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Prospects for agricultural markets 2006-2013

Meat sector



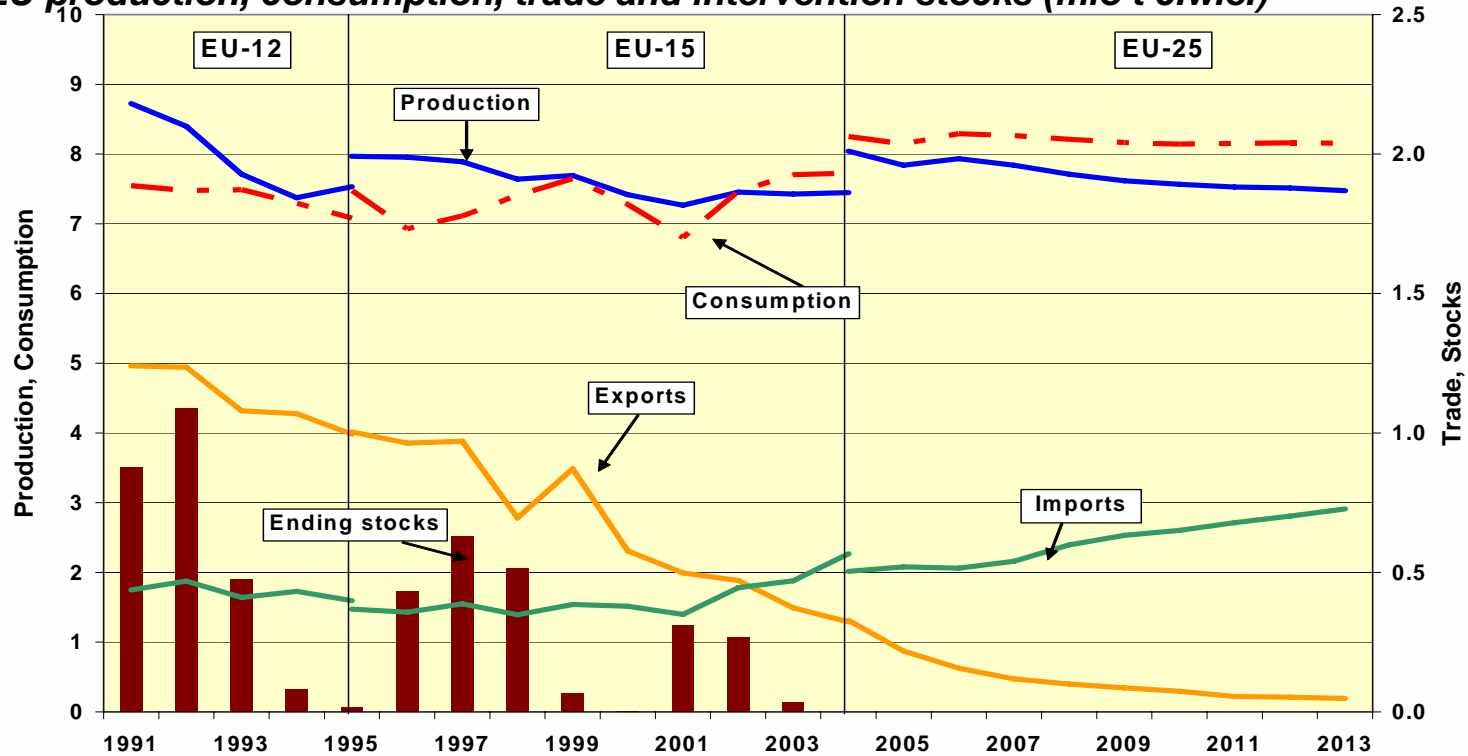
Meat

- **EU to remain a beef net importer throughout the projection period due to:**
 - Declining cattle herd from dairy sector
 - Impact of decoupling of direct payments
 - Impact of market disruptions of 2001 BSE crisis
- **Pig meat production expected to keep its slight growth thanks to:**
 - Solid demand both in the EU15 and in the new Member States
 - Expected profitability with good pig meat prices and relatively low feed prices
- **Poultry meat demand and production to remain strong**
- **Limited recovery in sheep/goat meat production after 2001 FMD results in high market prices**



EU to remain net importer of beef meat over the medium term

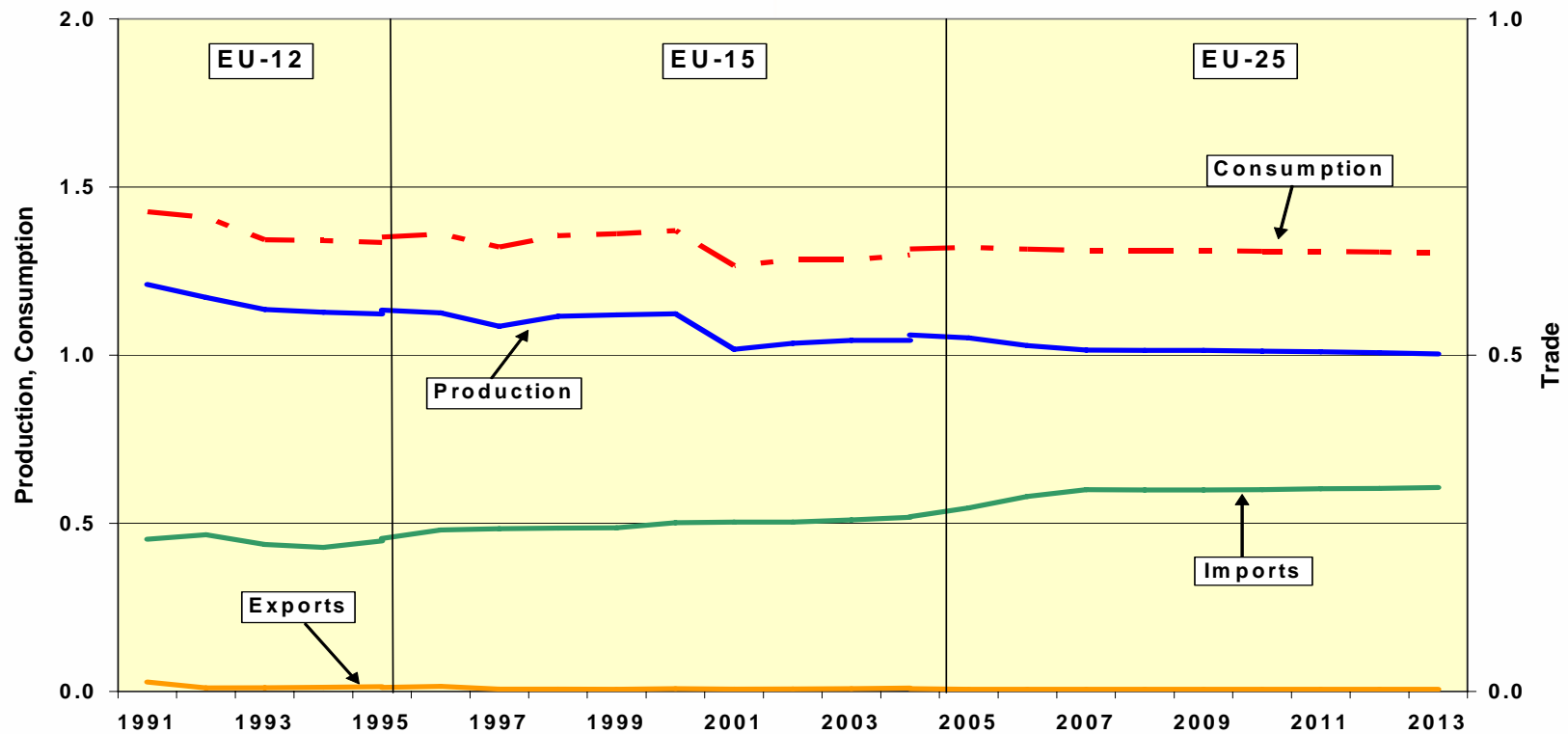
EU production, consumption, trade and intervention stocks (mio t c.w.e.)





EU sheep/goat sector not to fully recover from the 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease

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Total EU meat consumption to resume its long term level

EU per capita consumption (kg/head, in carcass weight equivalent)

