

# Victorian pig industry

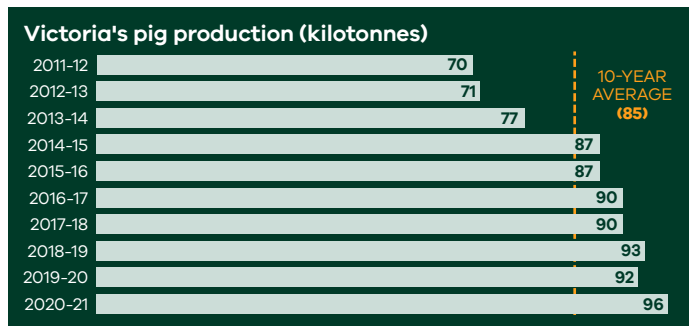
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## Pig farm facts and figures

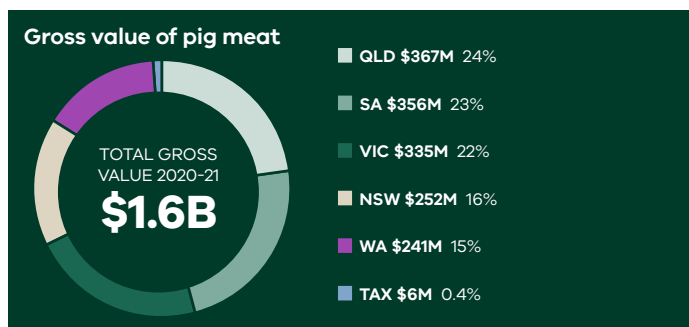
- There were 250 pig farm businesses in Victoria in 2020-21, a decline of 26 per cent from 2019-20.
- Victoria's pig farm businesses represent 21 per cent of the 1,200 pig farms in Australia. Only New South Wales (370) and Queensland (280) have more pig farm businesses than Victoria.
- The 497,000 heads of pigs in Victoria account for 19 per cent of the national pig herd of 2.6 million. Queensland (755,000) and New South Wales (543,000) had bigger herds than Victoria.

## How much pig is produced?



- Around 1.2 million pigs were processed in Victoria in 2020-21, producing 96,000 tonnes of pig meat. South Australia processed 1.27 million pigs, whereas Queensland processed 1.25 million pigs.
- Victoria's pig meat production accounts for 22 per cent of Australia's total pig meat production (432,000 tonnes), making Victoria the third largest pig meat producing state, after Queensland (103,000 tonnes) and South Australia (100,000 tonnes).

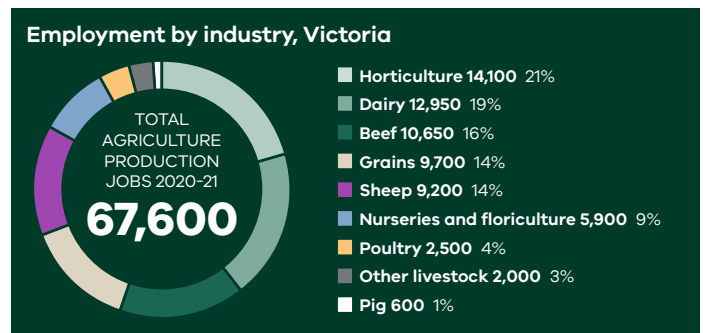
## What is the value of production?



- In 2020-21, Victoria's gross value of pig production was \$335 million, about 2.7 per cent lower than the previous year.
- Victoria contributed 22 per cent to the national gross value of pig meat production, estimated at \$1.6 billion.

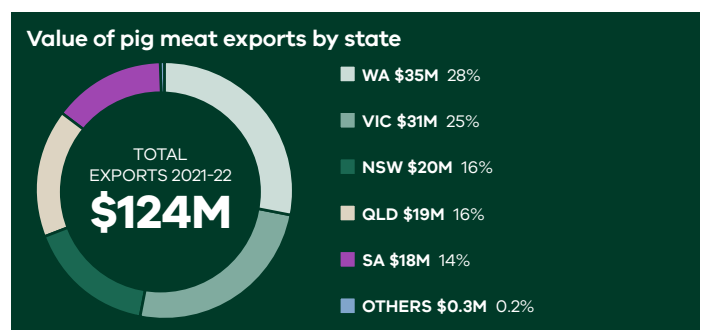
- By value, Victoria is Australia's third largest pig meat producer behind Queensland (24%) and New South Wales (23%).
- Pig meat production contributes 1.9 per cent to Victoria's total agricultural value of production (\$17.5 billion).

## Industry employment



- We estimate that approximately 600 persons worked on farms rearing pigs in 2020-21, representing a 5.8 per cent decrease on 650 jobs in 2019-20.
- The pig industry contributes one per cent to Victorian agricultural jobs.

## How much is exported?



- In 2021-22, Victoria exported 9,000 tonnes of pig meat, valued at \$31 million. The value of pig meat exports was down 19 per cent on the previous year. The value of pig meat exports represents 0.2 per cent of Victoria's total food exports (\$14.4 billion).
- Victoria is the second largest pig meat exporter accounting for 25 per cent of Australia's total pig meat exports valued at \$124 million, behind Western Australia (28%).
- By value, Singapore was the largest export market, valued at \$10 million, followed by Papua New Guinea (\$8 million) and New Zealand (\$3 million).