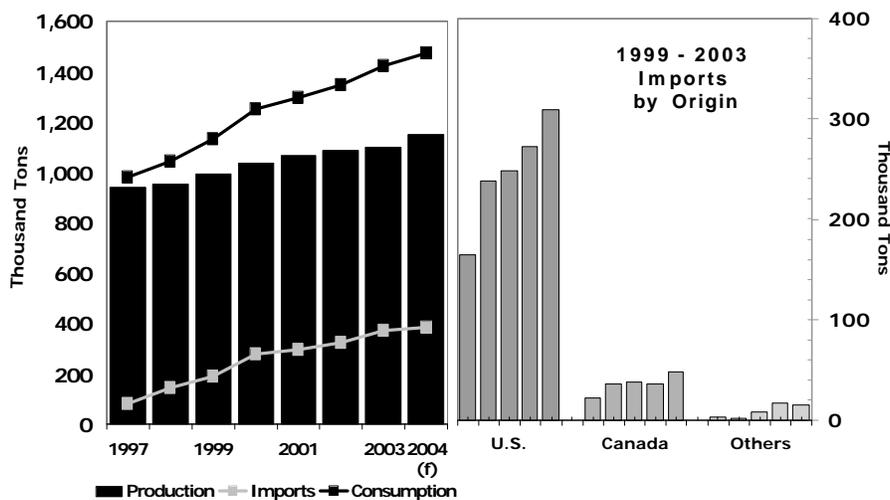


Mexico's Pork Situation

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004(f)
(1,000 tons; CWE)								
Production	940	950	994	1,035	1,065	1,085	1,100	1,150
Imports	82	144	190	276	294	325	371	385
Exports	39	49	53	59	61	61	48	60
Consumption	983	1,045	1,131	1,252	1,298	1,349	1,423	1,475

Mexican Imports in 2004 are Forecast to Grow by Almost 4 Percent



Mexican pork production is expected to reach 1.15 million tons in 2004, an increase of almost 5 percent above the 2003 level. Live hog imports, which fell by more than 50 percent in 2003, are expected to grow by 25 percent in 2004. The Mexican pig crop and slaughter are also expected to rise to meet growing consumer demand, due to the BSE situation. While Mexican beef imports from the U.S. have now resumed, pork consumption is expected to remain strong, growing by nearly 4 percent in 2004. The productivity and profitability of the Mexican pork sector appears to be improving; nevertheless, Mexico's consumption growth continues to outpace domestic supply. Mexico's imports are therefore expected to grow by 4 percent in 2004. The United States, which accounts for more than 80 percent of Mexican imports, is expected to continue to be the major pork supplier. At this time, the Government of Mexico has not yet made a formal decision on the Mexican pork producers' petition for anti-dumping tariffs on U.S. pork.

Mexico
PORK IMPORTS
(in metric tons)

Fresh/Chilled

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Canada	117	1,373	6,026	11,299	17,968	20,594	20,721	25,737
EU-15	1	1	0	0	76	1	0	0
United States	15,972	34,994	65,524	86,550	111,619	94,745	133,909	175,379
Others	0	0	19	1	0	1	0	26
Total	16,090	36,368	71,569	97,850	129,663	115,341	154,630	201,142
US market share	99%	96%	92%	88%	86%	82%	87%	87%

Frozen

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Brazil	0	0	0	0	240	0	0	0
Canada	1,032	891	2,768	5,117	8,955	5,297	5,855	10,181
Chile	0	0	0	0	104	6,036	12,085	10,229
EU-15	19	34	310	348	1,133	61	0	0
Norway	0	0	0	1,006	38	0	0	0
United States	14,347	16,679	28,311	32,438	61,397	81,014	62,736	46,841
Others	2	9	50	87	40	21	0	114
Total	15,400	17,613	31,439	38,996	71,907	92,429	80,676	67,365
US market share	93%	95%	90%	83%	85%	88%	78%	70%

Processed

Origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Canada	630	280	325	707	580	2,869	1,134	1,513
EU-15	51	43	662	126	65	96	343	91
United States	13,245	9,062	7,091	8,485	9,928	15,166	12,950	15,478
Others	3	8	11	8	12	31	7	13
Total	13,929	9,393	8,089	9,326	10,585	18,162	14,434	17,095
US market share	95%	96%	88%	91%	94%	84%	90%	91%
Grand Total	45,419	63,374	111,097	146,172	212,155	225,932	249,740	285,602
US market share	96%	96%	91%	87%	86%	85%	84%	83%

Note: All data are reported in product weight

Source: Mexico Secretary of Economy