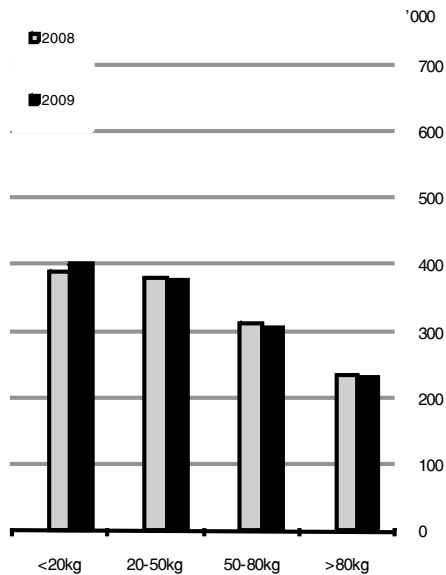




Pig Survey June 2009

Non-breeding pigs



	Breeding pigs	Other pigs	Total pigs
	'000		
2008	156.8	1,309.7	1,466.5
2009	157.5	1,310.6	1,468.2
% change	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%

Pig numbers up 0.1%

The total number of pigs in June 2009 is estimated at 1,468,200. This represents an increase of 0.1% since June 2008. *See Table 1.*

Breeding pigs were up 0.4% and non-breeding pigs up 0.1%. *See Table 1.*

A comparison of the June 2008 and June 2009 figures (*see Table 1*) shows that in the breeding category:

- ◆ Gilts not yet served numbers increased by 20.2%.
- ◆ Gilts in Pig numbers decreased by 10.1%.

For other pigs there was an increase of 3.4% in the number of pigs less than 20kg and a decrease in all other categories.

EU pig population figures show a decrease of 4.4% in December 2008 compared to December 2007. *See page 3.*

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Table 1 Numbers of Pigs

Description	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	Change 2008 - 2009	
		'000		'000	%
Total Pigs	1,587.8	1,466.5	1,468.2	1.7	0.1
Breeding Pigs	165.4	156.8	157.5	0.7	0.4
Gilts in Pig	20.9	23.9	21.5	-2.4	-10.1
Sows in Pig	97.5	91.3	91.5	0.2	0.2
Other Sows for breeding	29.6	24.0	23.7	-0.2	-1.0
Gilts not yet served ¹	15.6	16.1	19.4	3.3	20.2
Boars	1.8	1.5	1.4	-0.1	-3.7
Other Pigs	1,422.4	1,309.7	1,310.6	1.0	0.1
Pigs 80kg and over	200.1	233.5	229.2	-4.3	-1.8
Pigs 50kg and under 80kg	330.6	310.4	305.6	-4.9	-1.6
Pigs 20kg and under 50kg	441.8	378.4	375.4	-3.0	-0.8
Less than 20kg	449.9	387.4	400.4	13.1	3.4

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 2009 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2009 Pig Survey.
- Coverage** 361 specialised pig farms were included in the survey for June 2009, accounting for 85% of the total pig population.
- Results** The results are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2008 sample with the 2009 returns for the same farms.

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 2007	Dec 2008	% change
European Union	160,039²	153,067²	-4.4
Austria	3,286	3,064	-6.8
Belgium	6,200	6,208	0.1
Cyprus	467	465	-0.5
Czech Republic	2,662	2,135	-19.8
Denmark	13,170	12,195	-7.4
Estonia	375	364	-2.8
Finland	1,427	1,400	-1.9
France	14,969	14,796 ²	-1.2
Germany	27,113	26,719	-1.5
Greece	1,038 ²	1,061 ²	2.2
Hungary	3,871	3,383	-12.6
Ireland	1,575	1,605	1.9
Italy	9,273	9,252	-0.2
Latvia	414	384	-7.4
Lithuania	923	897	-2.8
Luxembourg	86	78	-10.0
Malta	77	66	-14.8
Netherlands	11,710	11,735	0.2
Poland	17,621	14,242	-19.2
Portugal	2,374	2,340	-1.4
Slovak Republic	952	749	-21.4
Slovenia	543	432 ²	-20.4
Spain	26,061	26,290 ²	0.9
Sweden	1,728	1,703	-1.4
Romania	6,565	6,174	-6.0
Bulgaria	889	784	-11.8
United Kingdom	4,671	4,550	-2.6

² Provisional

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat (except Ireland and European Union total, CSO).