

Pig numbers down in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary

Pig numbers in several Central and Eastern European countries, like Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary have come down by about 20% in the last three years – or 3.5 million animals.



A market survey by German market analysis agency AMI showed the dwindling numbers. Reasons for the decline are obvious. Apart from an imbalance between costs and benefits, in many cases there is a lack of sufficient funding to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of swine operations. In addition, crop production yields more than livestock production, which is likely to cause producers to switch business.

AMI assumes that the negative trend continues unabated this year. As a result, the demand for pork imports is up in these countries.

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