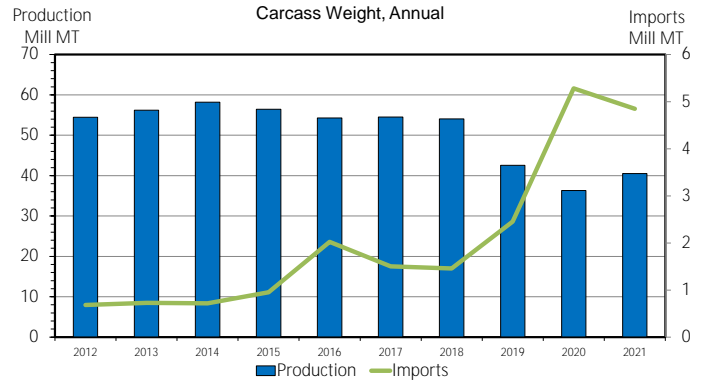


USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) recently released its quarterly [Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade](#) report. The report details official USDA statistics on global meat production and trade for beef and veal, pork, and chicken meat with the underlying data available in the [production, supply, and distribution](#) (PSD) database. This DLR will focus on global pork production and trade with highlights on China's swine and pork situation.

Global swine beginning stocks are forecast at 752.5 million head, up 15.1% from a year ago but still far below the peak of 806.7 in 2013 and even below 2018 (781.3) just prior to ASF in China. Much of the change in inventory levels is due to China which has historically accounted for about half of the world's hogs. FAS is forecasting that China will account for 54.0% of global hog inventories in 2021 with 406.5 million head at the start of the year. China's 2021 sow beginning stocks are forecast to increase 24.2% to 38.5 million head which is still 5.1 million head below pre-ASF levels in 2018. For perspective, the March 1 Hogs and Pigs report indicated the current U.S. breeding herd at 6.215 million head, which is just 16% of the FAS forecasted sow beginning stocks.

FAS is forecasting 2021 global pork production to increase 4.9% to 101.5 million metric tons carcass weight equivalent (MT, CWE). China's pork production is forecast to increase 11.4% over last year to 40.5 million MT followed by the European Union and Brazil both increasing 1.4% and 3.0%, respectively, to 24.5 and 4.3 million MT CWE. Although production is expected to increase, global pork exports are forecast to decline 0.5% to 11.5 million MT CWE in 2021. The EU is expected to remain as the top global pork exporter

CHINA PORK PRODUCTION AND IMPORTS



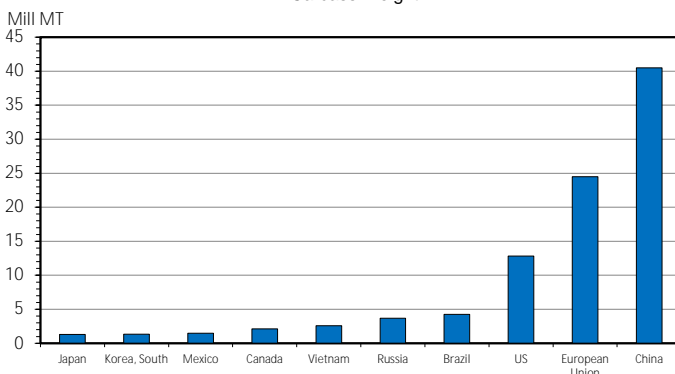
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in 2021 at 4.4 million MT CWE, down 3.2% but their second highest export level behind the record 4.5 million MT CWE set last year. Brazil's pork exports are forecast to increase 6.1% to 1.3 million MT CWE.

FAS expects the recovery of China's hog herd and pork production this year will still require them to import a forecasted 4.9 million MT CWE of pork, down 8.2% from last year's record import level of nearly 5.3 million MT. As China continues to struggle with ASF, they will likely still need to import pork even though FAS is expecting China's pork production to increase in 2021. The EU, US, Canada, and Brazil are likely to benefit from China's continued pork imports.

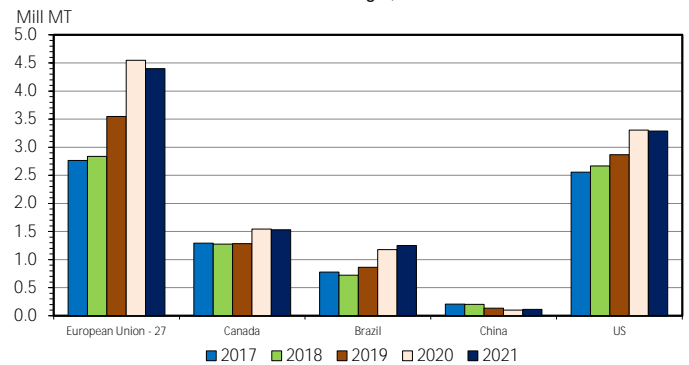
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