The French Pig sector on the threshold to change

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BACKGROUND

PIG FARMS IN 2010 (General Census)
• 11,000 pig farms holding 98% of the pig herd (16,000 in 2000)
• 13,8 millions pigs / 1,1 million sows / 4,3 M piglets / 8,4 M finishing pigs (FP)
• Mean farm size
  • 191 sows/farm for the 5,700 farms with 50 sows and more (on a total of 7,900)
  • 800 FP/farm for the 10,400 farms with 100 FP and more (on a total of 21,100)
• 50% of the farms, 85% of the sows and 66% of the FP are in a farrow-to-finish system

FEED AND SLAUGHTER INDUSTRY

FEED
Compound feed for pigs = 5,64 MT (~70%)
Feed mixed on the farm for pigs = 2,5 MT (~30%)

SLAUGHTERINGS: 24,8 M heads
Top 3 companies = 49%
Top 10 companies = 82%

50 cooperative groups = 9000 pig farmers, 91% of the pigs produced
Cooperatives involved in slaughtering and feed production

THE TYPICAL FARM
• 250 sows in a farrow-to-finish pig unit
• 50 ha of crops (wheat, barley, rapeseed, maize)
• 2,5 full-time workers (of which 1 employee)
• Closed barns, dynamic ventilation, fully-slated floor, automated feeding
• 26,3 pigs produced per sow per year, 116 kg live weight per pig
• Slurry: spread on arable land or treated (biological treatment)

CONSUMPTION (KG/CAPITA)

Share of pig meat sold in supermarkets: 85%
Butcher shops: 10%
Other: 5%