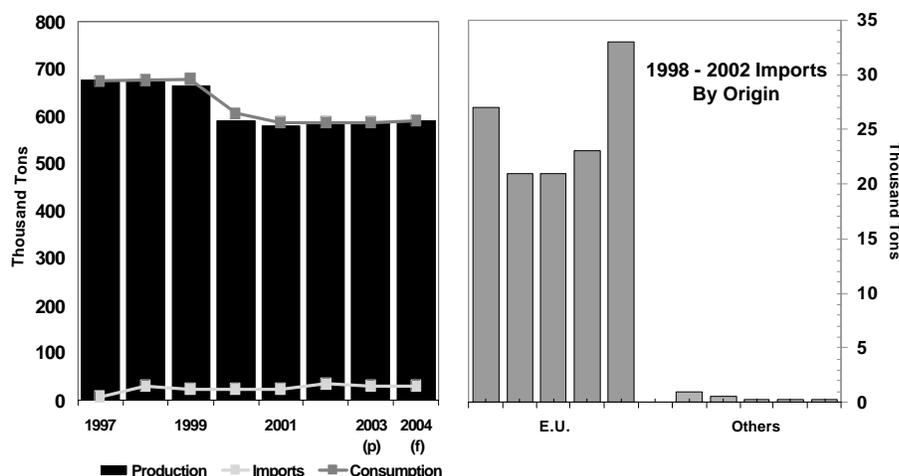


Czech Republic's Pork Situation

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003(p)	2004(f)
(1,000 tons; CWE)								
Beginning Stocks	10	7	12	13	12	15	18	12
Production	677	676	665	590	580	585	583	590
Imports	6	31	24	23	23	34	31	30
Exports	12	27	10	8	14	29	34	27
Consumption	674	675	678	606	586	587	586	590
Ending Stocks	7	12	13	12	15	18	12	15

Imports are Forecast to Remain Level as Czech Pork Production is Expected to Grow Slightly Over One Percent



Higher pork prices at the end of 2002 encouraged many Czech farmers to increase production. As higher supplies began to outpace demand, prices fell, but then stabilized by the mid-year mark in 2003. To help achieve price stabilization, the Czech Government can act through the State Agricultural and Intervention Fund (SZIF) to facilitate private storage. The Czech Government also supports the pork industry with export subsidies, which under the WTO are capped at 71.7 million CZK (in July 2003: 1 USD = 27.8 CZK). Although the Czech Republic is a net pork importer, with most imports originating from the EU, Czech pork is exported to markets across Eastern Europe.

Czech Republic
PORK IMPORTS
(in metric tons)

Fresh/Chilled

Origin	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
EU-15	1,036	16,172	10,593	6,657	6,215	6,274
Hungary	0	0	0	0	0	20
Others	0	25	101	2	1	23
Total	1,036	16,197	10,694	6,659	6,216	6,317

US market share 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0%

Frozen

Origin	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Canada	143	544	48	0	0	0
EU-15	873	4,835	4,881	6,825	9,377	15,480
Hungary	8	62	874	40	20	2,279
Poland	0	1	1	1	1	0
Others	160	43	-2	1	193	163
Total	1,184	5,485	5,802	6,867	9,591	17,922

US market share 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0%

Processed

Origin	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
China	1,057	368	210	239	158	249
EU-15	796	1,040	1,572	1,272	1,533	1,544
Hungary	0	1	1	93	10	28
Slovakia	204	57	207	25	14	35
Others	92	104	55	23	33	10
Total	2,149	1,570	2,045	1,652	1,748	1,866

US market share 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0%

Grand Total 4,369 23,252 18,541 15,178 17,555 26,105

US market share 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0%

Source: United Nations Statistical Office