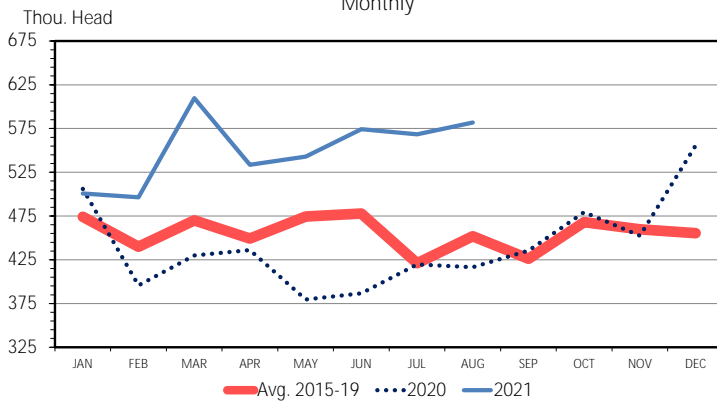


U.S. hog imports continue to remain at elevated levels with August at 581,733 head, up 39.7% (165,181 head) from last year. August hog imports were the second highest monthly level this year behind March with 609,684 head. Through the first eight months of the year, U.S. hog imports have totaled over 4.4 million head, a 30.8% increase over 2020 and the strongest pace since 2008.

Canada is the primary hog supplier to the U.S. historically accounting for the vast majority of shipments. Typically, Canada ships feeder pigs weighing less than 50 kg (110 pounds). Over the last decade, on average, about 84% of the hogs sent to the U.S. from Canada were feeder pigs weighing less than 50 kg. In 2021, the percentage of feeder pigs from Canada weighing less than 50 kg has fallen to an average of about 75% with a range of 77.2% to 70.2%. Although the percentage of feeder pig imports from Canada is below typical levels, year-to-date feeder pig imports are up 15.9% through the first eight months to nearly 3.3 million head, the strongest pace since 2009.

**US LIVE HOG IMPORTS FROM CANADA**  
Monthly



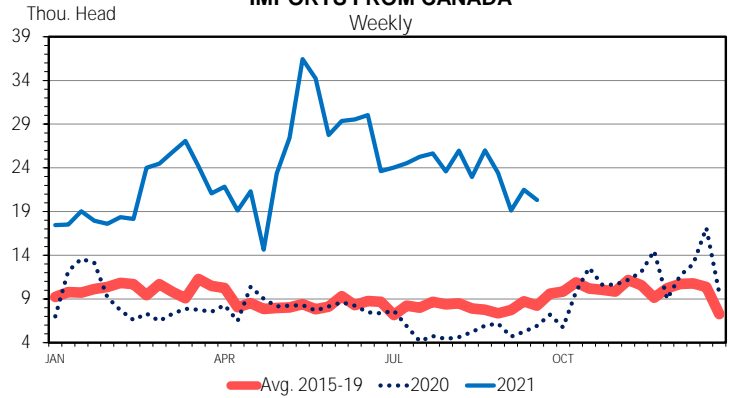
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The strong pace of hog imports has also been fueled by a surge in hogs weighing more than 50 kg. Through the first eight months of 2021, imports of hogs weighing over 50 kg has more than doubled to more than 1.1 million hogs, a level that has not occurred since 2008. The increase of hog imports weighing more than 50 kg is partially due to plant strikes in Canada. Worker strikes in Canada began in late April this year but recent reports have stated that an agreement was reached and processing resumed last month.

Despite the slaughter disruptions in Canada, weekly data from the AMS reports [WA LS635](#) and [WA LS637](#) are showing above normal

**SLAUGHTER BARROWS & GILTS IMPORTS FROM CANADA**  
Weekly

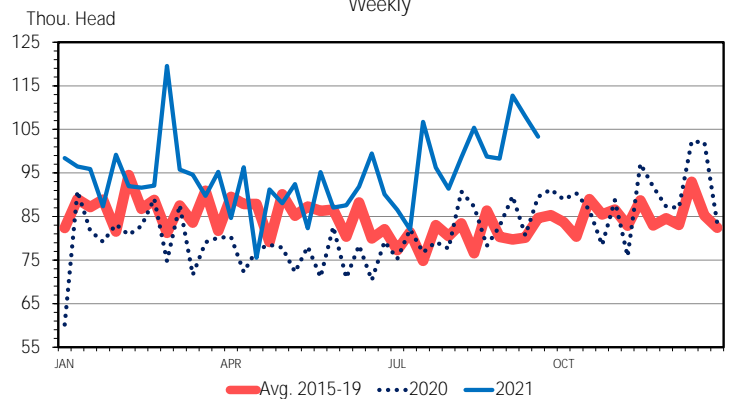


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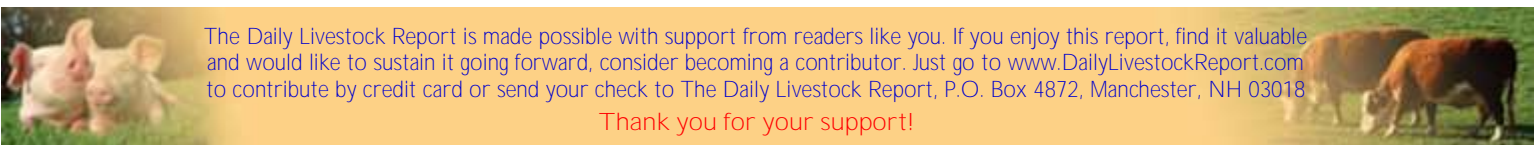
import levels from Canada for both slaughter barrow and gilts and feeder pigs during September. Over the last four weeks imports of slaughter barrow and gilts have average over 21,000 head per week, much higher than the 5,800 head per week average a year ago. The percentage of feeder pig imports over the last four weeks has been just below 80%, but nearly 18,000 more head of the been shipped compared to 2020. In the near term total hog imports are likely to remain elevated with rising levels of both feeder pigs and slaughter barrow and gilts.

**FEEDER PIG IMPORTS FROM CANADA**  
Weekly



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