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## The war in Ukraine – Comments by DFA chairman - and initiatives

### Food Crisis Ahead



Jytte Rosenmaj, DFA Chairman

A challenged and changed world order with Ukraine in flames calls for unity and new initiatives in the DFA.

The world is facing an impending food crisis. Grain production in Ukraine and Russia has so far contributed about 30% of world exports. The invasion of Ukraine and sanctions against Russia have sent grain prices skyrocketing.

European collapse in energy supply leaves an ever-increasing challenge of securing sufficient fertilizer at profitable prices, with lower yields as a result. And that's how you can go on.

A food crisis is looming - in the grain importing 3rd world countries.

The members of DFA contribute with a production size in the world that is approximately equivalent to saturating the Danish population. From the association's side, we will focus on topics that support our members in ensuring a continued high level of production at as competitive a cost level as possible.

Focus will be placed on topics that support how we, with less input, can still produce acceptable yields both in the fields and in stables and thus ensure robustness.

Dear members. Feel free to come up with ideas for topics that can support the focus on "MORE FOR LESS" as well as other topics that bind us together.

We start with:

Webinars:

- March 2022. Speech by the Danish Ambassador in Ukraine, Ole Mikkelsen, for members with activity in Ukraine
- March 29, 2022 with contributions from Crop production Consultant Jacob Kjærsgaard and Ole Schou, VKST. In this webinar, we will focus on optimizing fertilizer utilization and other inputs as well as optimizing using catch crops

Other topics could be in energy production, regenerative agriculture (Conservation agriculture), alternative crops and alternative feed compositions. Hope you will contribute with topics for common benefit.

## Tom Axelgaard initiates emergency aid collection

As DFA's members and network are aware of, **Tom Axelgaard**, founder of Goodvalley and board member of DFA, has taken the initiative to collect emergency aid for Ukrainian refugees. A good initiative, which DFA fully supports and has forwarded information to the entire network.

There has been really good support for Tom's initiative. However, there is always a need to spread the information about such an initiative even more. If you want to support the initiative, we recommend to go to the website <https://www.help-ukraine.nu/>

If you want to **provide donation** – please visit the website – an account number is ready for donations.

## The war in Ukraine complicates daily life of agriculture

The Russian war against Ukraine is a disaster in many perspectives - and a situation has arisen which a few months ago seemed quite unthinkable.

Although Danish companies in Ukraine have not yet been directly affected by the war, the consequences are significant. The staff is reduced because many men are called up to take part in the war and more women quit their jobs to be able to flee out of the country.

For farming with livestock, it is at many places difficult to sell the pigs to the slaughterhouse or the milk to the dairy. Those restrictions will, in a relatively short time, lead to a quite unsustainable situation for these farms. The lack of ingredients for the feed such as vitamins are also an increasing problem.

For farms with crop production, the field work may be made difficult or perhaps even impossible due to the lack of diesel, fertilizer or other means.



## Briefly about upcoming DFA activities

### Webinar. Effect of the explosive price increase on fertilizers and crops

On March 9, the DFA´ board had a virtual meeting about the situation in Ukraine. Here it was agreed to arrange a webinar that opened the cropping farms opportunities to deal with the explosive increase of prices on raw materials, fuel and raw fertilizer

The webinar will be held on **March 29 at 14:00** with the following topics:

- Current global crop market balances and forecasts
- How do we operate the farm optimally with expanding prices for both input and output
- Optimization of catch crops under new price structures

Crop management consultants Jacob Kjærsgaard and Ole Schou, VKST, Sorø will introduce the topics.

Registration to DFA´s secretariat by mail: [post@johanneshansen.dk](mailto:post@johanneshansen.dk)



### Study trip on "Conservation Agriculture" to England in June

"DFA should make a study trip to Clive Baily!" That remark came from one of the crop managers in a Slovakian DFA-company after attending DFA´s Winter Conference virtually.

We immediately took the positive call - contacted Clive Baily, TWB Farms and arranged a visit at his farm. However, it turned out, that an outdoor conference is also held in England in the chosen week dealing with themes regarding modern crop production - called "[Groundswell](#)" - which takes place on 23 and 24 June.

Our study trip is therefore scheduled to the days 20 - 23 (24) June. It begins with flight to England on June 20 and a visit to Clive Baily, [TWB Farms](#) just north of Birmingham, as well as a visit to his neighbor Tim Parton on June 21.

On June 22, we participate in the conference "Groundswell". Those interested can extend the trip with an extra day of visiting the exhibition.

The entire program can be read [here](#). Further information and registration at DFA´s secretariat.

## DFA courses for middle managers in cropping and pig production - new starting dates

Several factors interfere with our plans to initiate new courses for farm middle managers.

The DFA MSP course for Pig managers starts with the 1st seminar on 20 September 2022 and subsequently 3 seminars in 2023. An updated pamphlet with a new timeline can be found on the DFA website [here](#).

The DFA CMP course for Crop managers has been postponed to start on 7 June with the 1st seminar in Romania (7 - 10 June) and the following two seminars will be held in November 2022 and February 2023. An updated pamphlets can be found on the DFA website [here](#).

Contact course leader **Povl Nørgaard** on + 45 31720145 or email: [povl@povlnorgaard.dk](mailto:povl@povlnorgaard.dk) or the DFA secretariat for further information about the courses.



## Agreena invites Polish DFA members to a meeting

In collaboration with the Polish "Crop Benchmarking Group", Agreena arranges a meeting to present the company's concept for trading in CO2 quotas. The meeting will take place on **17 March at 14.30 at CM Agropol** and with director Torben Madsen as host.

The program is as follows:

- Farm Walk at CM Agropol by / Torben Madsen
- Welcome and intro to the participants, as well as the latest news from Danish Farmers Abroad
- Sustainable Agriculture (conservation/regenerative) v/Frederik V Larsen, Agrovi
- Agreena Carbon and Certificates Program v/Erik Buch Procida, Agreena
- Other topics of general interest

See more about Agreena's program for Carbon Certificates [here](#) and [here](#) Agreena has so far contracted an area of approx. 70,000 ha in 9 countries, involving over 100 farmers or agricultural companies.

## DFA summer conference on June 14 in Brædstrup

DFA Summer Conference will include a number of presentations on current topics. Presentations can be expected on the CO2 issue, biodiversity, etc., as well as other current topics on the situation in Ukraine and Russia. The program is being prepared in collaboration with the DFA board.

Note the date now!

## DFA Benchmarking group meets in Brussels

A DFA Benchmarking Group will travel to **Brussels on 19 - 21 April** to visit the EU Parliament and to have a good discussion with Asger Christensen and his colleagues on the CAP and other actual agricultural policy issues.

In addition to meetings in the EU Parliament, the group will also meet staff from the L&F Brussels department. Finally, a visit has been arranged to one of Belgium's largest pig producers, **Danis**, which has a large integrated pig production in the country.

In the next issue of DFA News Letter, we bring a summary of the group's meetings in Belgium.

## Briefly about completed DFA activities

### DFA has had its annual board conference

The new elected DFA-board traditionally begins the work with a meeting over a day, to discuss the strategy and delegated the tasks for the coming year. It took place **on 21 - 22 February at Hotel Trinity, Fredericia**.

At the meeting, the two new board members **Hans Henrik Koefoed** and **Tom Axelgaard** were welcomed to the work.

During the meeting, the Board discussed many issues related the efforts of prioritizing DFA's work tasks. The following very short resume summarizes the meeting in the following points:

1. **DFA's website** must be modernized - i.a. a separate part must be established having active links. This section can i.a. used in the training of employees. A work group was set up by the board to take care of this
2. **A CO2 work group** was also set up having the task of finding the most correct way to calculate the CO2 emission for an agricultural holding. The committee will also find topics for speakers to be presenters at DFA's summer conference
3. A group must examine the entire **DFA's range of courses** - especially with a view to establishing a digitalized form of training for the local staff
4. A number of other issues were addressed and these will be followed up on an ongoing basis at future board meetings



## 100 participants for webinar on market prospects for raw materials and pork

On 4 February, DFA provided in collaboration with DSM a webinar with **Adolfo Frontes from DSM**. He had looked into the “crystal ball” and presented his bid on the expected development of the prices of both pork and the raw materials to produce the meat.

100 had signed up for this webinar, and they received good and comprehensive information about the actual market situation and about the expectations for supply and demand for the coming period. Not everyone got their expectations met, but good knowledge was added.

No doubt, Adolfo has a good insight into the market and is good at presenting. Adolfo Front's Power Point presentation can be found [here](#).

It has been agreed that we will provide a new **webinar on 26 August**, where Adolfo Frontes once again will try to look into the future. We will later announce this widely in DFA’s network.

## News from member companies

### Actual status of crops seen from Slovakia and Romania

#### Status from Agro Cocora, Romania v/director Hans Poulsen (March 7)

**Winter rape.** In recent years we have not had good luck with winter oilseed rape and this year is no exception. We have crop production in a NoTill system and that system has proven to make it difficult to establish a winter rape crop.

Rapeseed is established in August-September and precisely these months have been relatively dry in recent years giving the rapeseed poor conditions. It requires precipitation after establishment, to get a uniform emergence. If there is only a little rain, then we have a theory that the straw on the surface absorbs all the moisture and giving the rapeseed poor starting conditions. At least that's the picture in the field.

Only 10% of our established winter oilseed rape area has been successful, and it will not be with top yields as we see the crop now. However, having the current prices of oilseed rape, they crop should not be reestablished.

**Winter wheat.** We had most of our winter wheat established under good conditions in the fall. In particular, the wheat after sunflowers was established in time and reached a fine size before it got cold, whereas wheat after soy was established relatively late as the harvest of soybeans were delayed. The

wheat after soy is therefore not very high at the moment, but since we often have challenges with too heavy growth in the strongest wheat, it does not matter so much that the wheat is not too strong.

There has not been much winter this year in south-eastern Romania. The cold weather has only really come this March, similar to last year, when we have snow and frost right now. January and February have been relatively dry months, so the snow and moisture that comes now in the month of March is very welcome. However, we do not lack water in the soil, as we during 2021 received relatively good rainfall and especially in the autumn we received more rain than usual, which will benefit the year growing season.

Winter in March, however, pushes a bit to our plans to early establishing of soybeans and sunflowers. We would rather start the establishment in mid-March, so we have the oilseeds in the ground before we start with the maize establishment at the beginning of April. It does not look like it will be possible this year, but the weather can very quickly change and turn into fine spring weather under our climatic conditions.

The starting point for the upcoming season is quite fine. Despite a bit of late winter, I think we have the opportunity to have a normal season - but a lot can change in a short time under the Romanian sky.

### **Crop status 8 March at Dan-Slovakia (DSA), Slovakia by Bjarne Møller Nielsen**

The winter of 2021 - 2022 has not been particularly cold or wet here in the DSA area. Here in the beginning of March the weather is very dry, there has only been 13 mm of rain in February. The temperature has only been at double digits a couple of times during February and here in the beginning of March there are daytime temperatures with 3-8 + degrees and down to 2 - 5 minus night frost.

The crops have generally come well through the winter. The winter wheat is fresh and green at the moment - even the last sown Winter Wheat germinating in January has come up well

The winter barley has come through the winter well, but stands and looks somewhat yellow and depressed at the moment - it lacks the heat. We have already found early signs of winter-surviving powdery mildew in winter barley.

The winter rapeseed is generally good however, a few hundred hectares of the last sown rapeseed has not become too high. It took a really long time to germinate in the fall. They do have an ok root system, but they are too small and there are too few plants per m<sup>2</sup>. They really need heat now to get started.

Of spring-sown crops, the plan for 2022: 2730 ha of maize + 430 ha of soy. If there is otherwise precipitation before long and the growth season will manifest itself, then there is a good basis for a good crop yield at DSA in 2022.

The first session of application of Sulfuric acid fertilizer is complete. The part of the winter seed that is without livestock manure allocation in the autumn of 2021 will also be allocated the next dose of an N

fertilizer now. Manure application is approx. 50% done here in early March. We expect to be able to start sowing the maize in the last week of March and soybeans in late April to early May.



*We currently drive with a large towbar over all winter plowed fields, partly to level them before slurry driving and partly to make the surface smaller and thereby reduce evaporation of moisture from the soil*

From DSA, we wish everyone a good spring and summer.

## Norway's exports of salmon almost double the value of Danish pork exports

How high is the value of Danish pork exports? Such a question came from our Norwegian member **Knut Langeteig**.

After consulting L&F, he received the answer: "In 2020, DK exported 1.9 million tonnes of pork worth 35.8 billion DKK".

In comparison, in 2021 Norway exported a total of 1.4 million tonnes of salmon worth DKK 63.5 billion DKK was the message from Knut - ie 80% higher than the value of the Danish pig export. Mowi - Norway's largest salmon producer alone exported no less than DKK 28 billion DKK. The company Mowi only sells salmon, so it's impressive quantities and values delivered from that sector.

Knut believes that the secret behind this export success is that many of the Norwegian salmon producers have gone on the Norwegian stock exchange. And Knut points out that Danish food producers should do the same.



## Aller Aqua receives the World Goal Award 2021

At Business Kolding's Awards Show 2021, the World Goal Award 2021 went to Aller Aqua. The award is given, among other things, on the basis of the company's great work to create transparency for CO2. Between 3 nominees, over 400 participants chose the World Goals Award to go to Aller Aqua.

In the nomination of the award, it was also emphasized that Aller Aqua is the world's first fish feed company to achieve CO2 labeling of fish feed at our European factories, according to the recognized European principles PEFCR (Product Environment Footprint Category Rules) Feed for food-producing animals.

Aller Aqua was also recognized for its focus on creating jobs on the locations that the company establishes itself, as well as sharing its knowledge so that it is accessible to the employees at a global level who need to help local farmers get the best out of their production, in a sustainable way.

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## Global Pork Meat Prices

Source: Genesis, 22 February 2022



**Price as of Feb 22nd, 2022**

	Domestic price (own currency)	US dollars (liveweight lb.)
USA (CME constructed price)	98.39 USD/100 lb. carcass DW	72.81 c
Canada (Ontario base price)	227.08 CAD/100 kg carcass DW	64.63 c
Mexico (national average)	34.59 MXN/kg liveweight	77.35 c
Brazil (South Region)	5.60 BRL/kg liveweight	50.22 c
United Kingdom	138.77 GBP/100 kg carcass	68.46 c
Spain	1.125 EUR/kg liveweight	57.80 c
France	1.281 EUR/kg carcass	56.61 c
Russia	109.00 RUB/kg liveweight	62.81 c
Vietnam (national average)	54,500 VND/kg liveweight	\$ 1.08
South Korea (national average)	4,579 KRW/kg carcass	\$ 1.34
Philippines (national average)	181 PHP/kg liveweight	\$ 1.60
China	12.37 CNY/kg liveweight	88.70 c

We see the highest listing in the Philippines with a price corresponding to DKK 24.30 per. kg live weight (31.00 DKK/kg carcass weight), while Brazil is the lowest with a listing of DKK 7.62 per. kg live weight.

## Overview DFA Networking Activities

Month	Days	Activity	Location	Coordinator
April	Monday 4 – Wednesday 6	DFA ERFA Group 4	Hungary	Henrik Nielsen
April	Friday 7	DFA board meeting		DFA secretariat
April	Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21	DFA Benchmarking Group 1	Belgium	Johannes V. Hansen
May	Sunday 8 – Sunday 15	DFA ERFA Group 2 meeting	USA	Johannes V. Hansen
May	Sunday 29 - Tuesday 31	DFA ERFA Group 21 meeting	Denmark	Rasmus Andersen
June	Monday 13	DFA board meeting	Hotel Pejsegaarden, Brædstrup, Denmark	DFA secretariat
June	Tuesday 14	DFA Summer Conference	Hotel Pejsegaarden, Brædstrup, Denmark	DFA secretariat
June	Tuesday 7 – Friday 10	CMP Course for crop managers	Romania	Povl Nørgaard
June	Tuesday 21 - Thursday 23	Conservation Agriculture study trip	England	Hans Poulsen/ Johannes V. Hansen
August	Friday 26	Webinar: The price development of raw materials	Teams	Adolfo Fontes
September	Wednesday 7- Friday 9	DFA Development Group meeting	Belgium	Johannes V. Hansen
September	Tuesday 20 – Friday 23	MSP course for pig managers	Denmark	Povl Nørgaard
November	Tuesday 2 - Friday 4	CMP course for crop managers	Slovakia	Povl Nørgaard
2023				
January	Tuesday 10	DFA Annual meeting and Winter Conference	Hotel Pejsegaarden, Brædstrup, Denmark	DFA secretariat
January	Tuesday 17 – Friday 20	MSP Course for pig managers	Hungary	Povl Nørgaard

## Avertissements

### Aros Business Academy - Choose from 100 courses and short courses!

DFA has initiated a collaboration with the course and training company [Aros Business Academy](#). The agreement gives DFA-members the opportunity to register employees (or themselves) for a multitude of courses at a reduced price - or order tailor-made courses held internally at the company.

See the most popular courses and educations [here](#). And see all 100 courses and educations [here](#).

Write "DFA" in the comments field when **registering**, and you will automatically save 7%.

Aros Business Academy is currently working on designing a board education for DFA members. More about this later in the year.

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## A large area of high-quality arable agricultural land for sale in Croatia

A total of about 5,500 ha of arable land of very good quality to be used for cultivation of any crop in a classical or organic way. It is divided on two offers – located in central Croatia.

Offer 1 is 2,500 ha. Offer 2 is 3,000 ha. The quality of the land, the possibilities of use and the conditions of purchase is the same for both offers. Both locations can be cultivated together with the same people and machinery because they are only a few km apart.

Find the prospect [here](#)

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Danish contact for the Real Estate partner in Slovenia: APR Ltd.



## Ghana Company searching for Danish Agricultural company

**Amisachi Limited**, situated at Tema Harbour Round about is in business of importation and distribution of Frozen Fish, Meat and Poultry. The company is also well established in Ivory Coast and Liberia. The promoters of the companies are naturalized Ghanaian citizen.

The company are now on the process of expansion to both farming and aquaculture. With aquaculture, we will be collaborating with Dan Marin A/S in Aalborg

For agriculture, we are looking for collaboration and partnership with established Danish companies.

The company has access to agricultural land approx. 600 acres, located about 2.30 to 3.00 hours of drive from Accra in the Eastern Region of Ghana - famous for Cocoa farming. The lands are virgin with access to natural water source (river and streams). The Company will share both Soil and Water test report once available with us

Another area of 300 acres is available shortly in the same vicinity

We would like to partner or in Joint Venture projects in agriculture with Danish companies, who will advise and help with technology, know-how and we also can arrange to export /buy back the produce

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## Active NS for nitrogen fixation in manure

### Ved du, hvor meget din gylle er værd?

Netop nu koster 1 kg N kr. 18,- pr. kg, og ifølge Ole Schou fra KornBasen.dk, er der risiko for, at prisen kan stige yderligere.

På denne baggrund, er det endnu mere attraktivt end nogensinde at tilsætte Active NS i gyllen, idet produktet binder op til 1-2 kg mere N pr. tons.

#### ■ Actie NS giver 350 g mere N/pr. tons i gylletanken

350 g mere N pr. tons svarer til en merpris på	kr.	6,30
Prisen for brugen af Active NS pr. tons	kr.	1,84
<b>Merværdi</b>	<b>ialt kr.</b>	<b>4,46</b>

#### ■ Actie NS giver 1-2 kg mere N/pr. tons i stalden

1 kg mere N pr. tons svarer til en merpris på	kr.	18,00
Prisen for brugen af Active NS pr. tons	kr.	1,84
<b>Merværdi</b>	<b>ialt kr.</b>	<b>16,16</b>

1,5 kg mere N pr. tons svarer til en merpris på	kr.	27,00
Prisen for brugen af Active NS pr. tons	kr.	1,84
<b>Merværdi</b>	<b>ialt kr.</b>	<b>25,16</b>

Gylleanalyser foretaget i en lang årrække såvel herhjemme som i udlandet viser igen og igen, at Active NS er i stand til at binde mere N i gyllen.

Tilsættes Active NS kun i gylletanken binder produktet i gennemsnit 350 g mere N pr. tons gylle.

Tilsættes Active NS i stalden binder produktet op til 1-2 kg mere N pr. tons gylle.

Det er altså en god investering at tilsætte Active NS i gyllen, idet pengene kommer retur da din gylle bliver mere værd.

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## Short News from Abroad

### War in Europe – food crisis globally

Comments by Svein Tore Holsether, President and CEO of Yara International, 1 March 2022

Russia and Ukraine are world powers in a global and fragile food system. The long-term consequences of the war on global food supply will impact both the rich and the poor parts of the world. It is essential to reduce the dependency on Russia.

We are extremely concerned about the grave situation which is now unfolding in Ukraine and stand fully behind the Norwegian government's condemnation of the Russian military invasion. Yara has been directly hit by the conflict both by having employees in the war zone in Ukraine and by a missile that hit the Yara office building in Kiev. Fortunately, none of our employees were physically harmed. At the same time, we are sourcing a considerable amount of essential raw materials from Russia, used for food production worldwide.

[Read more](#)

### What role does Ukraine play in the world trade of raw materials?

Source: Pig333.com, 28 February 2022

Ukraine is among the world's leading producers and exporters of corn, wheat, and barley.

Ukraine ranked as the world's sixth-largest corn producer in the 2020-2021 season with 29.5 million tons, after the United States, China, Brazil, the European Union, and Argentina, and was the world's fourth-largest exporter of corn after the U.S., Brazil, and Argentina. Ukrainian corn exports totaled 24 million tons.

Regarding barley, Ukraine ranked as the fifth-largest producer behind the EU, Russia, Australia, and Canada and was the fourth-largest exporter behind the EU, Russia, and Australia, with 4.2 million tons exported.

As far as wheat, Ukraine was the world's seventh-largest producer and sixth-largest exporter with 21.01 million tons.

[Read more:](#)

### The pig castration situation in the European Union

Source: Pig333.com, 31 January 2022

Castration remains prevalent in European countries, although the systems used differ from country to country.

Since January 2022, France has banned the surgical castration of male piglets without pain management, i.e. without anesthesia. The production of entire male pigs or immune-castration (chemical castration) are alternatives to castration under anesthesia. Among European producing countries, the choice alternative differs according to the farming context and the payment methods for the pigs.

Without being imposed by the European Commission, the new French legislation follows in line with other European countries in the context of strong social pressure. The objective is to improve animal welfare. Castration of

one-week-old piglets is carried out to avoid the development of an unpleasant odor in pork and pork products. When male pigs reach sexual maturity, at around 180 days, the production of the hormones skatole and androsterone develops, which are responsible for the unpleasant odor (boar taint) when eating pork and pork products.

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## Latvia: Amendments to the Law “On land privatization in rural areas”

Source: Actus Q Newsletter, February 2022

Please be informed that the Law on Land Privatization in Rural Areas is open for amendments. The draft law has been drafted taking into account the judgement of the European Court of Justice of 11 June 2020 in case C-206/19 KOB, which recognized the discriminatory nature of rules of the law with regard to the obligation imposed on foreign legal entities to know the official language and the obligation on those persons to register as residents in Latvia. The draft law also provides separate updates to the existing regulation and extends the range of the persons entitled to pre-emptive right.

Expected amendments in brief: It has been clarified that not only the shareholder, but also the beneficial owner of a legal person should be nationals of specific countries. The current restriction on nationality applies only to the shareholder. Find more text in the Newsletter.

## Arla signs JV agreement with Tolaram for establishment of modern dairy farm in Nigeria

Source: farmlandgrab.com, 8 February 2022

Arla Foods, one of the largest dairy cooperatives in Europe, has inked a joint-venture partnership with diversified consumer goods company, Tolaram Group, for establishment of Danish-designed state-of-the-art commercial dairy farm in Kaduna State.

The land mark initiative is part of the nation’s efforts of increasing milk production to 1.7 billion litres by 2024. Nigeria has a cattle population of 20 million that produces 600 million litres per year against a consumption capacity of 1.3 billion tonnes of milk annually.

This forces the West African country to spend US\$1.5 billion every year in dairy products importation to meet rising demand for milk and milk products. The 200-hectare farm will house 400 imported dairy cows, modern milking parlour, advanced animal cooling technology and all other modern technology used in dairy farms today.

[Read more:](#)

## Argentina: Destined to become a major pig exporter

Source: Pig Progress, 4 March 2022

Argentina is advancing to consolidate its position as a major player in the ‘World Cup’ of pigs. As in football, the country rivals with Brazil in South America to conquer global preference to its pork meat.

Over the last 2 decades, numbers have been outstanding. Between 2002 and 2021, Argentina’s pig industry has shown off a growth rate above 8% per year, which makes the sector the most dynamic in the country’s economy since 2011.

According to official data from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, national production closed in 2021 with 694,880 tonnes, 6% higher than 2020 (with 655,382 tonnes), or 410.9% more in comparison to 2002. The country has area, grains and expertise to go further.

Argentinian pig exports have been following that path, too, but not without some setbacks. Since 2015, the country was growing its numbers continuously to achieve 41,345 tonnes in 2020 (397.1% more than 2015). Nonetheless, 2021 presented an unexpected drawback.

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## Argentina exported its highest ever volume of grain in 2021

Source: Pig333.com, 24 February 2022

Grain shipments from Argentine ports totaled 60.66 million tons, an all-time record for the country.

After the year 2020 marked by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on consumption and key variables of the national and global economy, 2021 brought a strong recovery in world economic activity and the return to normalcy of international trade flows, which resulted in a strong increase in food demand that impacted both prices and volumes of grains traded.

In this context, and despite the difficulties imposed by the level of the Paraná River and the production setbacks suffered by some of the main crops during the last season, the country shipped a total of 60.66 Mt of grains in 2021, 7% more than the volume shipped in 2020, reaching an all-time record, surpassing the 2019 level of 60.3 Mt.

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