

2007 Pork Industry Profile

About Ontario's Hog Industry

- 2,900 pork producers in Ontario marketed 5.43 million hogs in 2007, approximately 4.2% fewer than 2006.
- Ontario's pork industry contributed \$4.7 billion and 33,000 jobs from "farm to fork" to the provincial economy in 2007.
- Statistics Canada numbers for Oct 1, 2007:
 - 14.4 million pigs in Canada;
 - 3.8 million pigs in Ontario (408,000 sows & gilts, 8,800 boars);
- 42% of Ontario's pork producers market less than 500 hogs per year.
- Pork producer numbers, like all farm numbers, have continually declined, down by 86% from the highest number of 20,354 pork producers in 1979.
- The largest numbers of producers market between 500 and 3000 hogs per year. This is not surprising, as today's farmers tend to specialize in one commodity, rather than the mixed farming of the past.
- 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 2,900 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 2007 was \$693.2 million, up \$5.6 million (0.8 %) from a year ago.
- Average pool price was \$121 per 100 kg, down \$8 from 2006;
- Average pool plus price was \$124/ckg, down \$6 from 2006;
- Average contract price was \$126/ckg, down \$6 from 2006.
- Average cost to produce a hog in Ontario was \$149/ckg, up \$16 from 2006.

North American & Export Markets:

- Ontario's share of the North American hog market was 3.7%.
- Ontario exported 1.1 million weanling pigs (pigs weighing less than 50 kg).
- Ontario meat processors handled 81.2% of all hog sales; while U.S. purchased 11.4% and Quebec 7.4%.
- Canada imported 119.7 million kg of pork, up 10.7% from 2007. Canada exported 997 million kg of pork, down 4% from 2006.
- The U.S. was our major pork export market with a 35.4% share, Japan at 21.9%, Russia 9%, South Korea 6.6%, Mexico 5.2%, & other countries 21.9%.