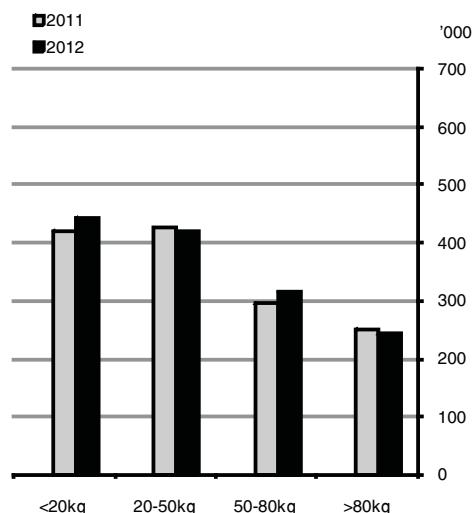




Non-breeding pigs



Pig Survey
June 2012

| | Breeding pigs | Other pigs | Total pigs |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | | '000 | |
| 2011 | 156.2 | 1,392.8 | 1,549.0 |
| 2012 | 145.7 | 1,425.0 | 1,570.6 |
| % change | -6.7% | +2.3% | +1.4% |

Pig numbers up 1.4%

The total number of pigs in Ireland in June 2012 was estimated at 1,570,600. This represents an increase of 1.4% since June 2011. *See Table 1*

The number of breeding pigs decreased by 6.7% while non-breeding pig numbers increased by 2.3% in the same period. *See Table 1.*

A comparison of the June 2011 and June 2012 figures (*see Table 1*) shows that in the breeding category the number of:

- ◆ Other Sows for breeding decreased by 18.9%.
- ◆ Sows in pig decreased by 6.6%.

EU pig population figures showed a decrease of 1.7% in December 2010 compared to December 2011. *See page 3.*

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Table 1 Numbers of Pigs

| Description | June 2010 ¹ | June 2011 ¹ | June 2012 | Change 2011 - 2012 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | '000 | | '000 | % |
| Total Pigs | 1,516.3 | 1,549.0 | 1,570.6 | 21.6 | 1.4 |
| Breeding Pigs | 161.4 | 156.2 | 145.7 | -10.5 | -6.7 |
| Gilts in Pig | 19.5 | 18.8 | 20.1 | 1.3 | 6.8 |
| Sows in Pig | 94.3 | 90.6 | 84.6 | -6.0 | -6.6 |
| Other Sows for breeding | 31.6 | 30.5 | 24.7 | -5.8 | -18.9 |
| Gilts not yet served ² | 14.4 | 15.0 | 15.2 | 0.2 | 1.4 |
| Boars | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.1 | -0.2 | -18.2 |
| Other Pigs | 1,354.9 | 1,392.8 | 1,425.0 | 32.2 | 2.3 |
| Pigs 80kg and over | 253.3 | 250.2 | 245.5 | -4.7 | -1.9 |
| Pigs 50kg and under 80kg | 294.0 | 295.9 | 316.2 | 20.3 | 6.9 |
| Pigs 20kg and under 50kg | 414.2 | 425.9 | 419.0 | -6.9 | -1.6 |
| Less than 20kg | 393.4 | 420.8 | 444.3 | 23.5 | 5.6 |

¹ Revised² *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 2012 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2012 Pig Survey which collects data on pig numbers held by specialised producers. The data is collected in accordance with Regulation (EC) No.1165/2008.
- Coverage** Specialised pig farms, totalling 327 specialised pig farms were included in the survey for June 2012, accounting for 92% of the estimated total pig population.
- Results** The results for June 2012 were calculated by comparing the returns from the same pig farms in the June 2011 Pig Survey and the June 2012 Pig Survey and applying the resulting trend to the June 2011 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 2010 | Dec 2011 | % change |
| European Union | 151,130 | 148,545 | -1.7 |
| Austria | 3,134 | 3,005 | -4.1 |
| Belgium | 6,176 | 6,328 | 2.5 |
| Bulgaria | 664 | 608 | -8.4 |
| Cyprus | 464 | 439 | -5.3 |
| Czech Republic | 1,846 | 1,487 | -19.4 |
| Denmark | 12,293 | 12,348 | 0.4 |
| Estonia | 372 | 366 | -1.6 |
| Finland | 1,340 | 1,290 | -3.7 |
| France | 14,279 | 13,967 | -2.2 |
| Germany | 26,901 | 27,403 | 1.9 |
| Greece | 1,087 | 1,109 | 1.3 |
| Hungary | 3,169 | 3,025 | -4.5 |
| Ireland | 1,500 | 1,553 | 3.5 |
| Italy | 9,321 | 9,351 | 0.3 |
| Latvia | 390 | 375 | -3.8 |
| Lithuania | 929 | 790 | -15.0 |
| Luxembourg | 89 | 91 | 2.1 |
| Malta | 69 | 46 | -33.2 |
| Netherlands | 12,206 | 12,103 | -0.8 |
| Poland | 14,776 | 13,056 | -11.6 |
| Portugal | 1,917 | 1,985 | 3.5 |
| Romania | 5,428 | 5,364 | -1.2 |
| Slovakia | 687 | 580 | -15.6 |
| Slovenia | 396 | 347 | -12.2 |
| Spain | 25,704 | 25,635 | -0.3 |
| Sweden | 1,607 | 1,568 | -2.4 |
| United Kingdom | 4,385 | 4,326 | -1.3 |