

The Australian Pork Industry

Sustainability overview

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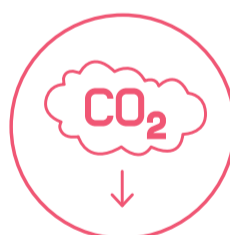


The Australian pork industry has a long-standing commitment to environmental sustainability, making strides to reduce emissions, embrace the circular economy, and invest in research and quality assurance.

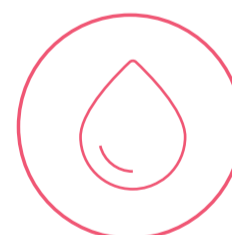
Published by Australian Pork Limited (APL) in 2023, the Pork Sustainability Framework Baseline Report establishes the foundation for a sustainable pork industry that feeds Australia responsibly. This report highlights the industry's progress and goals in areas like resource efficiency, waste reduction, and economic impact.

Key Achievements in Sustainability

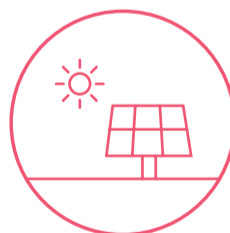
Pork producers across Australia are champions of the circular economy, integrating sustainable practices to manage resources efficiently:



73% Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions since 1980.



44% of producers recycle water on their farms, conserving precious resources.



Nearly half (49%) of producers use solar power, significantly lowering fossil fuel dependency.



58% of producers compost bedding and manure, turning waste into valuable inputs for agricultural purposes.



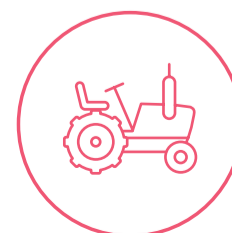
78% of producers reuse effluent to nourish crops, enhancing soil health and reducing chemical fertiliser use.



Only 2% of total agricultural emissions come from pork production.



Pork emits 3.3kg of greenhouse gases per kilo of liveweight.



15% of producers surveyed utilised manufacturing food waste. **27% of producers** surveyed utilised agricultural waste.



Investing in Future Sustainability



Commitment to Research

The industry supports **over 9 higher-degree Honours and Post-Graduate research students**, ensuring continued progress in sustainable practices and innovation.



Quality Assurance for Product Integrity

With **over 90% of pork producers covered by the Australian Pork Industry Quality (APIQ)** assurance program, the industry is committed to maintaining high standards and consumer confidence.

Economic Impact

In 2023, the Australian pork industry **contributed \$6 billion to the national economy**. This impact highlights not only the industry's economic significance but also its dedication to sustainable, responsible production that benefits all Australians.

Key Statistics

Impact:
AUD
\$6 billion.

Farms:
6,679 registered
PigPass producers
in Australia.

Production:
average of
432,549 tonnes
of pork produced
per year.



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For information on industry sustainability please refer to following resources:

Biogas for piggeries factsheet: <https://australianpork.com.au/sites/default/files/2022-06/062822%20-%20APL%20-%20Biogas%20for%20piggeries%20-%20V4.pdf>
Solar for piggeries: https://australianpork.com.au/sites/default/files/2022-06/031722%20-%20APL%20-%20Solar%20Factsheet_0.pdf
GHG and carbon credits 101 guide: <https://australianpork.com.au/sites/default/files/2022-05/032922%20-%20APL%20-%20Greenhouse%20Gas%20Emission%20-%20V3.pdf>
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