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).

A Pillar of the U.S. Economy in 2023

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.

- **INPUTS & FARMING**
  - The U.S. pork industry supports thousands of related, community-based businesses
  - The U.S. pork industry contributes to the overall U.S. economy.

- **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.

- **DISTRIBUTION & EXPORTS**
  - At foodservice, bacon and processed pork products dominate volume, followed by fresh cuts
  - 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.

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

- **INPUTS & FARMING**
  - More than 36,000 full-time farmworkers and management earning $2.6 billion in wages
  - More than 145,000 harvest and processing jobs generate about $8.1 billion in personal income
  - 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)

- **OUTPUT & EXPORTS**
  - 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
  - Combined with hog production, harvest and processing activity generates over $89.8 billion in direct sales

- **CONCLUSIONS**
  - The pork industry supports thousands of related, community-based businesses
  - The U.S. pork industry generates significant activity across the supply chain, supported by more than 60,000 pig farms across the U.S.
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
- Environment and sustainability
- Freedom to operate
- Meeting consumer expectations