

# 2014 Pork Industry Profile

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## About Ontario's Hog Industry

- 1,524 pork producers in Ontario marketed 4.97 million hogs in 2014, approximately 1.36% more than 2013.
- Ontario's pork industry from "farm to fork" generated:
  - \$867 million in GDP
  - \$2.5 billion in economic output
  - 15,814 full-time equivalents
- Statistics Canada numbers for July 1, 2014:
  - 12.9 million pigs in Canada
  - 2.9 million pigs in Ontario including 302,800 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.
- 28% of Ontario's pork producers market less than 500 hogs per year.
- The largest number of producers (40%) market between 500 and 3000 hogs per year. Approximately 32% of producers market more than 3000 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 1,524 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 2014 was \$1.014 billion, up 14.8% from 2013.
- Average 100% formula price for 2014 was \$209/ckg, up 25% from 2013.
- Average cost to produce a hog in Ontario for 2014 was \$177/ckg, up 1.1% from 2013.

## North American and Export Markets

- Ontario's share of the North American hog market was 4.3% in 2014.
- Ontario exported 813,774 pigs weighing less than 50 kg to the US.
- Ontario meat processors handled 84% of all hog sales; the balance of animals are shipped to the United States, Quebec or other provinces.
- From January to November, Canada imported 171,755 tonnes of pork, down 14.8% from 2013.
- From January to November, Canada exported 1,052,376 tonnes of pork, down 2.9% from 2013.
- The U.S. and Japan are our major pork export markets with 34% going to the US, and 17% to Japan. China, Russia, and Mexico rounded out the top 5 as of November, 2014.