

UNITED KINGDOM

The United Kingdom is a member of the European Community (EC). There is little prospect under the present EC market access structure (except pork offal) in the UK.

Local Production

In 1991, total production amounted to 953 000 tonnes, of which 779 000 were pork and 174 000 bacon. Pork production is increasing modestly, while bacon is showing a declining trend.

Domestic Consumption

Per capita consumption was 14.7 kg in 1991. Pork and bacon are traditional meat products in the UK, which has a self-sufficiency rate of 32% for bacon and ham and of 90% for pork. Consumption trends, while static for pork, are down for bacon.

Imports

In 1991, imports were as follow:

| | Tonnes | Value (£) |
|---------------|---------|-------------|
| Pork | 70 753 | 108 720 000 |
| Bacon and ham | 253 782 | 509 349 000 |

In 1991, there were negligible imports of pork products from Canada, apart from pork offal which amounted to 283 tonnes valued at \$203,000. There were also 15 tonnes of frozen swine cuts valued at \$75,000. The main imported product is bacon from Denmark, which held a 50% market share of imports in 1991.

Market share - bacon: Denmark 30%, Netherlands 23%, Great Britain 32%, Northern Ireland 8%, other 7%.

Exports

In 1991, total UK pork exports amounted to 73 000 tonnes, including 46 269 tonnes of sow carcasses.

Main export markets were:

| | Tonnes |
|-------------|--------|
| France | 7 606 |
| Germany | 5 084 |
| Netherlands | 3 683 |
| Italy | 3 800 |