

PORK

A Pillar of the U.S. Economy in 2023

The U.S. pork industry is a significant contributor to the agricultural economy and a major contributor to the overall U.S. economy. As the most consumed meat in the world, the combined economic contribution from hog production and pork processing in 2023 supported more than \$187.8 billion of direct, indirect, and induced sales, 573,000+ jobs, and \$62.7 billion in value added (GDP).



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INPUTS & FARMING

The U.S. pork industry generates significant activity up and down its supply chain supported by more than 60,000 pig farms across the U.S.

1.7 billion bushels of corn valued at \$7.6 billion (11.4% of U.S. corn crop)

11.2 million tons of soybean meal representing \$3.7 billion in value (11.1% of the U.S. soybean crop)

More than 36,000 full-time farmworkers and management earning \$2.6 billion in wages

Additional industry services including grain elevators, insurance, real estate, transportation, and more

The pork industry supports thousands of related, community-based businesses

More than 145,000 harvest and processing jobs generate about \$8.1 billion in personal income

Combined with hog production, harvest and processing activity generates over \$89.8 billion in direct sales

HARVEST & PROCESSING

Having produced 27.3 billion pounds of pork and helping contribute \$15.5 billion in gross domestic production in 2023, this sector is the critical link to markets and exports.

At foodservice, bacon and processed pork products dominate volume, followed by fresh cuts

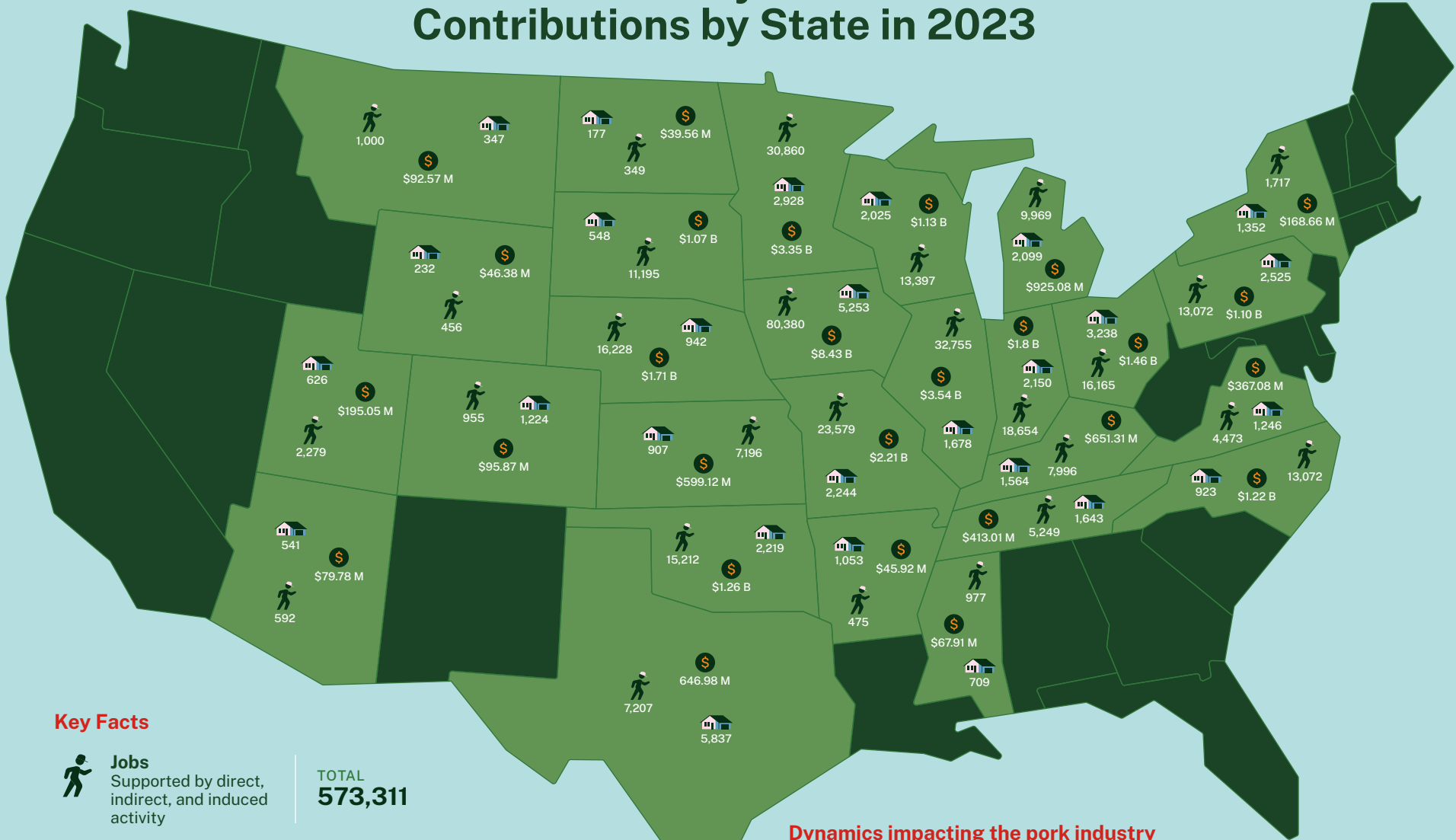
DISTRIBUTION & EXPORTS

At this stage, pork makes its way to consumers. In 2023, 21.7 billion pounds of pork entered domestic markets, including wholesale, retail, and foodservice channels.

25.0% of U.S. pork is exported abroad, supporting more than 143,000 jobs

6.8 billion pounds of pork was exported in 2023 to more than 100 countries

Pork Industry Economic Contributions by State in 2023



Key Facts

- Jobs**
Supported by direct, indirect, and induced activity
- Value Added**
GDP value generated by direct, indirect, and induced activity
- Farms**
Hog operations based on the 2022 U.S. Census of Agriculture

TOTAL
573,311

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\$62.7 Billion

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60,809

Dynamics impacting the pork industry

Transforming from a commodity-oriented industry to a modern, capital-intensive and science-driven production model has introduced new challenges and opportunities for America's pork producers. These issues will impact the industry for years to come.

- » Animal health and biosecurity
- » Access to reliable workforce
- » Exports and trade
- » Environment and sustainability
- » Freedom to operate
- » Meeting consumer expectations