

2015 Pork Industry Profile

About Ontario's Hog Industry

- 1,369 pork producers in Ontario marketed 5.17 million hogs in 2015, approximately 4.02% more than 2014.
- In 2014 Ontario's pork industry from "farm to fork" generated:
 - \$1.1 billion in GDP
 - \$3.2 billion in economic output
 - 20,459 full-time equivalents
- Statistics Canada numbers for July 1, 2015:
 - 13.2 million pigs in Canada
 - 3.1 million pigs in Ontario including 304,800 sows & bred gilts
- Pork producer numbers, like all farm numbers, have continually declined, down over 93% from the highest number of more than 20,000 pork producers in 1979.
- There are fewer than half as many pork producers as there were 10 years ago.
- 26.6% of Ontario's pork producers market less than 500 hogs per year.
- The number of producers marketing between 500 and 3,000 hogs per year is about 37.1% (2014 – 40%) of total producers. Approximately 36.3% (2014 – 32%) of producers market more than 3,000 animals per year as farms continue to specialize and grow in size as an attempt to get more efficient.
- Over 98% of Canada's farms are still family owned and operated. Ontario's swine industry remains dominated by the family farm. The diversity of the 1,369 producers is their strength, but also makes it hard to describe "average" or "typical" farms.

Market Hog Prices

- Total value of sales for market hogs in 2015 was \$952 million, down 14.6% from 2014.
- Average 100% formula price for 2015 was \$166/pkg, down 20.4% from 2014.
- Average cost to produce a hog in Ontario for 2015 was \$157/pkg, down 1.8% from 2014.

North American and Export Markets

- Ontario's share of the North American hog market was 4.3% in 2015.
- Ontario exported 844,851 pigs weighing less than 50 kg to the US.
- Ontario meat processors handled 75% of all hog sales; the balance of animals are shipped to the United States, Quebec or other provinces.
- From January to November, Canada imported 184,736 tonnes of pork, up 4.5% from 2014.
- From January to November, Canada exported 1,058,575 tonnes of pork, up 0.6% from 2014.
- The U.S. and Japan are our major pork export markets with 38% going to the US, and 19% to Japan. Mexico, China, and South Korea rounded out the top 5 as of November, 2015.