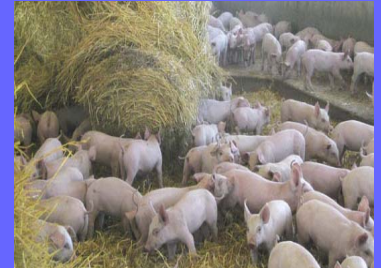


# THE PIG MEAT INDUSTRY

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## 1) *Background to the S.A. and Murraylands Pig Industry*

- Primary Industries and Resources SA – “The South Australian Livestock Industry Overview”  
[www.safoodcentre.com/foodtalk/files/communities/docman/141/b2livestockindustryovervie.pdf](http://www.safoodcentre.com/foodtalk/files/communities/docman/141/b2livestockindustryovervie.pdf)
- Primary Industries and Resources SA - Murraylands Food Scorecard:  
[www.safoodcentre.com/facts/pages/scorecard/scorecardindex/](http://www.safoodcentre.com/facts/pages/scorecard/scorecardindex/)
- Primary Industries and Resources SA – “SA Pig Meat Sector Analysis 2005 – 06”  
[www.safoodcentre.com/foodtalk/files/communities/docman/141/pig0506.pdf](http://www.safoodcentre.com/foodtalk/files/communities/docman/141/pig0506.pdf)
- In 2005 – 06, the South Australian livestock industry contributed \$2.7 billion or 27% of South Australia’s gross food revenue. The SA pig meat industry contributed \$573 million or 21% of the total
- During the same period the farm gate value of livestock production in SA was \$895 million, of that, \$163 million or 19% came from pigs.
- South Australia has around 550 pig farmers producing 947,000 pigs for slaughter or 19% of Australia’s pig production
- The main pig producing regions of South Australia are Murraylands (29%), Barossa (22%), Yorke (17%), and Mid North and Northern (7%)
- SARDI Pig Page: [www.sardi.sa.gov.au/dhtml/ss/section.php?sectID=110](http://www.sardi.sa.gov.au/dhtml/ss/section.php?sectID=110)
- A high percentage of livestock bred for slaughter in SA are processed within the state. The total value of processed livestock products is estimated to be \$1.3billion at the wholesale level.
- Pig Meat accounted for \$253 million or 20% of the value of processed livestock products.
- Big River Pork an Australian Pork export accredited operation that manages pork production from the farm to retail ready product, is located in the Murraylands. Big River kills up to 15,000 pigs a week. Some smaller plants are also in the Region. The Big River Pork Consortium members are Auspork, B.E.Campbell, George Weston Foods, and Hurstbridge Abattoirs. <http://www.bigriverpork.com.au/>
- Ridley’s Agri-Products Feed Mill Facility is located in Murray Bridge central [http://www.ridley.com.au/corp/our\\_history.html](http://www.ridley.com.au/corp/our_history.html)
- In 2005-06, The Mallee Prescribed Wells Area had 13 licensed pig farmers (29,259 pigs), a slight decline on the previous years total. [www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/assets/files/SAMDB\\_Report\\_0405.pdf](http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/assets/files/SAMDB_Report_0405.pdf)

## 2) *Regional Development / Expansion Potential*

- **REPORT – “The South Australian Pork Industry’s Strategic Plan for 2010 “**  
[www.pir.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/18721/pork\\_strategic\\_plan.pdf](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/18721/pork_strategic_plan.pdf)
- The S. A. Pork Industry’s Strategic Plan for 2010 calls for State production to increase by 50% in volume to fully utilise current processing plant capacity, with product targeted at higher value markets, including export This expansion will be market driven and will require \$90 million investment in sow space; 2,400 tonnes/week of additional feed; investment in utility infrastructure; and improved systems of by-product utilisation (ie methane collection / composting)
- Greatest opportunity for expansion is in the Murraylands and north of Adelaide; a focus on pig farming in the Murraylands is likely to be of significant assistance to the rural economy, particularly in the Mallee Prescribed Wells Area
- Pig Meat Growers require
  - a nearby feed mill
  - guaranteed water supply
  - guaranteed electric power, preferably three phase
  - access for heavy transport for feed and live pigs
  - available labour, depending on farm size
  - available services such as tradesmen, servicemen and veterinarians
- The Murraylands is a preferred location for any expansion of the pig meat industry, with suitable locations near rural city of Murray Bridge, in the Mid Murray Council, the Coorong District Council and Southern Mallee District Council.
- Australia continues to enjoy a reputation as a regular, stable supplier of disease free animals and pig meat. The increasingly affluent countries of South East Asia and some countries in Europe are seeking such meat, renowned for its proof of safe and clean production systems with high welfare and environmental standards.
- To some extent the expansion of the South Australian industry depends partly upon replacement of interstate pig production in the Australian market and achieving export sales.

## 3) *Identifying Investment Potential*

- Feed Mill expansion, straw (bedding) supply
- Resource recovery, biogas, compost, fertiliser, electricity (methane)
- The Bower District Intensive Agriculture Industries Development Plan
- **REPORT - “Regional North South Transport Corridor”**  
[http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/North\\_South\\_Corridor\\_Transport\\_Report.pdf](http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/North_South_Corridor_Transport_Report.pdf)

## 4) *Challenges*

- Guaranteed water and power supply and cost of new installations
- Quarantine Risks (from imported pig meat) There are at least ten diseases posing potential risk to the Australian pig meat industry.
- Disaster management in the event of an outbreak of exotic disease

- **REPORT** - "Review of Recycled Organic Wastes in SA": [www.epa.sa.gov.au/pdfs/organicwaste.pdf](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/pdfs/organicwaste.pdf)
- Environmental Protection Agency
  - o Odour
  - o Nutrients leaching into the soil
  - o Disposal of carcasses
  - o Noise
- Develop Waste Disposal Synergies.
- **REPORT** – " Integrated Wastewater Treatment" <http://www.rirdc.gov.au/reports/Ras/03-026.pdf>

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