

Victorian pig industry

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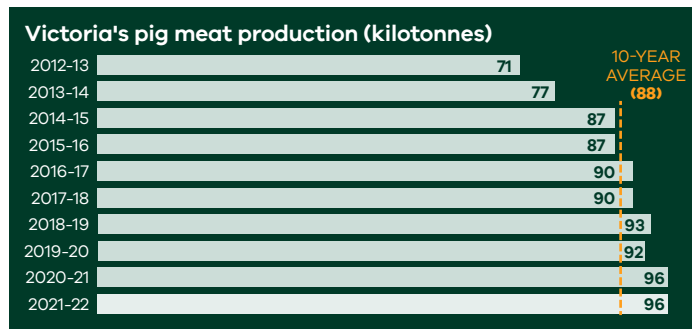
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Pig farm facts and figures

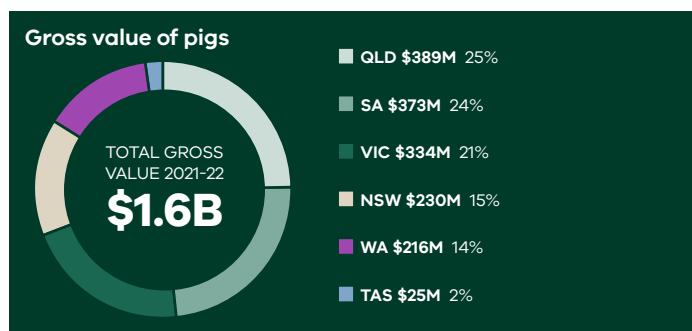
- There were 250 pig farm businesses in Victoria in 2020-21, a decline of 26 per cent from 2019-20.
- The 497,000 heads of pigs in Victoria in 2020-21 accounted for 19% of the national pig herd of 2.6 million.
- Queensland (755,000) and New South Wales (543,000) had larger herds than Victoria.

How much pig meat is produced?



- Around 1.2 million pigs were processed in Victoria in 2021-22, producing 96,000 tonnes of pig meat.
- South Australia processed 1.32 million pigs, whereas Queensland processed 1.31 million pigs.
- Victoria's pig meat production accounted for 22% of Australia's total pig meat production (439,000 tonnes), making Victoria the third largest pig meat producing state, after Queensland (109,000 tonnes) and South Australia (105,000 tonnes).

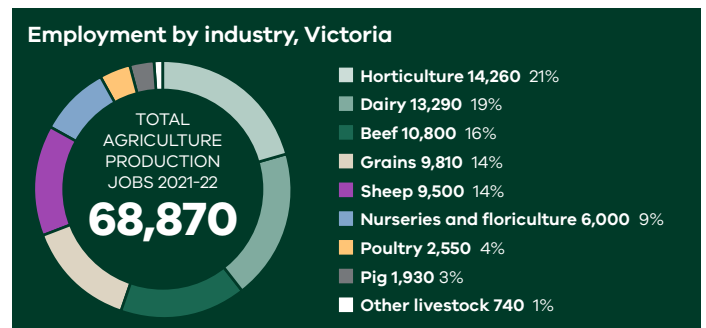
What is the gross value of pigs?



- In 2021-22, Victoria's gross value of pigs processed for pig meat production was \$334 million, which is the same as the previous year.
- Victoria contributed 21% to the national gross value of pig meat production, estimated at \$1.6 billion.

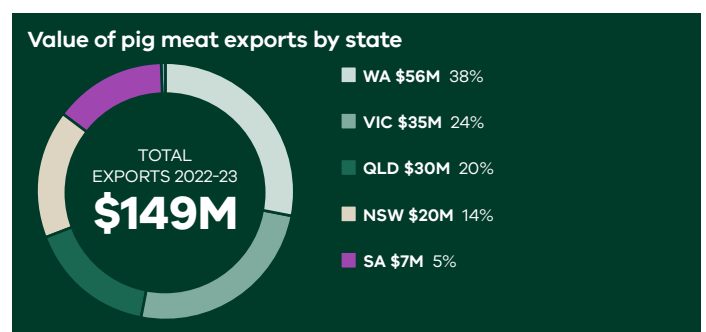
- By value, Victoria is Australia's third largest pig meat producer behind Queensland (25%) and South Australia (24%).
- Pigs processed for pig meat production contributes 2% to Victoria's total value of agricultural production (\$20.2 billion).

Industry employment



- Approximately 1,930 persons worked on farms rearing pigs in 2021-22.
- The pig industry contributes 3% to Victorian agricultural jobs.

How much pig meat is exported?



- In 2022-23, Victoria exported 11,000 tonnes of pig meat worth \$35 million, an increase of 13% from the previous year.
- The value of pig meat exports represents 0.2% of Victoria's total food and fibre exports (\$19.6 billion).
- Victoria is the second largest pig meat exporter, accounting for 24% of Australia's total pig meat exports, valued at \$149 million, behind Western Australia (38%).
- By value, Papua New Guinea was the top export market, valued at \$9 million, followed by the Philippines (\$6 million) and Singapore (\$5 million).

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