

MEAT INDUSTRY

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FRANCE: EUROPE'S LARGEST CATTLE HERD

In 2016, France had 172,000 farms raising cattle for meat and more than 220,000 livestock farms (Agreste). In 2018, it was home to Europe's largest cattle herd (18.6 million cows), the third largest pig herd (13.7 million), the fourth largest goat herd (1.3 million) and the sixth largest sheep herd (7.2 million). (Eurostat)

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EUROPE'S #1 BEEF (AND MEAT) PRODUCER

France is Europe's leading beef producer, with 1.5 million tonnes in carcass weight equivalent (CWE) in 2018, and the second largest milk producer (Eurostat). In 2018, France was home to 171,000 cattle farms (Ministry for Agriculture). The three main breeds of cow in France are Holstein (31% of the herd), Charolais (18%) and Limousin (14%).

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FRENCH BEEF SUCCESS ABROAD

In 2018, France exported nearly 240,000 tonnes of beef and 1.6 million live cattle to over 90 countries. (French Customs Authorities)

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EUROPE'S #3 MUTTON PRODUCER

In 2018, France had 41,130 sheep farms, with 75% of the herd consisting of lactating or dairy ewes. France is ranked third in Europe for mutton production (81,420 tonnes from controlled slaughter), after the United Kingdom and Spain. (Eurostat)

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HIGH-QUALITY LAMB

With 16% of production carrying an official quality label, lamb is by far the leading type of processed meat, most of which is marketed with a quality and origin certification (SIQO). The number of animals carrying the Label Rouge quality mark increased by 8.1% from 2016 to 2017, while the organic sector recorded a 19% increase. (FranceAgriMer; Interbev, 2017)

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WORLD-CLASS POULTRY SECTOR

France is the third largest poultry producer in the European Union (1.7 million tonnes CWE), after Poland and the United Kingdom (Eurostat). It is also the leading egg producer, with 14.4 billion eggs in 2017 (Eurostat). France exported €952 million worth of poultry in 2017, mainly to Germany, Belgium and Saudi Arabia. (French Customs Authorities)

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EUROPE'S #3 PORK PRODUCER

In 2018, France produced 2.2 million tonnes CWE (mt) of pork, making it the third largest producer after Germany (5.3 mt), and Spain (4.5 mt) (Eurostat). Pork exports were worth €1 billion, with the two main recipients being Italy (20% of total sales) and China (18%). (French Customs Authorities)

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A FRANCO-GERMAN JOINT VENTURE IN NOUVELLE AQUITAINE

Sauels Frische Wurst GmbH, a German family-owned company specializing in antibiotic-free pig farming, has invested more than €20 million in the joint venture it created in 2018 with Fipso Industrie, a pork meat processing specialist from southwest France. Their plant, dedicated to the production of 100% French-made ham, is expected to create 120 jobs in the town of Brive-La-Gaillarde by 2020.

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A SUSTAINABLE SECTOR

Through the Interbev convention, the animal breeding and meat sector in 2017 launched an initiative entitled "Pact for a social commitment". The initiative's aims included helping to preserve the natural agricultural area, protecting the well-being and health of the animals, and showing respect for employees in this sector. In 2018, there were 38 beef, 25 lamb, 24 pork and 63 cold meat products with protected designation of origin, protected geographical indication and Label rouge certification marks. (INAO)

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THE WORLD'S #1 PRODUCER OF FOIE GRAS

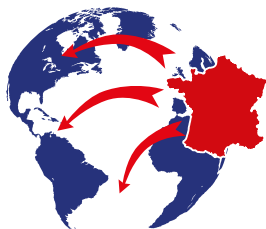
In 2018, 4,800 producers generated 16,818 tonnes of raw foie gras, equivalent to 70% of the total world production. Ninety-nine percent of French foie gras comes from duck, with 75% of production centered in southwest France (Aquitaine, Midi-Pyrénées and Limousin) and 25% in the west (Pays de la Loire, Brittany and Poitou Charentes). (FranceAgriMer; Cifog)



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#1
BEEF PRODUCER**
(INSEE)



**FRANCE: EUROPE'S
#1
PRODUCER OF
AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS**
(EUROSTAT)



**FRANCE: THE WORLD'S
#5
EXPORTER OF
AGRI-FOOD PRODUCTS**
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