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Thank you for your letter and your interest in our carbon emissions.

Danish Crown takes sustainability very seriously, and we aim to challenge the global meat industry by taking the lead in the efforts to ensure a sustainable transition of food production. Our farmers and abattoirs are working hard to make our food production more climate-friendly and sustainable. Our vision is a future in which meat from Danish Crown is climate-neutral (net zero) by 2050. The first milestone is to reduce the carbon footprint from meat by 50 per cent by 2030.

We are not there yet, but we are well on our way. Since 2005 we have reduced our emissions from Danish pigs by 30 %. 100 % of our Danish pigs, including free-range pigs, suppliers of 'Dansk Kalv' and Danish farmers suppliers of Free-Range Beef have joined our climate program "The Climate Track". We are one of the first large meat producers to be validated by the international Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

The attached Blonk report: *"Environmental implications of alternative pork and broiler production systems in the US, China, Brazil and the EU"* is, as we are aware, the first report that compares the environmental performance of current conventional production methods with emerging "middle market" production methods that follow higher animal welfare (HW) guidelines. We see that the study lacks primary data on the HW systems, and data quality considerations suggest that robust conclusions cannot be drawn for the relatively small differences in environmental performance seen between conventional and HW systems. However, to our knowledge this is the first public study and an interesting approach to a complex problem, but lack of real data (not generic data) opens for mis-impetration and wrong conclusions.



Regarding your questions:

1: Number of pigs slaughtered in 2021 for Danish Crown business units by country

In our Annual report ([LINK](#)) and Sustainability report ([LINK](#)), we disclose slaughter numbers, but slaughter numbers cannot be used to verify climate-related disclosures, as you need to know the farmers individual initiatives. That is why 100% of our Danish pigs, including free-range pigs, suppliers of the label 'Dansk Kalv' (Danish Veal) and Danish farmers supplying Free Range Beef have joined our climate program "The Climate Track ([LINK](#)).

2: Annual Danish Crown feed production in kg for pigs in 2021

Danish Crown don't produce feed for livestock. We work with the farmers and the feed companies to find the most feed efficient and climate friendly feed-mix. And feed efficiency is one of the cornerstones in lowering emissions in our pig supply-chain.

3: Status of your submission to SBTi, including a one-page summary of your submission

Danish Crown is committed to all necessary actions in order to be in line with the global goal of limiting temperature increase by 1.5°C. In Danish Crown, we are committed to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) with validated targets for Scope 1, 2 and 3. This means that we are transparent about our emissions in Scope 1, 2 and 3. Therefore, kindly see our latest Sustainability report ([LINK](#)). With a SBTi target we focus on reducing our greenhouse gas emissions in Scope 1 and 2 in absolute numbers, and in Scope 3, we have a strong intensity target aligned with the SBTi methodology. We are currently evaluating the SBTi FLAG targets and will revise our SBTi targets no later than 2025 to include the FLAG criteria.

Danish Crown have a strong decarbonization roadmap towards 2030, that will ensure reductions in Scope 1,2 and 3. Danish Crowns knows the initiatives/technologies that needs implemented such as decarbonize our electricity consumption, and through the "The Climate Track" reduce farm-level emissions and more – all these initiatives will ensure that we deliver upon our SBTi targets and lower carbon emissions in our full value chain.

Yours sincerely

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