China

A Pork production is revised up on strong gains in average carcass weights and, to a lesser extent, slaughter. Motivated by record profits, producers are finishing animals at higher weights to maximize pork output. However, a sharply lower breeding herd and continued impacts from African Swine Fever (ASF) will drive production 23 percent lower year-over-year in 2020.

Pork imports are unchanged at 2.6 million tons in 2019 and revised up 200,000 tons to 3.7 million tons in 2020. The United States, Canada, and Brazil all stand to increase market share in China this year; however, the European Union is expected to remain the dominant supplier.

 

 China Pork Production J,000 Metric Tons (Carcass Weight Equivalent)

 60,000
 -1 %

 50,000
 -1 %

 40,000
 -23 %

 30,000
 -14 %

 20,000
 -14 %

 10,000
 -14 %

2018

2019

2020

2017

"Mexico's livestock industry is set to increase production into 2020 pork sector expand exports. The pork industry will increase production to meet higher domestic demand as consumers switch to more affordable proteins. The pork sector in particular is looking to increase exports to China and other countries in the wake of continued animal health outbreaks in Asia."

Jesús Morales





## China Pork Imports 1,000 Metric Tons (Carcass Weight Equivalent)

Source: Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade; January 2020

## Mexico

Production in 2020 is revised higher due to rising pork slaughter driven by robust export demand.

Exports for 2020 are revised upward as packers will continue to capitalize on Chinese market

opportunities stemming spurred by African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreaks.

Imports are revised down for 2020. A weak economy has slowed gains in pork

consumption while

growth in domestic production has reduced demand for imports. Despite the removal of retaliatory tariffs on U.S. pork last spring, imports have been slow to rebound.



Mexico Pork Exports 1,000 Metric Tons (Carcass Weight Equivalent)



## Mexico Pork Imports 1,000 Metric Tons (Carcass Weight Equivalent)



Source: Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade; January 2020