

GROW OUR SECTOR

Through Increased Livestock Production

Pork's Impact on Illinois

Illinois currently ranks fourth in the U.S. in pork production.

The pork industry is a vital part of our local and state economies:

- There has been a 22% increase in hog numbers in the state since 2004
- Pork contributes \$1.8 billion annually to the state's economy
- Pork generates more than \$170 million in taxes.
- Pork supports 10,533 jobs in Illinois and 800,000 jobs in the U.S.
- Pork contributes up to 51 percent of the livestock industries' total cash receipts

Pork production is a significant demand factor for crops.

- Market hogs consume more than 155 million bushels of corn and 32 million bushels of soybeans per year in Illinois.
- Livestock feed accounted for 57% of the U.S. corn crop in 2012.
- Hogs consumed 10% of the nation's corn crop, or nearly 1.2 billion bushels in 2012.
- Pork producers purchased the equivalent of 424 million bushels of soybeans last year, or about 26 percent of all soybean meal in the United States.

By using information, better technology, and improved genetics, we're producing a better product. U.S. pork contains 31% less fat than in 1983, tastes better, and it is a bargain at the grocery store.

Pig farming has changed dramatically over the last 50 years just like every other segment of the American economy. Today's farmers have to be more efficient to compete in a global economy. Frequently, that means becoming larger or more specialized in order to reduce costs.

Source: USDA NASS



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Top 10 Hog Counties
(Ranked by Output)

1. Clinton
2. DeKalb
3. Livingston
4. Hancock
5. Henry
6. Knox
7. Pike
8. Jasper
9. Greene
10. Cass

Top 10 Hog Counties
(Ranked by County Personal Income)

1. Jasper
2. Hancock
3. Schuyler
4. Greene
5. Pike
6. Cass
7. Clinton
8. Clay
9. Edgar
10. Mercer

Source: ILDG Goldsmith Study, 2012