Slovakia Livestock Products Overseas Market Analysis Report

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Slovakia Livestock Products Key Takeaways

Slovakia's livestock market is characterized by **heavy pork import dependency (self-sufficiency rate ~55%)** while dairy products are largely self-sufficient. In full-year 2025, pork imports reached approximately 123,000 tonnes, primarily sourced from Germany, Poland, and the Czech Republic. With easing EU inflation and lower feed costs, retail meat prices fluctuated mildly in H1 2026.

- Pork self-sufficiency: ~**55%**, annual import gap ~120,000 tonnes
- Dairy self-sufficiency: over **95%**, strong cheese and butter export competitiveness
- H1 2026 average retail pork price: ~**€6.2–6.8/kg**
- Key risk: African swine fever recurrence Alert ; stricter EU green agriculture regulations

⚠ **Risk Alert:** In Q1 2026, neighboring Hungary reported new African swine fever cases, raising the risk of cross-border transmission that could impact Slovakia's pork supply chain and import quarantine policies.

Sources: Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic, Eurostat livestock annual report, EU Pig Meat Price Observatory — updated June 2026

Supply & Demand Fundamentals

Livestock production accounts for around 42% of Slovakia's agricultural output value. In 2025, pork production was approximately 136,000 tonnes while consumption reached about 252,000 tonnes; the deficit was covered by imports. Poultry and beef supply-demand are relatively balanced, and dairy output has been steadily rising.

Category	Production (10k t)	Consumption (10k t)	Imports (10k t)	Self-sufficiency
Pork	13.6	25.2	12.3	~54%
Poultry	7.8	15.5	8.0	~50%
Beef	2.9	3.8	1.1	~76%
Milk (100M L)	8.7	8.0	0.5	~108%

Sources: Eurostat livestock statistics database, Slovak Ministry of Agriculture Annual Report (2025 data, published June 2026)

Sources: Eurostat, Statistical Office of the Slovak Republic — 2025 full dataset, updated June 2026

China Market Snapshot

China is the world's largest producer and consumer of pork, with 2025 output of around 57.8 million tonnes. Feed additive exports have continued to grow; in 2025, China's feed-grade amino acid exports to the EU rose by approximately 8% year-on-year. Direct China-Slovakia livestock trade is limited in scale but offers considerable growth potential.

- June 2026 average live pig price in China: ~**RMB 16.5/kg**, up ~5% from early 2026
- Feed-grade lysine export price (FOB China): ~**US$1,150–1,280/tonne**
- China's livestock-related exports to Slovakia (feed additives + veterinary drugs): ~**€82 million** in 2025
- China's total pork exports in 2025 were about 280,000 tonnes; the EU share was under 3%

Sources: China General Administration of Customs monthly statistics, Mysteel Agricultural Products Network, Boyar Feed Ingredients Weekly — June 2026 data

Slovakia Market Snapshot

The Slovak livestock product market operates under the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). In H1 2026, wholesale pork prices ranged between €2.1–2.4/kg, with retail prices around €6.2–6.8/kg. Imported pork accounted for about 48% of market supply, with Germany as the largest supplier.

- Pork import dependency: ~**48%** (2025); top sources: Germany (38%), Poland (22%), Czech Rep. (14%)
- June 2026 wholesale pork price: ~**€2.28/kg** ↑2.1% MoM
- Raw milk farm-gate price: ~**€0.42–0.46/L**, slightly down YoY
- Consumption structure: pork ~**55%** of meat consumption, poultry ~32%, beef ~13%

Sources: Slovak Statistical Office price monitoring, EU Pig Meat Price Observatory, Slovak Chamber of Agriculture and Food — June 2026

Product Segment Structure

In Slovakia's livestock import mix, pork and pork products hold the largest share (~58%), followed by poultry products (~22%), dairy products (~10%), and beef products (~6%). Price trends diverge across sub-categories, with notable growth in demand for premium dairy.

Product Segment	2025 Imports (10k t)	Avg Import Price (€/kg)	Demand Trend
Fresh/Frozen Pork	9.8	2.15	Stable
Processed Pork	2.5	3.80	↑ Growing
Poultry & Products	8.0	2.05	Stable
Cheese & Butter	1.6 (import)	5.20	↑ Growing

Sources: Eurostat trade database, Slovak Customs statistics — 2025 annual data

Sources: Eurostat Comext, Slovak Customs — 2025 full dataset, accessed June 2026

Core Finished Product Supply & Demand

Pork represents the largest supply-demand shortfall among Slovak livestock products, with an annual gap of around 116,000 tonnes. For dairy, Slovakia is a net exporter; in 2025, cheese exports reached about 42,000 tonnes and butter exports around 18,000 tonnes, primarily destined for Germany and Italy.

- Pork supply-demand gap: ~**116,000 tonnes/year**, mainly filled by Germany and Poland
- Cheese production: ~**45,000 tonnes**, ~93% exported
- Butter production: ~**19,000 tonnes**, ~95% exported
- Processed pork (sausages, ham) production: ~**48,000 tonnes**, mainly for domestic market

Sources: Slovak Ministry of Agriculture 2025 Livestock Annual Report, Eurostat dairy statistics — published June 2026

Intermediate Goods & Raw Material Value

Feed costs are the largest cost component in Slovak livestock farming, accounting for about 60%–70% of total costs. Easing global soybean and corn prices in H1 2026 have supported a recovery in farming margins. Chinese-sourced feed-grade amino acids are price-competitive in the Slovak market.

Intermediate / Raw Material	China Origin Price	Slovakia CIF Price	Trend
Feed-grade Lysine	US$1,180/t	US$1,350–1,420/t	↓ Steady to lower
Soybean Meal (feed grade)	US$420/t	US$485–510/t	↓ Easing
Corn (feed grade)	US$245/t	US$280–300/t	↓ Easing

Sources: Mysteel Agricultural Products, Boyar Feed Ingredient Weekly, EU Feed Materials Price Bulletin — June 2026

Sources: Mysteel, Boyar, European Commission Agricultural Market Observatory — June 2026 data

Trade & Macro Indicators

Slovakia's GDP grew by around 2.1% in 2025 and is expected to maintain a similar pace in 2026. Total China-Slovakia bilateral trade reached approximately €11.5 billion in 2025, but livestock-related trade accounts for less than 1%, signaling significant growth potential. EU CAP subsidies provide steady support to the livestock sector.

- Slovakia 2025 GDP: ~**€138 billion**, growth ~2.1%
- Agriculture share of GDP: ~**3.2%**; livestock accounts for 42% of agri output
- EUR/CNY exchange rate (June 2026): ~**7.85**, RMB slightly weaker vs EUR

- Annual EU CAP support for Slovak livestock: ~**€180 million**
- China-Slovakia bilateral trade (2025): ~**€11.5 billion**

Sources: World Bank, National Bank of Slovakia, China Customs, European Commission agricultural budget reports — updated June 2026

Risks & Opportunity Windows

Cross-border transmission of African swine fever poses a real threat to Slovakia's pork supply chain. At the same time, the EU's green agriculture transition creates opportunities for feed additives and low-carbon farming technologies. China-Slovakia cooperation in veterinary raw materials and feed additives is poised to deepen.

- Risk African swine fever recurrence in Hungary raises the risk of spread to southern Slovak pig farms
- Risk EU animal welfare regulations set to tighten from 2027, increasing compliance costs for pig farming
- Opportunity Chinese feed-grade amino acids enjoy a **15%–20%** price advantage in the Slovak market
- Opportunity Quarantine access negotiations for Slovak dairy exports to China continue to advance
- Opportunity Under the China-Slovakia bilateral investment framework, livestock technology cooperation projects may take off

⚠ **Supply Chain Alert:** In Q2 2026, Hungary reported 3 wild boar African swine fever cases. Slovakia has tightened border inspections, potentially affecting the cross-border flow of live pigs and pork products.

Sources: World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), European Commission SANTE, Slovak Ministry of Agriculture quarantine notices — June 2026

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