

with on Canadian pork shipments.

Canada's system for breeding, selling and testing hogs is unique and effective. Industry works together, from the breeders to the packers, on a national scale to form a very organized sector which has developed high quality genetics. Canada has elite breeding stock that has gained world recognition and is protected so that reliability of a high quality supply can be assured by its' 500 breeders.

Provincial Boards/Commissions bring about orderly and effective marketing of hogs. These agencies are responsible for the sale of virtually all market hogs in Canada. The Canadian Pork Council is the national federation of the producers marketing organizations in all ten provinces through which producers communicate with the government, packers, distributors and other participants in the sector.

Canada was one of the first countries to implement a national hog carcass classification system, employing electronic grading probe technology which values carcasses on the basis of objective measurements of both fat and muscle content. The electronic probe has greatly assisted in accuracy and narrowing of hog variability. Also Canadian residue testing is very effective realizing a 99.6% to 100.0% compliance.

A normal hog breaks into the following primal cuts:

Cut	% of Cuts
Ham	34
Loin	24
Shoulder	23
Belly	19

SLAUGHTERING/PROCESSING INDUSTRY

The livestock slaughtering and processing industry for meat and meat products employ 33 000 persons at 523 inspected plants. Only a small percentage of these plants are involved in exporting. Six Canadian plants, five in Quebec and one Ontario, are approved to inspect pork to be shipped to the EC. Following are Canadian pork production volumes for the hog slaughter/processing industry including import and export levels: