

are largely closed to us by tariffs. Without the steady market that we have in Great Britain our dairy-produce, meat, and fruit production on present lines would not be possible. Our pig and poultry products would have to seek the same market as our dairy-produce, meat, and fruit—that is, Great Britain. What are the possibilities there? In 1927 the United Kingdom imported pig-products to the value of £56,351,758. These pig products consisted of—

	£
Bacon	38,679,205
Hams	4,653,877
Pork	5,095,477
Lard	7,585,423
Hearts, kidneys, livers, &c.	337,776
	<u>£56,351,758</u>

The supplying countries for pig-products were—

	£		£
Denmark	23,923,094	Belgium	183,479
United States of America	13,765,133	Germany	122,778
Netherlands	5,862,166	France	54,961
Canada	3,884,598	Brazil	4,387
Irish Free State	3,696,598	China	2,370
Sweden	2,049,585	South Africa	2,234
Latvia	644,372	Australia	1,092
Poland	568,204	Uruguay	566
Argentina	530,697	Other foreign countries	73,056
Russia	430,880	Other British countries	22,418
New Zealand	333,381		
Estonia	195,709		<u>£56,351,758</u>

In the poultry section the imports into the United Kingdom in 1927 were—

	£
Eggs	19,252,574
Poultry	2,979,584
	<u>£22,232,158</u>

The eggs consisted of—

	£
Eggs in shell	15,914,257
Eggs not in shell, liquid or frozen	2,796,326
Eggs not in shell, dried, except albumen	283,725
Eggs not in shell, albumen	258,266
	<u>£19,252,574</u>

The poultry consisted of—

	£
Poultry, alive	222,926
Poultry, dead	2,756,658
	<u>£2,979,584</u>

The supplying countries for poultry-products were—

	£		£
Denmark	4,592,587	Germany	152,941
Irish Free State	4,016,615	Australia	107,049
China	3,671,229	Argentina	93,586
Netherlands	1,815,243	Canada	41,929
Belgium	1,677,134	Switzerland	38,573
Poland	1,547,834	Estonia	29,859
Russia	890,597	Serb Croat State	14,273
France	802,432	Norway	7,748
Latvia	664,754	Lithuania	6,192
Sweden	393,980	Roumania	4,788
South Africa	331,796	Morocco	339
United States of America	307,622	Other foreign countries	64,721
Egypt	290,609	Other British countries	10,687
Austria	270,765		
Italy	202,121		<u>£22,232,158</u>
Hungary	184,155		

To give an idea of the relative importance of the markets in the United Kingdom for pig and poultry products, the following figures showing the imports of beef, mutton, and lamb are illustrative:—

Pig-products	56,351,758
Poultry-products	22,232,158
Beef	34,654,407
Mutton	6,221,846
Lamb	11,767,881

It will be seen that the imports of pig-products exceed beef, mutton, and lamb combined, and the imports of poultry-products exceed mutton and lamb.