

China's pork market and trade: A case study of small hog producers

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As the world's largest pork market, China's pork production reached 47.2 million metric tons (mmt) in 2008 and accounted for 45% of the global production. China has also emerged as a large importer of pork products with a total import of 2 mmt in 2008. The major purpose of this study is to review the development of China's pork market, examine the behavior of small hog producers, and assess China's potential roles in the global pork market and implications for the U.S. pork industry.

This study includes three major components. First, national and regional data are used to analyze the development and trend of China's pork production and consumption and provide an overview of China's pork market. Second, data from a survey of small hog producers conducted in Jiangsu and Shaanxi are used to examine how small hog producers make decisions and how their decisions affect China's pork supply. Third, results from the above analyses will be used to assess the trends of China's pork market and the implications for trade.

Results from this study are expected to enhance the understanding of China's evolving pork market and trade and provide information for promoting U.S. export.