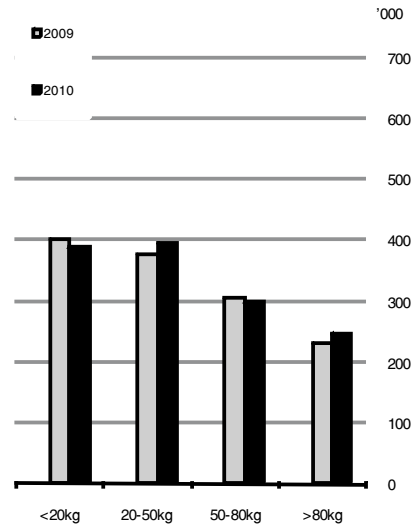




Pig Survey June 2010

Non-breeding pigs



	Breeding pigs	Other pigs	Total pigs
	'000		
2009	157.5	1,310.7	1,468.2
2010	159.1	1,326.2	1,485.3
% change	1.0%	1.2%	1.2%

Pig numbers up 1.2%

The total number of pigs in Ireland in June 2010 was estimated at 1,485,315. This represents an increase of 1.2% since June 2009. *See Table 1.*

The number of Breeding pigs increased by 1.0% and non-breeding pig numbers increased by 1.2% in the same period. *See Table 1.*

A comparison of the June 2009 and June 2010 figures (*see Table 1*) shows that in the breeding category the number of:

- ◆ Gilts not yet served decreased by 24.9%.
- ◆ Other Sows for breeding increased by 19.3%.

For other pigs, there was an increase of 7.1% in the number of Pigs weighing 80kg and over. There was also an increase of 5.3% in the number of Pigs weighing between 20kg and 50kg but a decrease in all other categories.

EU pig population figures showed a decrease of 0.7% in December 2009 compared to December 2008. *See page 3.*

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Table 1 Numbers of Pigs

Description	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	Change 2009 - 2010	
		'000		'000	%
Total Pigs	1,466.5	1,468.2	1,485.3	17.2	1.2
Breeding Pigs	156.8	157.5	159.1	1.6	1.0
Gilts in Pig	23.9	21.5	21.4	-0.1	-0.5
Sows in Pig	91.3	91.5	93.4	1.9	2.1
Other Sows for breeding	24.0	23.7	28.3	4.6	19.3
Gilts not yet served ¹	16.1	19.4	14.6	-4.8	-24.9
Boars	1.5	1.4	1.5	0.0	3.3
Other Pigs	1,309.7	1,310.7	1,326.2	15.5	1.2
Pigs 80kg and over	233.5	229.2	245.6	16.4	7.1
Pigs 50kg and under 80kg	310.4	305.6	297.5	-8.1	-2.6
Pigs 20kg and under 50kg	378.4	375.4	395.4	20.0	5.3
Less than 20kg	387.4	400.4	387.7	-12.8	-3.2

¹ *Gilts of at least 50kg liveweight intended for breeding but not yet served.*

Background Notes

- Introduction** This release presents estimates of numbers of pigs in June 2010 at State level. The estimates are based on returns from the June 2010 Pig Survey.
- Coverage** 329 specialised pig farms were included in the survey for June 2010, accounting for 84% of the total pig population.
- Results** The results are based on the trends obtained by comparing the returns from the 2009 sample with the 2010 returns for the same farms.

As figures in the text and tables have been rounded to the nearest 100 units there may be slight discrepancies between the sum (or difference) of the constituent items and the totals shown.

EU Pig Numbers			'000 pigs
Country	Dec 2008	Dec 2009	% change
European Union	153,082²	151,961²	-0.7
Austria	3,064	3,137	2.4
Belgium	6,208	6,228	0.3
Cyprus	465	463	-0.3
Czech Republic	2,135	1,914	-10.4
Denmark	12,195	12,873	5.6
Estonia	365	364 ²	-0.3
Finland	1,400	1,353	-3.3
France	14,810	14,552	-1.7
Germany	26,719	26,604 ²	-0.4
Greece	1,061 ²	1,073 ²	1.1
Hungary	3,383	3,247	-4.0
Ireland	1,605	1,602	-0.2
Italy	9,252	9,157	-1.0
Latvia	384	377	-1.9
Lithuania	897	928	3.5
Luxembourg	78	89	13.9
Malta	66	66	0.6
Netherlands	11,735 ²	12,108	3.1
Poland	14,242	14,253	0.1
Portugal	2,340	2,325	-0.6
Slovak Republic	749	741	-1.0
Slovenia	432 ²	426 ²	-1.5
Spain	26,290 ²	25,343	-3.7
Sweden	1,703	1,616	-5.1
Romania	6,174	5,793	-6.2
Bulgaria	784	730	-6.9
United Kingdom	4,550	4,601	1.1

² Provisional

Source: New Cronos database, Eurostat