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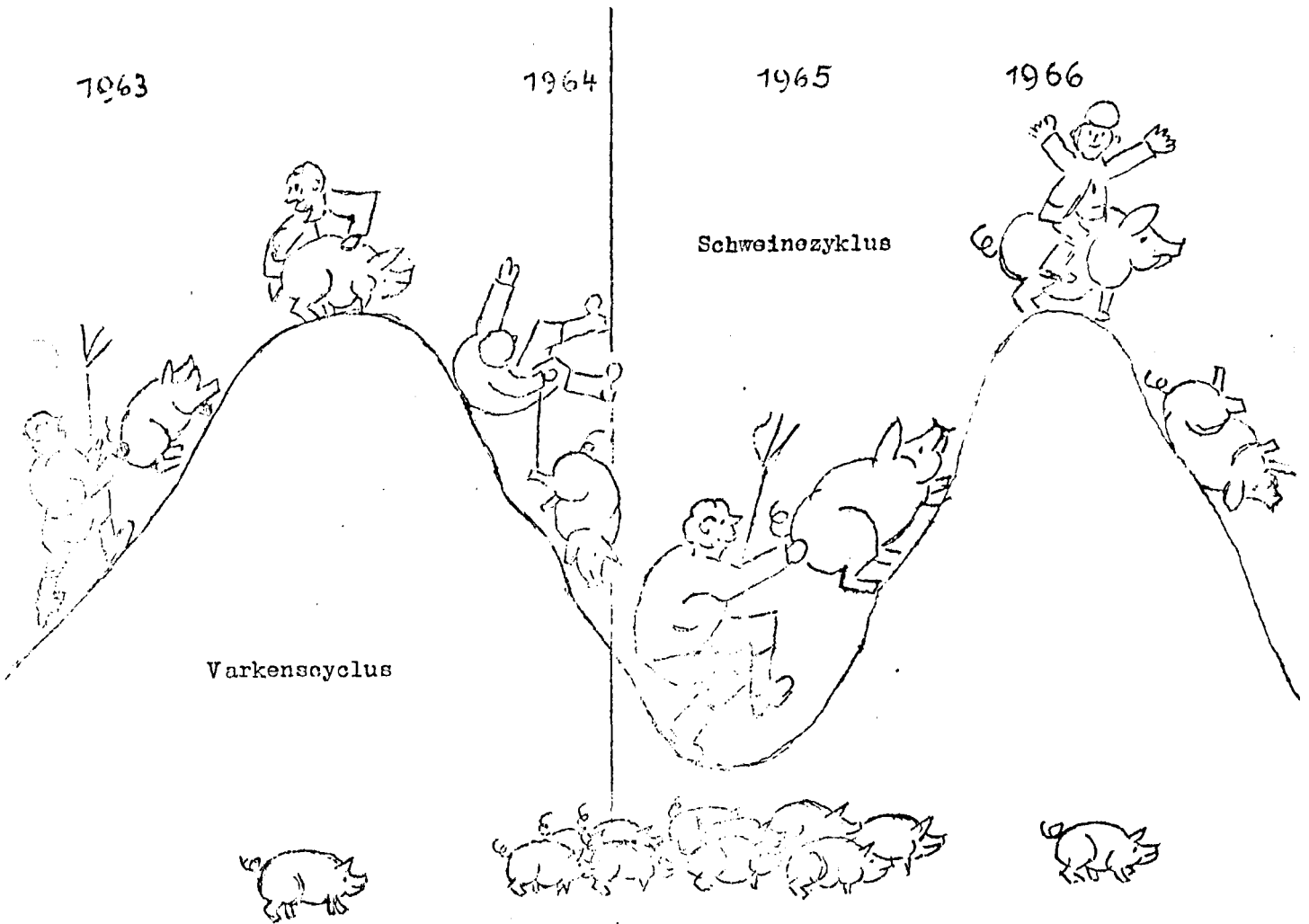
1965

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Schweinezyklus

Varkenscyclus

Pig cycle



An appeal to pig farmers in the EEC

High prices for young pigs can be expected in the beginning and middle of 1965, and high prices for grown animals towards the end of the year

The "pig cycle" is the inevitable, constantly recurring "seesaw" movement of prices of pigs for slaughter caused by fluctuations in supply due to changes in the pig population.

It has been shown over the last two years that the common EEC pig cycle is made up of the pig cycles of the individual member countries.

Prices were very high at the end of 1963 and beginning of 1964, but in the first half of 1965 there will probably be a good supply of fatstock, and prices will therefore be low. They will reach their lowest point early in the new year.

As the situation is the same in all the EEC countries and most of the rest of Europe, a relatively steep fall in prices is to be expected.

This is already seen in the prices for young pigs

Many years' experience has shown that the price trend for young pigs gives advance warning of the movement of prices of slaughter animals. Prices for young pigs were unusually high in 1963, and since October 1964 they have plummeted. This is a sure sign that supplies of young pigs became much more plentiful in the intervening period. In a few months' time - early in 1965, then - these young pigs will be coming onto the markets as slaughter animals.

Normally, pig breeders are discouraged by low prices for young pigs and limit production accordingly. This utterly mistaken action results a few months later in an inadequate supply of young pigs, and prices consequently go up again. Pig breeders should not let their decisions as to the service of their sows be influenced by current prices, but should consider the prices to be expected at a later date.

Prices for young pigs, influenced by seasonal factors and the pig cycle, will recover in the next few months and reach quite a high level again in the middle of 1965.

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Prices of slaughter animals will follow

The prices of pigs for slaughter will follow a similar course until the end of 1965 - i.e. they will remain very low in the first six months but will then rise and reach a very satisfactory level by the end of the year.

The EEC Commission therefore recommends all pig breeders to act in conformity with market trends and increase production immediately, in spite of the very low prices for slaughter animals likely in the early months of 1965.

Producers can expect to get good prices on the market for their young pigs in the spring, and for pigs for slaughter in the autumn and winter of 1965.

SLAUGHTERED PIGS

REFERENCE PRICES IN THE EEC COUNTRIES

(In national currencies and DM per kg)

Country	1964															
	Sep				Oct					Nov				Dec		
	31-6	7-13	14-20	21-27	28-4	5-11	12-18	19-25	26-1	2-8	9-15	16-22	23-29	30-6	7-13	
Belgium	BFrs	36.73	37.05	36.73	36.73	35.75	34.45	34.45	34.45	35.75	36.40	36.40	35.75	35.43	35.43	35.43
	DM	2.94	2.96	2.94	2.94	2.86	2.76	2.76	2.76	2.86	2.91	2.91	2.86	2.83	2.83	2.83
	Sluice-gate price DM	2.35			→	2.48										→
Germany (FR)	DM	3.50	3.31	3.23	3.26	3.27	3.22	3.26	3.35	3.39	3.46	3.54	3.62	3.66	3.60	3.51
	Sluice-gate price DM	2.99			→	3.11										→
France	FF	3.99	3.96	3.84	3.93	3.93	3.86	3.83	3.77	3.73	3.79	3.94	3.87	3.78	3.78	3.73
	DM	3.23	3.21	3.11	3.18	3.18	3.13	3.10	3.05	3.02	3.07	3.19	3.14	3.00	3.06	3.02
	Sluice-gate price DM	2.63			→	2.75										→
Italy	Lit	473.6	494.1	487.8	505.3	535.6	535.7	535.2	530.8	516.5	508.6	512.9	504.1	497.4	509.2	501.8
	DM	3.03	3.16	3.12	3.23	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.40	3.31	3.26	3.28	3.23	3.18	3.26	3.21
	Sluice-gate price DM	2.76			→	2.88										→
Luxembourg	LFrs	43.91	43.92	43.87	42.83	43.77	43.74	43.77	43.76	43.75	43.72	43.76	43.74	43.74	43.74	--
	DM	3.51	3.51	3.51	3.51	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	--
	Sluice-gate price DM	2.98			→	3.11										→
Netherlands	Fl	2.46	2.51	2.56	2.56	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.44	2.39	2.39	2.39	2.44	2.39	2.39
	DM	2.72	2.77	2.83	2.83	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.70	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.70	2.64	2.64
	Sluice-gate price DM	2.35			→	2.40										→
EEC (arithmetic mean)	DM	3.16	3.15	3.12	3.16	3.17	3.13	3.14	3.14	3.13	3.14	3.18	3.17	3.16	3.15	--

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Country		Ref. price	Av. 1962	Av. 1963	1964												
					Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Belgium	BFRs	32.36	28.78	40.55	48.18	42.50	37.57	35.10	37.54	39.91	42.90	37.70	36.60	34.78	36.00	-	
	DM	2.50	2.30	2.24	3.85	3.40	3.01	2.81	3.00	3.19	3.43	3.02	2.93	2.78	2.88	-	
	Sluice-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.55	→	→	2.55	→	→	→	2.35	→	2.48	→	→	→
Germany (FR)	DM	3.44	3.40	3.64	4.28	4.10	3.63	3.23	3.27	3.20	3.48	3.48	3.31	3.31	3.58	-	
	Sluice-gate price DM	-	-	-	3.18	→	→	3.17	→	→	→	2.99	→	3.11	→	→	→
France	FF	3.50	3.37	4.20	4.77	4.51	4.10	3.92	4.07	4.02	4.28	3.98	3.93	3.82	3.83	-	
	DM	2.84	2.73	3.40	3.86	3.65	3.32	3.18	3.30	3.26	3.47	3.22	3.18	3.09	3.10	-	
	Sluice-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.71	→	→	2.70	→	→	→	2.63	→	2.75	→	→	→
Italy	Lit	471.9	509.6	555.5	585.0	582.4	533.5	472.8	451.8	409.1	413.9	468.3	499.6	529.0	506.2	-	
	DM	3.02	3.26	3.56	3.74	3.60	3.41	3.03	2.89	2.62	2.65	3.00	3.20	3.39	3.24	-	
	Sluice-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.86	→	→	2.86	→	→	→	2.76	→	2.89	→	→	→
Luxembourg	LFrs	45.00	43.63	42.25	42.25	42.25	42.25	42.25	42.25	42.25	42.25	43.91	43.66	43.76	43.74	-	
	DM	3.60	3.40	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.51	3.51	3.50	3.50	-	
	Sluice-gate price DM	-	-	-	3.33	→	→	3.32	→	→	→	2.98	→	3.11	→	→	→
Netherlands	F1	2.21	2.17	2.51	3.10	2.99	2.67	2.50	2.39	2.49	2.55	2.46	2.52	2.48	2.38	-	
	DM	2.44	2.40	2.77	3.43	3.30	2.95	2.76	2.64	2.75	2.82	2.77	2.78	2.74	2.63	-	
	Sluice-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.38	→	→	2.37	→	→	→	2.35	→	2.49	→	→	→
EEC (arithmetic mean)	DM	2.93	2.93	3.33	3.76	3.57	3.28	3.07	3.08	3.07	3.21	3.16	3.15	3.13	3.16	-	

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Belgium	BFrs	32.36	28.78	40.55	36.43	34.13	33.40	33.41	37.27	41.93	42.82	44.53	41.67	42.02	48.18	50.96
	DM	2.59	2.30	3.24	2.83	2.73	2.68	2.67	2.98	3.35	3.43	3.56	3.33	3.42	3.85	4.08
	Slufce-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.64	→			2.62	→			2.56	→		→
Germany (FR)	DM	3.44	3.40	3.64	3.48	3.35	3.31	3.22	3.34	3.48	3.61	3.84	3.88	3.95	4.11	4.07
	Slufce-gate price DM	-	-	-	3.26	→			3.24	→			3.19	→		→
France	FF	3.50	3.37	4.20	3.73	3.71	3.59	3.63	3.87	4.07	4.43	4.59	4.32	4.45	4.70	4.90
	DM	2.04	2.73	3.40	3.02	3.01	2.91	2.94	3.14	3.30	3.50	3.72	3.74	3.81	3.82	3.97
	Slufce-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.75	→			2.73	→			2.72	→		→
Italy	Lit	471.9	509.6	555.5	571.4	590.3	594.5	571.5	546.3	518.3	500.0	520.0	551.7	568.4	563.0	571.2
	DM	3.02	3.26	3.56	3.66	3.78	3.00	3.56	3.50	3.32	3.20	3.33	3.53	3.64	3.00	3.66
	Slufce-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.92	→			2.91	→			2.87	→		→
Luxembourg	LFrs	45.00	43.63	42.25	42.25											
	DM	3.60	3.40	3.38	3.38											
	Slufce-gate price DM	-	-	-	3.53	→			3.51	→			3.34	→		→
Netherlands	F1	2.21	2.17	2.51	2.27	2.31	2.30	2.24	2.24	2.27	2.37	2.47	2.69	2.75	3.07	3.14
	DM	2.44	2.40	2.77	2.51	2.55	2.54	2.48	2.48	2.51	2.62	2.73	2.97	3.05	3.39	3.47
	Slufce-gate price DM	-	-	-	2.37	→			2.35	→			2.39	→		→
EEC (arithmetic mean)	DM	2.89	2.93	3.33	3.15	3.13	3.10	3.06	3.14	3.22	3.31	3.43	3.47	3.51	3.70	3.77

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Belgium	Bfrs	32.36	28.78	29.90	27.79	27.14	26.00	26.49	30.55	27.76	27.73	28.60	29.25	31.37	32.76
	DM	2.59	2.30	2.39	2.22	2.17	2.08	2.12	2.44	2.22	2.22	2.29	2.34	2.51	2.62
	Sluice-gate price "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.64	→	2.67	→
Germany (FR)	DM	3.44	3.40	3.46	3.35	3.22	3.11	3.08	3.24	3.26	3.47	3.68	3.67	3.69	3.57
	Sluice-gate price "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.26	→	3.30	→	
France	FF	3.50	3.37	3.56	3.49	3.35	3.24	3.22	3.22	3.45	3.41	3.35	3.31	3.39	3.48
	DM	2.84	2.73	2.88	2.83	2.71	2.63	2.61	2.61	2.00	2.76	2.71	2.68	2.75	2.82
	Sluice-gate price "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.75	→	2.78	→	
Italy	Lit	471.9	509.6	500.6	516.5	516.0	513.3	504.9	486.6	479.1	492.3	502.0	521.8	529.0	546.5
	DM	3.02	3.26	3.20	3.31	3.30	3.32	3.23	3.11	3.07	3.15	3.22	3.34	3.39	3.50
	Sluice-gate price "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.93	→	2.97	→	
Luxembourg	LFrs	45.00	43.63	45.00	→	→	→	→	→	42.25	→	→	→	→	→
	DM	3.60	3.49	3.60	→	→	→	→	→	3.38	→	→	→	→	→
	Sluice-gate price "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.53	→	3.56	→	
Netherlands	F1	2.21	2.17	2.06	2.10	2.14	2.04	2.07	2.19	2.16	2.14	2.20	2.24	2.32	2.30
	DM	2.44	2.40	2.28	2.32	2.36	2.33	2.29	2.42	2.39	2.35	2.43	2.48	2.56	2.54
	Sluice-gate price "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.37	→	2.41	→	
EEC (arithmetic mean)	DM	2.99	2.93	2.97	2.94	2.89	2.84	2.82	2.90	2.85	2.89	2.95	2.98	3.05	3.07

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING SUGAR-BEET PRICES IN THE MEMBER STATES (in dollars)

	Germany (F.R.G.)		France		Italy		Netherlands		Belgium	
	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964	1963	1964
<u>Sugar beet</u> (per metric ton)				(1)						(3)
(a) Producer price (16% sugar content)	16.88	16.88	12.91		16.68	19.05	14.92	17.96	15.76	16.84
(b) Other receipts	2.06	2.06	0.30		0.44	0.44	-	-	1.79	1.79
Gross receipts	18.94	18.94	13.21		17.12	19.49	14.92	17.96	17.55	18.63
(c) Levy on Producers	-	-	0.21		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts	18.94	18.94	13.00		17.12	19.49	14.92	17.96	17.55	18.63
<u>Sugar</u> (per 50 kg)										
Ex-works price	21.17	21.17	18.76		20.74	24.35	18.01	20.53	18.50	20.46
Freight and marketing costs	4.43	4.43	3.43		3.11	3.36	3.04	3.71	3.11	3.11
Taxes and dues	4.15	4.15	1.31		8.95	6.69	7.13	7.35	3.79	4.04
Consumer price	29.75	29.75	23.50		32.80	34.40	28.18	31.58	25.40	27.61
Tax (%)	14%	14%	6%		27%	20%	25%	23%	15%	15%

- (1) Figures for France for 1964 are not yet available.
 (2) Per ton of sugar-beet with a 17% sugar content.
 (3) Provisional prices.