6 Things You Don’t Know About U.S. PIG FARMS

1. Pig farms support off-farm American jobs and the U.S. economy.

- 55,000+ pig farms in the U.S. support 800,000+ jobs nationwide.
- 63,000+ pig farmers produce nearly 22 billion pounds of pork each year.

2. Animal care and health is priority No. 1 each day.

Animals are cared for 24/7/365, and the responsibility of animal care is shared by owners, farm managers, animal caretakers, veterinarians, and transporters.

3. Pig farms have evolved over the years.

- In 1959, it took eight pigs (including breeding stock) to produce 1,000 pounds of pork. Today, it takes just five pigs.
- Pig farms have evolved to improve animal health, comfort, and safety, with enhanced genetics, improved barns, better nutrition, and better biosecurity.

4. Pig farms are more efficient than ever.

Pig farmers have learned to do more with less by embracing technology and using better management practices, such as:

- Enhanced Genetics
- Better Nutrition
- Improved Barns
- Better Biosecurity

5. Pig farmers are committed to food safety, pork quality, and continuous improvement.

Pork Quality Assurance® Plus (PQA Plus®) outlines best practices in food safety and animal well-being. Data from the past 50 years show that today's pig farms use less resources to produce a pound of pork.

- 78% LESS LAND
- 41% LESS WATER
- 35% SMALLER CARBON FOOTPRINT

6. Pig farms are more sustainable than ever.

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