data on pig numbers held by specialised pig producers.

Coverage Specialised pig farms, totalling 310, were surveyed in June 2011 as these accounted for approximately 95% of the total pig population in the June 2010 Census of Agriculture.

Results The results for June 2011 were calculated by comparing the returns from the same pig farms in the June 2010 Census of Agriculture and the June 2011 Pig Survey and applying the resulting trend to the June 2010 pig figures.

As figures in the text and tables have been rounded to the nearest 100 units, there may be slight discrepancies between the sum (or difference) of the constituent items and the totals shown.

EU Pig Numbers			'000 pigs
Country	Dec 2009	Dec 2010	% change
European Union	151,911¹	150,984¹	-0.6
Austria	3,137	3,134	-0.1
Belgium	6,228	6,176	-0.8
Bulgaria	730	664	-9.0
Cyprus	463	464	0.1
Czech Republic	1,914	1,846	-3.5
Denmark	12,873	12,293	-4.5
Estonia	365	372	1.8
Finland	1,353	1,340	-1.0
France	14,552	14,063	-3.4
Germany	26,841	26,901	0.2
Greece	1,073 ¹	1,087 ¹	1.3
Hungary	3,247	3,168	-2.4
Ireland	1,502	1,500	-0.1
Italy	9,157	9,321	1.8
Latvia	377	390	3.5
Lithuania	928	929	0.1
Luxembourg	89	89	0.9
Malta	66	69	5.2
Netherlands	12,108	12,206	0.8
Poland	14,253	14,776	3.7
Portugal	2,325	2,145	-7.8
Romania	5,793	5,359	-7.5
Slovakia	741	687	-7.2
Slovenia	415	396	-4.7
Spain	25,343	25,704	1.4
Sweden	1,616	1,520	-5.9
United Kingdom	4,423	4,385	-0.9

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