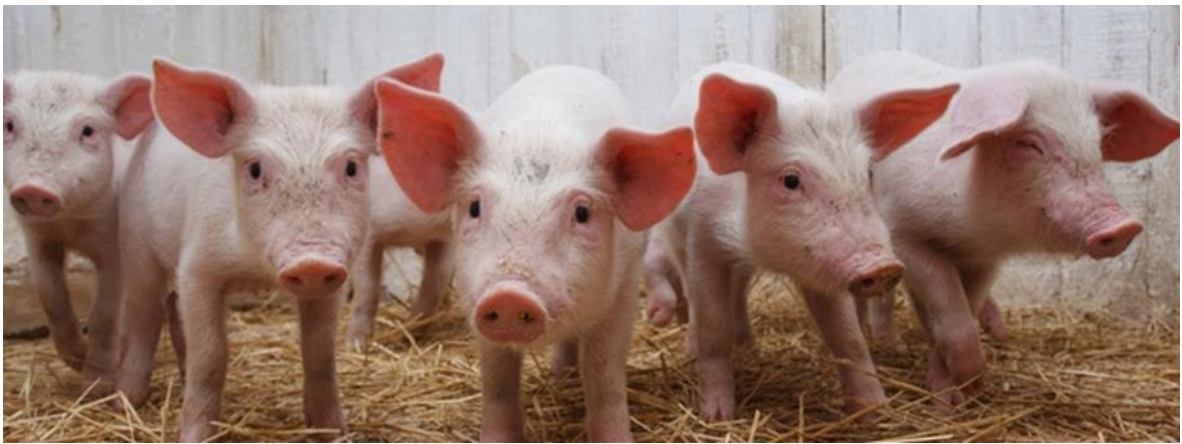


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Editorial

Great participation to a successful General Meeting and subsequent Winter Conference

Having more than 60 participants at DFA's Annual General Meeting and 135 participants at the subsequent conference, we have finally passed the shadow of the Corona era. Again, it is possible to gather both association members and other stakeholders for network meetings.

We have located the event for the first time, including the subsequent evening party at Bygholm Agricultural College, and we afterwards received a lot of positive comments to that decision - both the premises and catering fully lived up to the participants' expectations.

The positive feedback included also the virtual participants of approx. 20. The dynamic form of streaming the entire event worked well. They could vividly follow both the presentations and the many questions and experience the process almost as if you were there.

The evening, became a large turnout for the farewell party for Johannes Hansen. In addition to a number of speeches and festive features, the guests were entertained and even danced to the Irish band Hawkey & Hoe - Johannes's favorite orchestra.

In total a dignified and festive end to a good day and recognition of a year-long constructive and dedicated effort by Johannes for the best of the association members.

Tom Axelgaard, General Secretary



Afslutningsfest efter vinterkonferencen for Johannes V Hansen på Bygholm Landbrugsskole

Briefly about upcoming DFA-activities

DFA board Strategy meeting in mid-March - invitation for input from members

According to tradition, the newly formed board of DFA holds a strategy meeting to set the agenda and direction for the future work in the association. The meeting will be held in mid-March, so there is plenty of time for the association's members to come up with input, ideas and suggestions for what needs to be done or should be prioritized up or down in relation to the ongoing activities. So don't hold back, but forward your suggestions for inspiration for the new management in the association.

DFA courses for middle managers in Crop- and Pig production

DFA MSP course for pig managers. The 11 pig managers on the team started the course's first seminar in mid-September and had seminar 2 in Hungary in January. The last two seminars take place in May in Slovakia and in September 2023 in Denmark. See the post of Seminar 2 later in the newsletter.



MSP 2022-23 Team at first seminar in Denmark

The DFA CMP course for Crop managers was planned to start in week 8, 2023 (February 21 – 24) but has been canceled in early January due to low enrollment.

If you have potential participants for upcoming courses, please contact course manager **Povl Nørgaard** on + 45 31720145 or mail: povl@povlnorgaard.dk or the DFA secretariat for further information on the two courses.

New ERFA-group to be formed for midlevel crop managers

DFA is looking for mid-level crop managers to form an ERFA-group with a primary focus on crop management. The professional coordinator for the group will be crop production consultant **Ole Schou, VKST**, who has good knowledge of the operating methods in Eastern Europe. No-till and conservation agriculture will become a central topic for the meetings. The idea is for the group to meet twice a year, taking turns at the participating crop managers' farms. We aim for the first meeting to be held in mid-June 2023.

We are sending direct invitations to the companies that had registered crop managers for the canceled course – DFA CMP course, which was planned to start in February 2023. We are also sending invitations to the companies that had crop managers on the DFA CMP course, which was implemented in 2019.

Other interested companies are welcome to contact administrative coordinator **Povl Nørgaard** on mob: + 45 31720145 or mail: povl@povlnorgaard.dk or to the DFA secretariat for further information about the new ERFA-group.

Brief about completed DFA activities

DFA General Meeting provided by a new chairman

The association's General Meeting on 27 January proceeded without any major surprises. The new chairman **Jesper Brunhøj** reported on a year with a slight increase in the level of activity including many ERFA-meetings and training courses after a few years with a slight decline. We intend to be able to continue expanding on the activities in the coming year. We are of course affected by the fact that employees from the Russian-based companies no longer can participate in various events due to Russia's aggressive and brutal invasion of Ukraine.

The same war had also, along with other causes such as mergers and sales, resulted in a slight decrease in the number of both farm- and company members, while there has been a slight increase in the number of personal members. Having still over 200 members, there is a good basis for continuing the association's high level of activity within conferences, study tours, ERFA-groups and training courses for members and their employees.



Thanks to Johannes for his great efforts

In addition to a description of the many events during the year, Jesper Brunhøj also informed about the change of general secretary in the association. **Tom Axelgaard** has now taken over the position from **Johannes V Hansen**, who was in charge during the last 11 years. The chairman thanked Johannes for his great efforts over the years. He has energetically and committedly given the members and not least their employees many good experiences and disseminated the latest knowledge in agriculture through experience groups, study tours and conferences.

"Throughout those years, you have been one of the driving forces in DFA's development. It is remarkable, Johannes, that you always showed up committed and well prepared and contributed positively to implement new initiatives. You are eminent at arranging study trips to exciting destinations and the members have acknowledged this by turning up in large numbers for all the trips. It has been a pleasure working with you. Many thanks for the cooperation over the years".

As proof of the association's appreciation of Johannes' efforts, he was gifted a certificate of lifelong honorary membership of the association, with lifelong free access to all future events - held in Denmark.



New members in the board and farewell to two

Three new board members were elected, so that we once again have a team of competent member representatives to shape the future of the association, thus ensuring that the members' interests are looked after in the best way, also in the future - see the description of the new members below.

Jesper Brunhøj thanked **Jytte Rosenmaj** for her work as chairman of DFA over 7 years and 10 years membership of the board: *"You have been one of the driving forces in DFA's development over the years. The association has benefited from all your good contacts and networks. You have engaged and contributed positively throughout the years. It has been a pleasure working with you in the board. Many thanks for the cooperation over the years".*



Jesper Brunhøj also thanked **Christina Jansby** for her two years as member of the board: *"You always come to meetings committed and well prepared and contribute positively and with new initiatives. It has been a pleasure working with you in the board. Thank you for good cooperation".*

Presentation of three new-elected to DFA-Board



Jørgen L. Tørnæs

Jørgen L. Tørnæs owns the farm Krogsdal Hovedgård at Holstebro. He has participated at the board training course at Århus BSS and has a master's degree in agriculture as well as agricultural economist (Merkonom).

Memberships of boards include: Chairman of Landbrugets Biomasse Suppliers (LBBL), chairman of Måbjerg Bioenergi Leverandørforening, chairman of AgroEast A/S, which operates agriculture in Ukraine, and board member of BioGas Danmark.

I am looking forward to the work in DFA. The association is part of the fantastic journey we Danish farmers have been on abroad during the past fifteen to twenty years - not least in Eastern Europe. Farming in Eastern Europe countries has gone from newly cultivated land to daily operations, however, certain places in Eastern Europe are challenged by war, which of course presents new challenges.



Hans Poulsen








Hans has worked at JD Agro Cocora since 2010 – first as field manager and then as CEO. In 2019, the company JD Development is also included as part of his area of responsibility. Hans has a degree in Agricultural Economics from Vejlbj Agricultural College. Lives today in Bucharest – is married and has two children. Hans has previously been a member of the DFA board and actively contributed to organizing study tours within No-till (farming with nature) and Conservation agriculture, as well as involved in designing DFA training course for Crop managers.



Brian Brødsgaard Nielsen

Resident in Riga, associated with Latvia since 2006. Director of Balticfarm's activities in Latvia, running a modern regenerative crop production farm having a focus on CO2 reduction. Also responsible for rental business, both private and commercial. Brian is board certified.

Overview board members 2023

	Jesper Brunhøj Jensen	Freelance consultant and owner of Blueberry farm in Portugal
	Kristina Skeldal, vice-chairman	CEO and co-owner of Black Soil Farming in Romania
	Jens Møller Knudsen	CEO and owner of Jesna-Pol Spolka z.o.o, Poland
	Søren Villumsen	CEO at Danhatch Denmark, Chairmann for Board of Dan-Esti A/S, and board member in Agro East
	Hans Poulsen	CEO at Agro Cocora, Romania
	Jørgen L Tørnæs	CEO and owner of Krogsdal Manor Farm, Holstebro
	Brian Brødsgaard Nielsen	CEO at Balticfarms activities in Latvia

Summary of presentations at the DFA Winter Conference

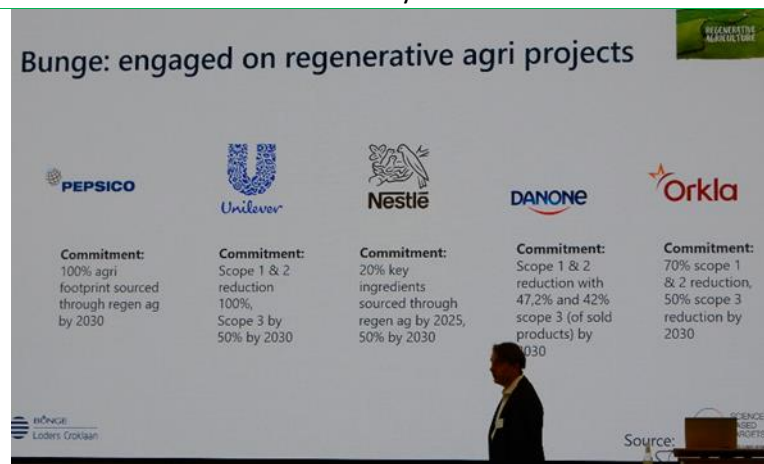
135 participants had found their way to the DFA Winter Conference on 27 January, located for the first time at **Bygholm Agricultural College**. The program featured 8 presentations focusing on Conservation agriculture, initiatives to promote sustainability and reduce the carbon footprint, as well as consequences of the war in Ukraine, especially on the commodity market, world politics, as well as the perspective for a Danish manager on agricultural farm in Ukraine. The program ended with a speech by Ukraine's ambassador to Denmark.



Hans Poulsen, Agro Cocora in Romania opened with an overview of the company's journey when implementing no-till and other initiatives since 2017 to promote the Conservation Agriculture mode of operation. The company currently operates 15,000 ha of land at two locations in eastern Romania. Their no till strategy has led to change in use of agricultural land - actually equally distributed between three types of crops: maize, winter wheat and oil crops – such as sunflower and rapeseed. Results of the change are, that they have achieved a more stable yield compared to their neighboring farmers, i.a. due to greater humus content in the soil to retain soil moisture. And then they have as well reduced machine costs by almost 40%.

See Hans Poulsen presentation [here](#)

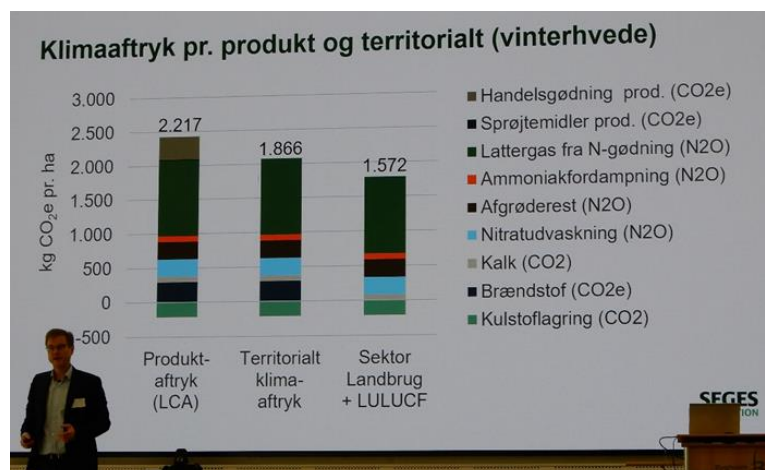
Eric van Straaten, Bunge talked about the company's initiatives to implement a low carbon footprint in their function as an intermediary in the value chain for the trade of vegetable oils in the world. In that function, they can help large multinational companies to implement their carbon footprint strategies in different ways - i.a. secure the documentation to the consumer. Bunge is a former Dutch – now an American owned agricultural trading company, which since 1818 has had main activities in the processing and trading of primarily palm oil and sunflower oil.



His presentation illustrated how the agricultural and food industry all over the world are forced to decide how to deal with both the new consumer trends and the demands from the financing institutions to give environmental and climate measures a much higher weight when financing investments in all types of industries. And not least the upcoming stricter legislative requirements within all branches of the food industry.

See Eric van Straaten presentation [here](#)

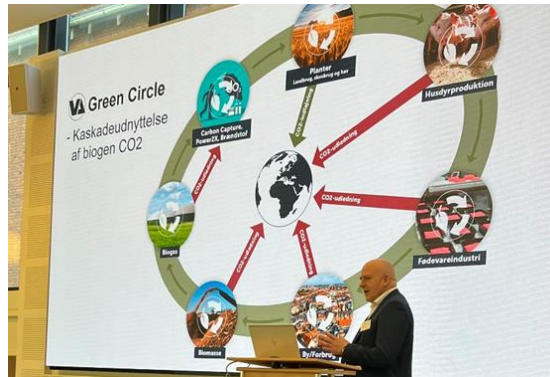
Hans Thyssen, SEGES talked about the difference between a national climate account and a product's climate account, e.g. using the LCA method. The difference is, that the national climate account only includes emissions within the country's borders, whereas a product's climate account includes all emissions created during the product's life cycle - i.e. that emissions created by soy produced in Brazil's former rainforests and transported to Denmark are also included in the calculation of emissions when the carbon footprint is calculated for a Danish pig or dairy cow.



The trade with Climate Credits is not regulated by legislation, but based on a relationship of trust between buyer and seller. And the seller – e.g. a farm, in order to get climate credit, must document that they have cultivation practices that go beyond legislative measures to reduce the carbon footprint – e.g. no-till. A statutory CO₂ tax aimed at Danish agricultural products will thus influence the ability of Danish farmers to be able to sell a Climate Credit.

See Hans Thyssen Presentation [here](#)

Steen Bitch talked about Western Jutland Cooperative's initiatives outside of their core business area to promote sustainable agricultural production. They are involved in factories that produce grass proteins, horse bean proteins and proteins from mussels. As well as a number of biogas plants that convert the residual product from grass protein production. Since the beginning of 2022, biogas production has become a very good business, as the price of the climate credits has increased by 90% - and has thus now become greater than the state subsidy for the operation of a biogas plant.



His main point was, that agriculture must work against the implementation of a CO2 tax, because it will drain the industry of money, which they then cannot invest in climate-improving measures. Agriculture is part of the solution to reducing CO2 emissions by optimizing the biological processes and thus creating a longer value chain before the CO2 emissions are released in consumption.

See Steen Bitch presentation [here](#)

Morten Albertsen, Goodvalley, Ukraine talked about his collaboration with employees who insist on both doing a good job on the farm, as well as contributing in different ways as a kind of background army to the frontline soldiers in the war. Since the start of the war, they have made a lot of different collections of equipment, spare parts, clothes and money, which they have transported to the war zones in the east. A very emotionally post about the great will of Ukrainians to do something for their war-torn homeland.

See Morten Albertsen presentation [here](#)



Anders Mortensen, Agrocura talked about the influence of the war on the large variations in the price of wheat since the start of the war in Ukraine. Since 27 % of the world's grain exports come from Russia and Ukraine, the politics of the two countries has a great influence on prices. It was illustrated by showing the effect of statements from Putin on changes in the price of wheat during 2022. Currently, the world's grain stocks are lower than normal, so an increased wheat price of 250 Euro per tonnes is therefore expected during 2023.

See Anders Mortensen presentation [here](#)

Clement Kjærgaard presented an overview of the world political situation having the US and China as two dominant players. He pointed out, however, that the situation now is different from the situation during the Cold War, when many countries chose sides. Today, many large countries no longer do this – they choose to cooperate with both the US and China – depending on the situation and what suits them best. And then we must continue to be aware that "history is always at the table" - we have not escaped the past. Perhaps we thought so when the Berlin Wall fell and the separation between the East and West Bloc disappeared.

H E Myhailo, Ambassador of Ukraine ended a very productive conference day with a speech that highlighted Ukraine's political visions. The main message in the post can be summed up with his following statement: *"As country we have to build new relations to form the future - forget Putin - he is history and no longer representing the future".*

The MSP team held a course in Hungary

The MSP Team 2022-23 including 10 pig managers had a fruitful 2nd seminar in week 3 (January 17-20) in Hungary. The program for the course included the topics: Personal time planning (time management), an introduction to the DISC profile and an individual test of your own profile, as well as an introduction to the Lean concept and the importance of having simple work processes. The training in Lean took place as a game, where two groups competed to create the best work processes for the manufacture of a product. Finally, the participants were trained in the role of coach and the associated form of conversation. Povl Nørgaard and Sofie Hammerskov were in charge of the training.



The visit to First Farms included the newly built farm for weaned pigs, which will open in March 2023

The seminar's farm visit took place at First Farms Hungary on their farm located in south-eastern Hungary close to the Romanian border. The farm visit was virtual - i.e. a review of the farm's routines and procedures supported by a detailed video and carefully presented by production manager **Viktor Geczö** of First Farms.

It was a different farm visit with no proximity to pigs, but a good professional focus on work routines, which gave the participating managers good opportunities to compare their own routines with those presented. Thanks to **Tamas Sarusi-Kis, First Farms** for hosting the team's visit.

DFA aktivitetsoversigt

Month	Days	Activity	Location	Coordinator
March	Monday 27- Wednesday 29	DFA ERFA Group 4 meeting	Denmark	Henrik Nielsen
March	Saturday 25 – Thursday 30	DFA ERFA Group 1 meeting	USA	Johannes V. Hansen
April	Monday 17	DFA Development Group	?	Tom Axelgaard
May	Wednesday 24 – Friday 26	MSP Course Pig Managers	Slovakia	Povl Nørgaard
June	Wednesday 14	DFA Summer conference	Denmark	DFA Secretariat
September	Monday 18 – Wednesday 20	DFA Development Group – study trip	?	Tom Axelgaard
September	Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 Sept	MSP Course Pig managers	Denmark	Povl Nørgaard
October- November	Sunday 29 – Sunday 5	DFA Study Trip 2023	Japan - if possible	DFA Secretariat

Global Pork Meat Prices

Source: Genesis, 9 February 2023

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Price as of February 9th, 2023		
	Domestic price (own currency)	US dollars (liveweight lb.)
USA (CME constructed price)	73.65 USD/100 lb. carcass DW	54.50 ¢
Canada (Ontario base price)	178.87 CAD/100 kg carcass DW	48.69 ¢
Mexico (national average)	41.43 MXN/kg liveweight	\$ 1.00
Brazil (South Region)	6.80 BRL/kg liveweight	58.62 ¢
United Kingdom	204.78 GBP/100 kg carcass	90.68 ¢
Spain	1.750 EUR/kg liveweight	85.75 ¢
France	2.080 EUR/kg carcass	84.14 ¢
Russia	103.07 RUB/kg liveweight	65.47 ¢
Vietnam (national average)	53,000 VND/kg liveweight	\$ 1.01
South Korea (national average except Jeju)	4,425 KRW/kg carcass	\$ 1.61
Philippines (national average)	180 PHP/kg liveweight	\$ 1.47
China	14.47 CNY/kg liveweight	0.98 ¢

Advertises

Dan-Slovakia Group looking for new CEO

DSA Group is one of the leading agricultural companies in Slovakia, specializing in crop and pig production. The company was founded in 2001 by a small group of forward-thinking Danish farmers having many years of agricultural production experience in various European countries. The company has been on an extensive growth journey, and today approx. 11,000 hectares of land are cultivated, and 385,000 pigs based on 11,500 sows are sold annual

Dan Slovakia Agrar is located in the southern part of Slovakia, 50 minutes of drive from Bratislava, 90 minutes from Vienna and Budapest. The Job prospect can be seen [here](#)

Contact: Horton International handles the recruitment process; further information about the position can be obtained by Managing Partner, **Palle Rasmussen**, mob: +45 21 77 45 48.

23 years old Production manager is looking for new position

I am looking for a position as operations manager in agriculture "preferably in crop production". I am a trained Production Manager from Bygholm Agricultural College. Take a closer look at my CV and recommendations [here](#)

Contact: Kasper Melgaard. Mob: +45 42368530, mail: Kasper.melgaard@outlook.com

Agro Business Manager is looking for an internship abroad

I am currently studying for Agro Business Manager at Business Academy Aarhus. Here I am learning a lot about management and economics within agriculture, with the aim that one day I want to go out and be independent farmer. In this connection, I will do a two-month internship, starting in mid-February 2023.

I would very much like to do my internship at a large agricultural company abroad. I have previously worked for about a year, on a farm in Australia, as well as a few months on a farm in Sweden. Take a closer look in my CV [here](#)

Contact: Ditlev Mølkjær-Jørgensen, mail: ditlev.mj@gmail.com; mob: 26249731

DIFKO invites to an investment conference in Aalborg

DIFKO invites to an investor seminar regarding real estate investment in Bulgaria and forest investment in the Baltics as well as a two-course dinner at Scandic Aalborg Øst, Hadsundvej 200, 9220 Aalborg, **Wednesday, 8 March 2023 at 4:30 pm**

We will give insight into the current investment markets within our investment areas. Especially focus on investments abroad. We are specialists in investments in a wide range of different asset classes, and during the program we will review the opportunities within both property development, giving 52% in return last year, and forestry projects, normally providing a stable and inflation-proof return of an expected 6 %. Registration no later than 3 March. See the conference program and registration [here](#)

Short news from abroad

Global pork producers cautious on rising uncertainties – Rabobank

Source: UkrConsult, 8 February 2023

According to Rabobank's Q1 Global Pork Report, global pork supply is expected to be tight in Q1, with consumption facing uncertainty. Tighter supply in exporting countries will likely limit global pork trade. On the demand side, rising inflation and high stock accumulated in 2022 will pressure import needs.

Slowing economy weighs on demand, raising uncertainties and volatility – In a slowing economy, while pork is believed to be less impacted than more expensive proteins, there will still be some pressure on consumption. Pressure on household incomes, increased savings, and a potential decline in specific channels can all pressure consumption. Managing inflation will remain important for many governments, with interest rates needing careful calibration against consumer and business confidence.

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Global food prices decline further in January

Source: UkrConsult, 7 February 2023

The benchmark index of international food commodity prices declined in January for the tenth consecutive month, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reported Friday.

The FAO Food Price Index averaged 131.2 points in January, 0.8 percent lower than the previous month and 17.9 percent below its peak reached in March 2022. The index tracks monthly changes in the international prices of commonly-traded food commodities. The price indices for vegetable oils, dairy and sugar drove the January decline, while those for cereals and meat remained largely stable.

The FAO Dairy Price Index averaged 1.4 percent lower than in December, with prices trending down for butter and milk powders on lighter demand from leading importers and increased supplies from New Zealand. World cheese prices rose slightly, driven by a recovery in food services and retail sales in Western Europe following the New Year holiday, as well as currency movements.

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EU pork meat production continues decline

Source: AHDB, 1 February 2023

The latest production data from the EU commission shows that year on year pig meat production is down compared to last year. Total pig meat production in October was 1.79 million tonnes, down 6.1% compared to October 2021. This brings the total volume of pig meat produced in the EU for the year to date (Jan-Oct) to 18.30 million tonnes, a decline of 5.2% year on year and in line with the EU forecast.

Slaughterings have also been in year-on-year decline. In October it is reported that 19.29 million head of pigs were slaughtered in abattoirs, again a decline of 6.1% compared to October last year. This brings the total number of pigs slaughtered at abattoir for the year to date (Jan-Oct) to 196.20 million head, down 4.6% on the same period in 2021.

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Germany: Investors buy up farmland- Intervene with the law

Source: farmlandgrab.org, 1 January 2023

Brandenburg's Agriculture Minister Axel Vogel (Greens) wants to use a new law in 2023 to prevent investors from outside the industry from buying up a large part of the agricultural land. The areas are often bought as an investment, so that what counts most is the price increase. The normal farmer cannot keep up with the increased prices.

"Young farmers no longer have a chance to buy land." Vogel wants to introduce the draft agricultural structure law to the state parliament in the second quarter of 2023. It should have a price-dampening effect.

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Poland. Sharp decline in the population of sows at the December count

Source: Agriculture & Food, week 6, 2023

New published figures from the Polish authorities show a continued sharp decline in the Polish population of pigs at the December 2022 pig census. The stock of breeding sows was 592,600, 9.4 % lower than a year ago. For pregnant sows, there was a decrease of 6.7 % to 404,800 pcs. Compared to the latest census from June 2021, the stock of breeding sows has decreased by 2.3 %, while pregnant sows are down by 3.1 %.

An increasing import of piglets from Denmark means that for piglets and pigs for fattening there was only a minor decrease in the population at the census in December 2022. The number of pigs for slaughter even showed a small increase of 2.2 %.

Romania. Agreena Announces First-Ever Tokenized Carbon Certificates Attached to Real Currency

Source: Business Review, 14 December 2022

Carbon farming scaleup Agreena announced it is launching the world's first product that can tokenize soil carbon certificates and move Euros on blockchain in collaboration with the European payments' institution Zlment. It's latest endeavor to enable a regenerative revolution in agriculture.

While many tech junkies get into blockchain as a solution looking for a problem, farmer's fintech Agreea has taken a different approach. Today the company announced that it is enhancing its core product offering – soil carbon certificates – with tokenization on blockchain for automated money movement. Using on-chain e-money, Agreea and Ztlment are taking a first-ever position in the market, bullying out unregulated stablecoins or volatile cryptocurrency. Agreea says its Web3 solution has been developed to meet farmers' needs for instantaneous payments while retaining the credibility and security of a regulated payment system.

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Moldova. The harvest of major agricultural crops fell by more than a third in 2022

Source: UkrConsult, 3 February 2023

According to the results of the past calendar year, the volume of agricultural production in the Republic of Moldova has significantly decreased compared to the level of 2021 – by almost 30%, according to the data of the Bureau of National Statistics of the Republic of Moldova.

In particular, there is a decline in the crop and livestock sectors – by 36.9% and 2.6%, respectively. According to official data, the gross harvest of sunflower seeds decreased by 35.3% to 621.6 thousand tons; soybeans – by 39%, up to 30.8 thousand tons. A decline is also recorded for grains: the wheat harvest decreased by 45.6%, to 851.1 thousand tons, corn – by 74.8%, to 705 thousand tons.

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RusAgro fears escalation of hostilities to Russia's largest pork-producing region

Source: Pig Progress, 1 February 2023

The major Russian pork producer RusAgro has prepared a plan for the operation of its Belgorod assets in case of the escalation of the Ukrainian conflict, Alexander Tarasov, financial director of RusAgro, said during a conference call.

RusAgro runs 9 pig farms, a slaughterhouse and grain storage capacities in the Belgorod region. The company has not provided any additional information about its plan. No other agricultural companies operating pig farms in the region have disclosed the existence of similar plans.

The Belgorod region accounts for roughly 20% of the Russian pork production. This is approximately 930,000 tonnes per year. It borders Ukraine's Kharkiv region in the south. In November, Vyacheslav Gladkov, governor of Belgorod Oblast.

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China's production of pork increased 4.6 % in 2022

Source: Agriculture & food, week 6, 2023

Figures from China's "National Bureau of Statistics" (NBS) show that the Chinese production of pork in 2022 was increased by 4.6 % to 55.41 million tons. The slaughter of pigs was almost 700 million. PCS. 4.3 % higher than the previous year.

China's stock of pigs is calculated by NBS to be 452.56 million. PCS. end of December. This is an increase of 0.7 %. compared to a year ago.

Frimesa opens largest pork plant in Latin America

Source: Pig Progress, 23 January 2023

Frimesa inaugurated the largest pork plant in Latin America last December. It is situated in Assis Chateaubriand, Paraná state, The plant has an initial daily slaughter capacity for 7,880 animals, which is equivalent to 550 animals per hour or 1,800 of meat tonnes/day.

The project received € 230 million in investments, and may generate 8,500 direct and indirect jobs. The expected start of activities is in March 2023, with estimated revenues of € 1 billion per year.

Frimesa believes that the new plant will triple its pork production, since the new structure will reduce distance and transport costs.

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US pork production declines, exports increase

Source: Pig Progress, 31 January 2023

2022 ended well for US pork exports, with those in November the largest of 2022 in both volume and value, according to data released by US Department of Agriculture.

"Pork exports reached 245,663 metric tons (mt) in November, up 3% from a year ago, while export value climbed 10%,". "In both volume and value, exports were the highest since May 2021.

US pork exports to Mexico set a value record in November, topping € 184 million for the second consecutive month. The volume was unprecedented at 87,809 mt.

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