



Exporting Illinois Corn through U.S. Beef & Pork in 2025



In 2025, beef and pork exports accounted for
70.31 million bushels
of Illinois corn usage

In 2025, the market value of beef and
pork exports to

**Illinois Corn =
\$301.64 million**

(corn consumed by beef and pork
exports at average corn price)

70.31 million bushels x \$4.29 per bushel

In 2025, the market value of
beef and pork exports to

**Illinois DDGS =
\$39.02 million**

(corn consumed by beef and pork
exports at average DDGS price)

279,124 tons x \$139.79 per ton

In 2025 beef and pork exports
contributed

**13.5% of bushel
value = \$0.58**

(at an average price of \$4.29 per bushel)

In 2025, the market value of
beef and pork exports to

**U.S. DDGS =
\$374.71 million**

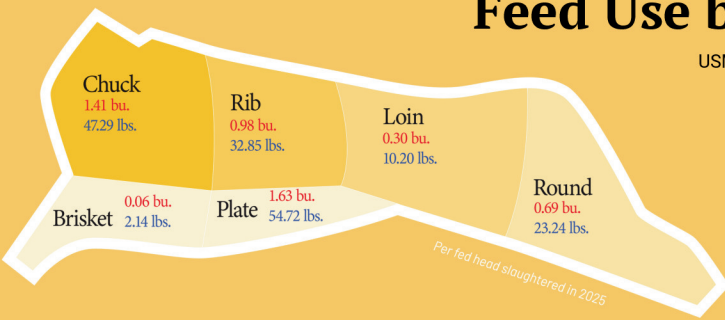
(corn consumed by beef and pork
exports at average DDGS price)

2.68 mil tons x \$139.79 per ton

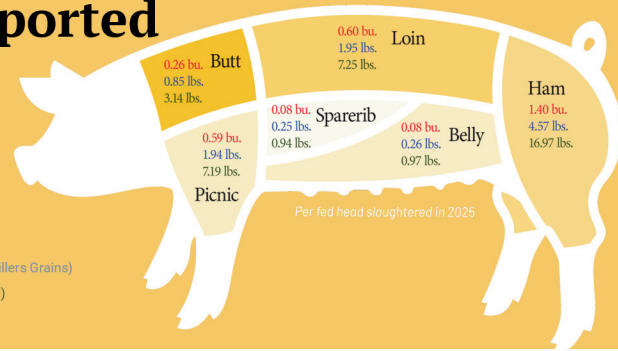


Feed Use by Cuts Exported

USMEF Estimates, USDA



Bushels of Corn
Lbs. of DDGS (Dried Distillers Grains)
Lbs. of SBM (Soybean Meal)



In 2025

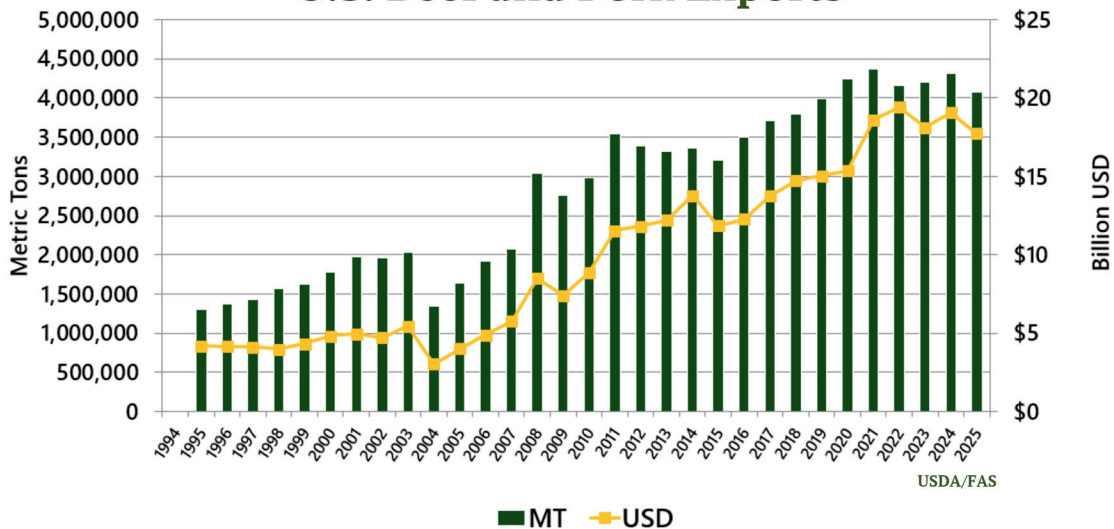
12.7% of U.S. beef and beef variety meat production was exported

29.6% of U.S. pork and pork variety meat production was exported

Beef export value equated to **\$392 per head** of fed cattle slaughtered in 2025
(export value divided by 2025 fed cattle slaughter)

Pork export value equated to **\$65 per head slaughtered** in 2025
(export value divided by 2025 commercial hog slaughter)

U.S. Beef and Pork Exports



"The corn industry provides critical support for USMEF's efforts to expand global demand for U.S. red meat," says USMEF Senior Vice President of Industry Relations John Hinners. **"This study helps quantify the return on that investment."**



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The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) is a non-profit trade association that works to create new opportunities and develop existing international markets for U.S. beef, pork and lamb. USMEF is a unique collaboration of nine distinct segments of American agriculture, joining together to implement successful marketing programs for U.S. pork, beef and lamb around the world.

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