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Pig numbers continue to drop

According to figures just released by Statistics Netherlands, there were just over 1.2 million fewer pigs in the Netherlands on 1 August this year than in August 2001. This ten percent fall puts the number of pigs at about the same level as in the first half of the eighties. The decrease in the number of pigs occurred mainly in the period August to December last year, and slowed down after that.

More than 15 percent fewer porkers

The number of porkers weighing 50 kg and more fell by as much as fifteen percent in the last twelve months. This decrease did continue after December 2001. The number of suckling piglets was seven percent lower than August 2001, but stabilised after December. The number of sows served fell by more than eleven percent; here too the fall was mainly in the period August to December 2001.

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