

Economic contribution of the Australian pork industry

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The Australian pork industry significantly contributes to the economy, adding over \$6 billion to the GDP and \$3 billion to household income in the 22-23 financial year.

EMPLOYMENT

The pork industry supports over 34,600 full-time equivalent jobs across Australia both directly and indirectly. This represents close to 0.30% of total Australian employment in 2022-23.



The contribution of pig farming in each state:

WA

\$297m economic contribution

1,344 FTE jobs supported

\$141m household income generated

QLD

\$612m economic contribution

3,518 FTE jobs supported

\$298.5m household income generated

NSW

\$352m economic contribution

1,924 FTE jobs supported

\$167.6m household income generated

SA

\$449m economic contribution

2,451 FTE jobs supported

\$210.4m household income generated

VIC

\$527m economic contribution

3,000 FTE jobs supported

\$255.2m household income generated

TAS

\$8m economic contribution

77 FTE jobs supported

\$3.6m household income generated

REGIONAL IMPACT

In a typical regional community pig production contributes \$5,399 per sow to the local economy, increasing to \$7,708 with a primary processing facility. This supports 21 full time jobs per 1,000 sows, rising to 36 jobs with processing facilities.

About the data

APL commissioned ACIL Allen to update the economic contribution of the Australian pork industry for 2022-23. Using input-output multiplier analysis, the report estimates the industry's impact on gross domestic product (GDP), household income, and employment. It details direct contributions to each state and Australia's economy and indirect contributions from demand for intermediate inputs and employee spending. [Click here for more information.](#)

POTENTIAL GROWTH

The Australian pork industry faces ongoing competition from imports, with 70% of ham and bacon using imported pork. If domestic producers replaced imports, GDP contribution could increase by 20% to \$7.24 billion, and employment could rise to over 41,500 FTE jobs.