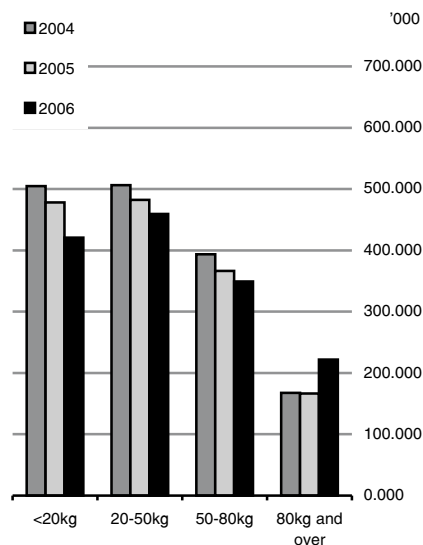




**Non-breeding pigs**



**Pig Survey**  
December 2006

	Breeding pigs	Other pigs	Total pigs
	'000		
<b>2005</b>	177.0	1,493.8	1,670.8
<b>2006</b>	168.9	1,451.1	1,620.0
<b>% change</b>	-4.6%	-2.9%	-3.0%

**Pig numbers down 3.0%**

The total number of pigs in December 2006 is estimated at 1,620,000. This represents a decrease of 3.0% since December 2005. (See Table 1).

Breeding pigs were down 4.6% and non-breeding pigs down 2.9%. (See Table 1).

A comparison of the December 2005 and December 2006 figures (See Table 1) shows that in the breeding category:

- ◆ Other sows for breeding decreased by 11.6% .
- ◆ Sows in pig decreased by 3.7%.

EU pig population figures show an increase of 0.4% in December 2005 compared to December 2004. (See page 4).

**Revision of pig figures 2001 - 2005**

Table 2 of this release contains revised results for the years 2001 onwards in the 'other pigs' category, together with smaller amendments in the 'breeding pigs' category from 2004 onwards.

The revisions reflect an improved approach to recording the detailed sub-categories of the pig population from June 2006 onwards. While some retrospective adjustments have been made, there is still a discontinuity before and after June 2006

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**Table 1 Numbers of Pigs**

Description	Dec	Dec	Dec	Change 2005 - 2006	
	2004	2005	2006	'000	%
		000			
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>1,754.3</b>	<b>1,670.8</b>	<b>1,620.0</b>	-50.8	-3.0%
<b>Breeding Pigs</b>	<b>181.5</b>	<b>177.0</b>	<b>168.9</b>	-8.1	-4.6%
Gilts in Pig	23.6	21.0	21.7	0.7	3.3%
Sows in Pig	102.2	99.2	95.5	-3.6	-3.7%
Other Sows for breeding	32.2	35.5	31.4	-4.1	-11.6%
Gilts not yet served <sup>1</sup>	21.0	19.0	18.3	-0.7	-3.7%
Boars	2.6	2.3	2.0	-0.3	-14.8%
<b>Other Pigs</b>	<b>1,572.8</b>	<b>1,493.8</b>	<b>1,451.1</b>	-42.7	-2.9%
Pigs 80kg and over	167.8	166.3	221.9	55.6	33.5%
Pigs 50kg and under 80kg	393.8	366.7	349.2	-17.5	-4.8%
Pigs 20kg and under 50kg	506.4	482.4	459.3	-23.1	-4.8%
Less than 20kg	504.8	478.4	420.7	-57.7	-12.1%

<sup>1</sup> Gilts of at least 50 kg liveweight intended for breeding but not yet served

**Table 2 Number of Pigs 2000 - 2006**

Description	June	Dec	June	Dec	June	Dec	June	Dec	June	Dec	June	Dec	June	Dec
	2000	2000	2001	2001	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	2005	2005	2006	2006
	000's													
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>1,722.1</b>	<b>1,731.5</b>	<b>1,743.0</b>	<b>1,777.8</b>	<b>1,784.5</b>	<b>1,796.9</b>	<b>1,726.2</b>	<b>1,731.0</b>	<b>1,653.1</b>	<b>1,754.3</b>	<b>1,687.7</b>	<b>1,670.8</b>	<b>1,643.2</b>	<b>1,620.0</b>
<b>Breeding Pigs</b>	<b>180.8</b>	<b>188.7</b>	<b>186.8</b>	<b>190.9</b>	<b>185.1</b>	<b>186.3</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>178.4</b>	<b>170.2</b>	<b>181.5</b>	<b>173.4</b>	<b>177.0</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>168.9</b>
Gilts in Pig	19.6	22.9	21.0	24.3	19.2	20.9	18.8	21.2	19.5	23.6	18.5	21.0	21.6	21.7
Sows in Pig	109.5	109.8	106.8	107.8	109.6	110.4	104.3	103.6	102.3	102.2	100.4	99.2	97.3	95.5
Other Sows for breeding	30.1	33.9	35.7	37.3	31.9	33.8	31.2	33.4	28.6	32.2	31.7	35.5	29.6	31.4
Gilts not yet served <sup>1</sup>	17.6	18.1	20.0	17.9	21.0	18.1	18.3	17.3	17.0	21.0	20.1	19.0	19.0	18.3
Boars	4.0	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.3	1.9	2.0
<b>Other Pigs</b>	<b>1,541.3</b>	<b>1,542.8</b>	<b>1,556.1</b>	<b>1,586.9</b>	<b>1,599.4</b>	<b>1,610.5</b>	<b>1,550.5</b>	<b>1,552.6</b>	<b>1,482.8</b>	<b>1,572.8</b>	<b>1,514.3</b>	<b>1,493.8</b>	<b>1,473.8</b>	<b>1,451.1</b>
Pigs 80kg and over	128.9	155.4	143.2	172.9	162.8	182.2	179.4	195.7	147.1	167.8	156.1	166.3	213.5	221.9
Pigs 50kg and under 80kg	379.2	395.6	383.3	397.1	401.4	393.1	385.0	385.1	376.9	393.8	379.7	366.7	370.4	349.2
Pigs 20kg and under 50kg	506.7	510.0	481.7	494.3	487.1	497.3	465.6	475.6	463.6	506.4	469.4	482.4	453.6	459.3
Less than 20kg	526.5	481.8	547.9	522.6	548.2	538.0	520.5	496.3	495.2	504.8	509.1	478.4	436.3	420.7

<sup>1</sup> Gilts of at least 50 kg liveweight intended for breeding but not yet served

## Background Notes

**Introduction** This release presents estimates of numbers of pigs in December 2006 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the December 2006 Pig Survey.

**Coverage** 383 specialised pig farms were included in the survey for December 2006, accounting for 92% of the total pig population.

**Results** The results are calculated using a grossing methodology.

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** Comparable results from EU member states for December 2004 and 2005, available from the EU Statistical Office (Eurostat) at <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>, are given below.

EU Pig Numbers			'000 pigs
Country	Dec 2004	Dec 2005	% change
<b>European Union</b>	<b>151,122</b>	<b>151,669</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>EU-15<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>122,658</b>	<b>122,333</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Austria	3,125	3,170	1.4
Belgium	6,319	6,253	-1.0
Cyprus	471	430	-8.7
Czech Republic	2,915	2,719	-6.7
Denmark	13,407	12,604	-6.0
Estonia	354	352	-0.6
Finland	1,435	1,440	0.3
France	15,150	15,123	-0.2
Germany	26,335	26,989	2.5
Greece	994	1,042	4.8
Hungary	4,059	3,853	-5.1
Ireland	1,754	1,671	-4.7
Italy	8,972	9,200	2.5
Latvia	436	428	-1.8
Lithuania	1,073	1,115	3.9
Luxembourg	77	85	10.4
Malta	77	73	-5.2
Netherlands	11,140	11,000	-1.3
Poland	17,396	18,711	7.6
Portugal	2,348	2,344	-0.2
Slovak Republic	1,149	1,108	-3.6
Slovenia	534	547	2.4
Spain	24,895	24,889	0.0
Sweden	1,920	1,797	-6.4
United Kingdom	4,787	4,726	-1.3

<sup>1</sup> European Union states prior to May 2004.