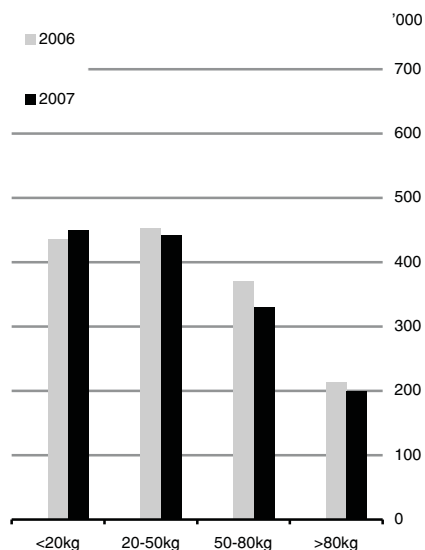




## Pig Survey June 2007

### Non-breeding pigs



	Breeding pigs	Other pigs	Total pigs
	'000		
<b>2006</b>	169.4	1,473.8	1,643.2
<b>2007</b>	165.4	1,422.4	1,587.8
<b>% change</b>	-2.3%	-3.5%	-3.4%

### Pig numbers down 3.4%

The total number of pigs in June 2007 is estimated at 1,587,800. This represents a decrease of 3.4% since June 2006. *See Table 1*

Breeding pigs were down 2.3% and non-breeding pigs down 3.5%. *See Table 1*

A comparison of the June 2006 and June 2007 figures (*see Table 1*) shows that in the breeding category:

- ◆ Gilts not served decreased by 17.5%.
- ◆ Gilts in pig decreased by 3.3%.

EU pig population figures show an increase of 1.4% in December 2006 compared to December 2005. *See page 3.*

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**Table 1 Numbers of Pigs**

Description	June 2006	June 2007	Change 2006 - 2007	
	'000		'000	%
<b>Total Pigs</b>	<b>1,643.2</b>	<b>1,587.8</b>	<b>-55.4</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
<b>Breeding Pigs</b>	<b>169.4</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Gilts in Pig	21.6	20.9	-0.7	-3.3
Sows in Pig	97.3	97.5	0.2	0.2
Other Sows for breeding	29.6	29.6	0.0	0.1
Gilts not yet served <sup>1</sup>	19.0	15.6	-3.3	-17.5
Boars	1.9	1.8	-0.1	-7.2
<b>Other Pigs</b>	<b>1,473.8</b>	<b>1,422.4</b>	<b>-51.4</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
Pigs 80kg and over	213.5	200.1	-13.4	-6.3
Pigs 50kg and under 80kg	370.4	330.6	-39.8	-10.8
Pigs 20kg and under 50kg	453.6	441.8	-11.8	-2.6
Less than 20kg	436.3	449.9	13.6	3.1

<sup>1</sup> *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 2007 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2007 Pig Survey.

**Coverage** 369 specialised pig farms were included in the survey for June 2007, accounting for 90% of the total pig population.

**Results** The results are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2006 sample with the 2007 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** Comparable results from EU member states for December 2005 and 2006, available from the EU Statistical Office (Eurostat) at <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>, are given below.

<b>EU Pig Numbers</b>			'000 pigs
Country	Dec 2005	Dec 2006	% change
<b>European Union</b>	<b>151,571</b>	<b>153,699<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1.4</b>
Austria	3,170	3,139	-0.9
Belgium	6,253	6,304	0.8
Cyprus	430	453	5.3
Czech Republic	2,719	2,741	0.8
Denmark	12,604	13,613	8.0
Estonia	352	341	-3.0
Finland	1,440	1,435	-0.3
France	15,123	15,009	-0.8
Germany	26,989	26,602 <sup>2</sup>	-1.4
Greece	952	1,033 <sup>2</sup>	8.5
Hungary	3853	3,987	3.5
Ireland	1,671	1,620	-3.1
Italy	9,200	9,281	0.9
Latvia	428	417	-2.6
Lithuania	1,115	1,127	1.1
Luxembourg	77	87	12.8
Malta	73	74	1.4
Netherlands	11,000	11,220	2.0
Poland	18,711	18,813 <sup>2</sup>	0.5
Portugal	2,344	2,295	-2.1
Slovak Republic	1,108	1,105	-0.3
Slovenia	547	575	5.1
Spain	24,889	26,034	4.6
Sweden	1,797	1,662	-7.6
United Kingdom	4,726	4,731	0.1

<sup>2</sup> Provisional

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