

Meat-processing industry

MEAT INDUSTRY

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Belarus has made more than 1,200 kinds of meat products, including 800 types of sausages, about 250 names of semi-finished products, more than 150 kinds of canned food. Currently existing resource base allows to produce for more than 1 000 thsd tons of meat per year. During 2013 the republic produced 991 thsd tons, which is 8.6% more than in 2012.

About 20% of export/agricultural raw materials and food accounts for meat products

In the structure of exports of agricultural raw materials and food products from the Republic of Belarus on the share of exports of meat products accounts for about 20%. Average annual growth rate of exports of meat and meat products (in real terms) was 22% in the last 6 years. The volume of meat exports in 2013 totaled 402 thsd tons, which is 6% higher than in 2012 (380 thsd tons).

Annual per capita consumption of meat and meat products in Belarus - 75 kg

In terms of meat production per capita Belarus far exceeds all the CIS countries, including Russia (29.3 kg) and Ukraine (24.8 kg). Consumption of meat and meat products by the Belarusians (excluding catering) is growing every year. It is estimated that in 2013 the consumption of meat and meat products per capita compared with 2007 increased by only 4 kg to 75 kg, which corresponds exactly to the recommended norm.

Prices for some meat products in Belarus are regulated administratively

The government regulates prices of meat and "social" meat products in the Republic of Belarus. Set a fixed limit selling prices for meat and lumpy meat intermediates, as well as limiting trade margins for some "social" meat products: changes are usually 2 times a year - in spring and autumn. In order to avoid price regulation meatpacking plants orient to the production of meat products with higher added value, as well as exports. However, the authorities brought administrative tasks to meat plant in terms of production of "social" products.

About 200 enterprises in Belarus are engaged in production of meat and meat products

The Belarusian market today employs about 200 producers of meat and meat products, about 27 of them with the state property from 7 to 100%. JSC "Grodno meat-packing plant", JSC "Vitebsk Meat Packing Plant", JSC AFPK "Zhlobinsky meat plant" - the leaders in production capacity (capacity of each company - more than 3000 tons per month).

Plans for the next few years rapid growth in production and expansion of markets. The plans for the development of the sector of meat processing in Belarus - to increase production capacity and expand the resource base. Thus, up to 2015 should be built complexes livestock buildings for young cattle on 480,000 cattle stalls. In addition to increasing the volume of production, the increase in exports, as well as the diversification of its geography, due to the heavy reliance on the Russian market, which accounts for 98% of total exports of meat and meat products.

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