Overview of the USA and Iowa Pork Industries

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By the Numbers

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Farms with hogs</th>
<th>Total Hogs</th>
<th>Breeding Herd</th>
<th>Pigs per Sow</th>
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Economic Impacts Of Swine Production

- General impact on the Iowa economy
  - Swine producers, pork processors, workers, input suppliers (grain for pigs, equipment, energy, banks, etc)
  - Results in $13.3 billion in total impact
  - 87,000 total jobs

Iowa’s Swine Industry

- 10,000 hog producers
  - 15,000+ workers on the farms
- Marketing 28 million hogs per year
  - $3.3 billion value
- Returns to the swine industry
  - Farrow to finish hog operation
  - 1994 to 2003 = $7.17 per head

Making a Living In The Swine Industry

- Median household income in Iowa
  - $39,469 per year
- Farrow to finish to equal median incomes
  - $7.17 per head average profit
  - Equivalent of Iowa median income
  - Must finish 5,500 per year (275 sow farm)
- Cannot make a living from 200 sow farm in commodity pork production
- Opportunities in value added markets

Different Swine Producers

- Integrated swine systems (investor owned)
  - Employ independent contract finishers
- Independent swine producers
  - Farrow to finish and Farrow to wean
  - Contract finishers (for integrators and independents)
- Value Added swine systems
  - Smaller independent producers, niche markets