

THE UNITED STATES MEAT INDUSTRY At a Glance

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Feeding 307 Million Americans

The meat and poultry industry is the largest segment of U.S. agriculture. Total meat and poultry production in 2009 reached more than 93.9 billion pounds.

In 2008, the meat and poultry industry processed:
9.1 billion chickens 32.4 million cattle
271 million turkeys 2.6 million sheep
116.5 million hogs and lambs

In 2008, American meat companies produced:
26.6 billion pounds of beef
23.3 billion pounds of pork
6.2 billion pounds of turkey
317 million pounds of veal, lamb and mutton
37.5 billion pounds of chicken

Top Livestock and Poultry Slaughtering States:

Cattle - Nebraska, Kansas, Texas
Hog - Iowa, North Carolina, Illinois
Chicken - Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama
Turkey - Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas

There are 6,032 federally inspected meat and poultry slaughtering and processing plants in the U.S.

Feeding Us Essential Nutrients

The U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend eating 5-7 oz. of meat per day as part of a healthy, balanced diet.

There are at least:

- 29 cuts of beef
- 6 cuts of pork
- And numerous poultry cuts that are leaner and have less calories than a 3 oz. serving of salmon

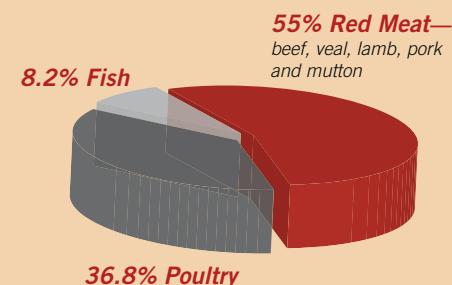
A 3-oz. serving of lean meat provides about 160-200 calories plus significant amounts of many key nutrients such as protein. These proteins contain all 9 essential amino acids needed for growth and good overall health, making meat a "complete" protein.

Meat is also a great source for iron, magnesium, zinc, niacin, selenium, riboflavin and B-vitamins that help your body turn food into energy.

New studies show meat can aid in weight loss by providing a sense of satisfaction that helps to control appetite and metabolize food more efficiently.

Fast Facts

Average Meat Consumption in the U.S.



American men on average eat 6.9 oz. of meat per day and women 4.4 oz., within the Dietary Guidelines.

Americans spend less than any other developed nation in the world on food broadly and on meat and poultry specifically.

See chart for percent of disposable income spent on food at home.

Feeding our Economy

In 2009, 526,290 workers were directly employed in the meat and poultry packing and processing industry. Their combined salaries totaled more than \$19 billion.

Through its production and distribution linkages, the meat and poultry industry impacts firms in all 509 sectors of the U.S. economy, in every state and every congressional district in the country.

In all, companies involved in meat production, along with their suppliers, distributors, retailers and ancillary industries employ 6.2 million people in the U.S. with jobs that total \$200 billion in wages.

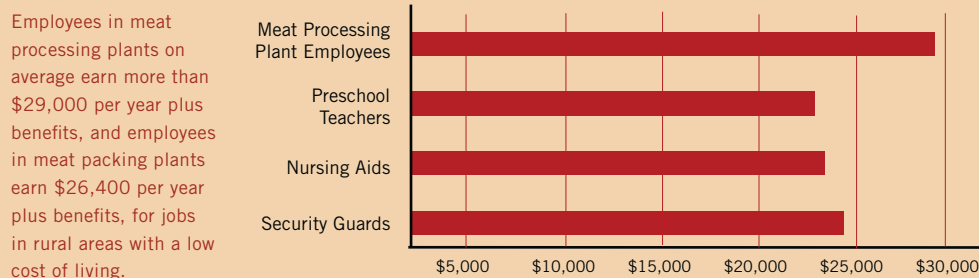
Through direct taxes paid, these companies and their employees provide \$81.2 billion in revenues to federal, state and local governments. The consumption of meat

and poultry generates \$2.4 billion in state sales taxes.

The meat and poultry industry's economic ripple effect generates \$864.2 billion annually to the U.S. economy, or roughly 6% of the entire GDP.

In 2008, meat and poultry industry sales totaled \$159.6 billion, up \$9 billion from 2007.

Average Earnings of Employees in Iowa (largest pork-producing state)



Feeding the World

U.S. is the third largest beef exporter in the world behind Brazil and Australia, exporting 897,437 metric tons in 2009 - 10% of its beef and veal production, valued at \$3.08 billion.

On a volume basis, the top markets for U.S. beef, accounting for 89% of beef exports, were Mexico, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Taiwan, Egypt, China/Hong Kong and Russia.

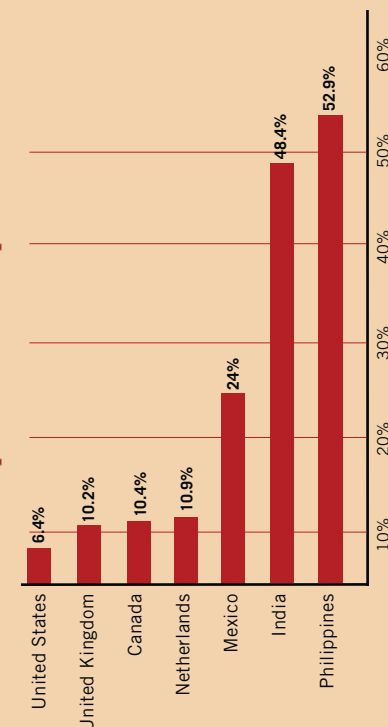
The U.S. is the world's third-largest pork producer and exporter, behind China and the EU, with pork exports topping 1.86 million metric tons, worth \$4.33 billion in 2009.

The U.S. exported 22.5% of total pork production in 2009 and set new pork export records in Mexico, Australia, Central America, the Philippines, Taiwan, Dominican Republic and New Zealand.

Poultry exports reached 3.89 million metric tons, valued at \$4.2 billion. Top three markets were Russia, China and Mexico.

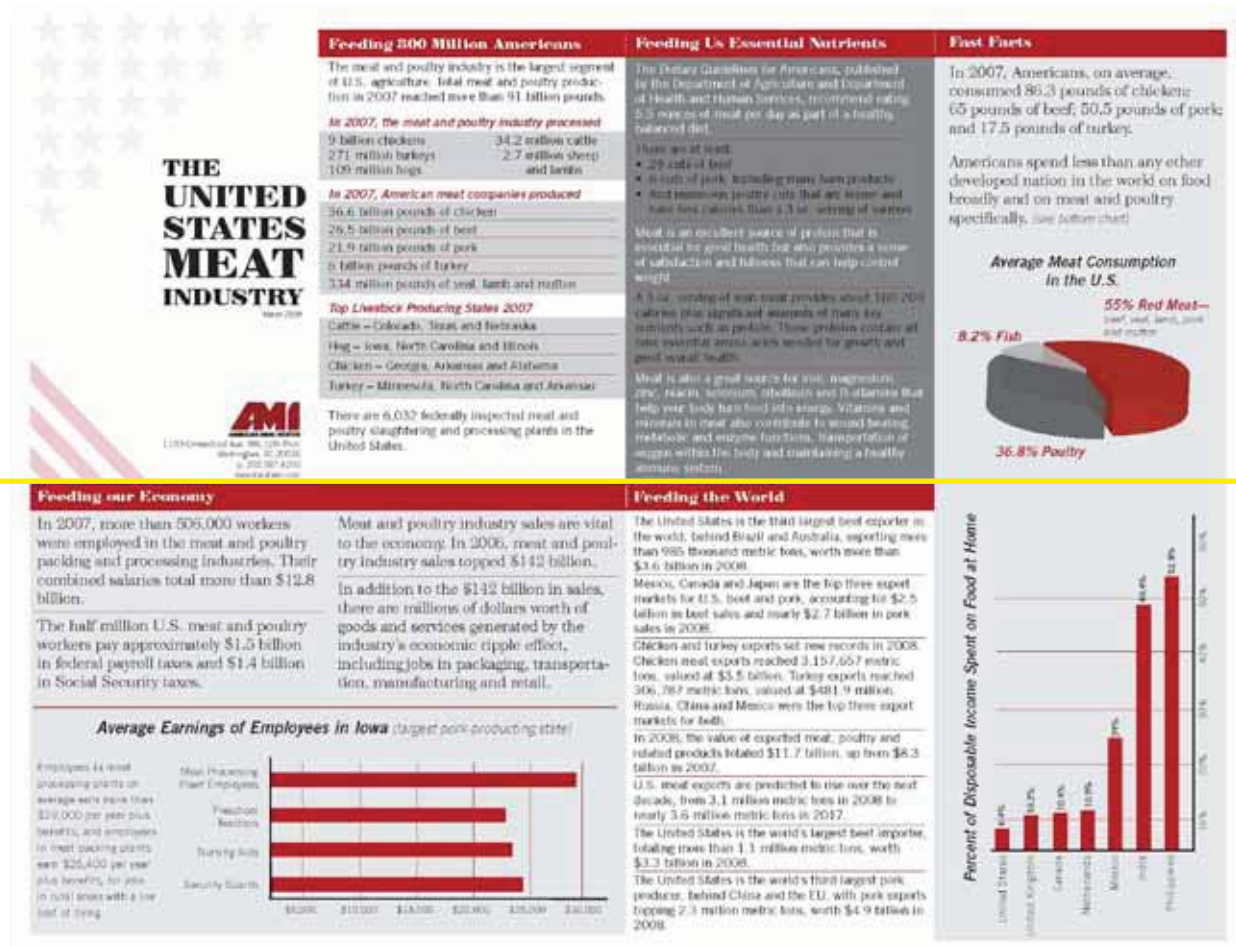
USDA estimates that every \$1 received from agricultural exports generates another \$1.48 in supporting activities.

Percent of Disposable Income Spent on Food at Home

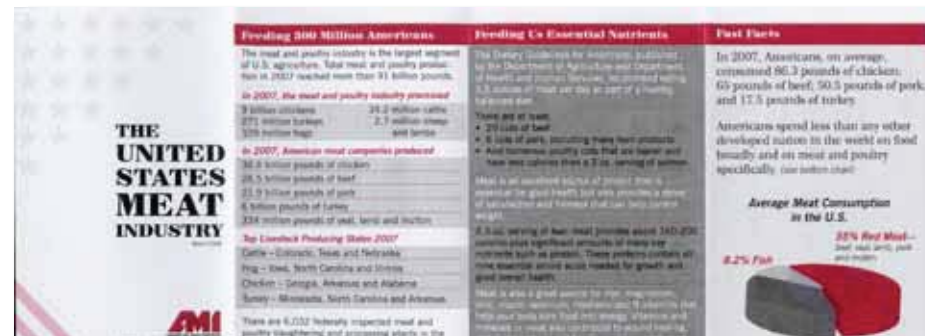


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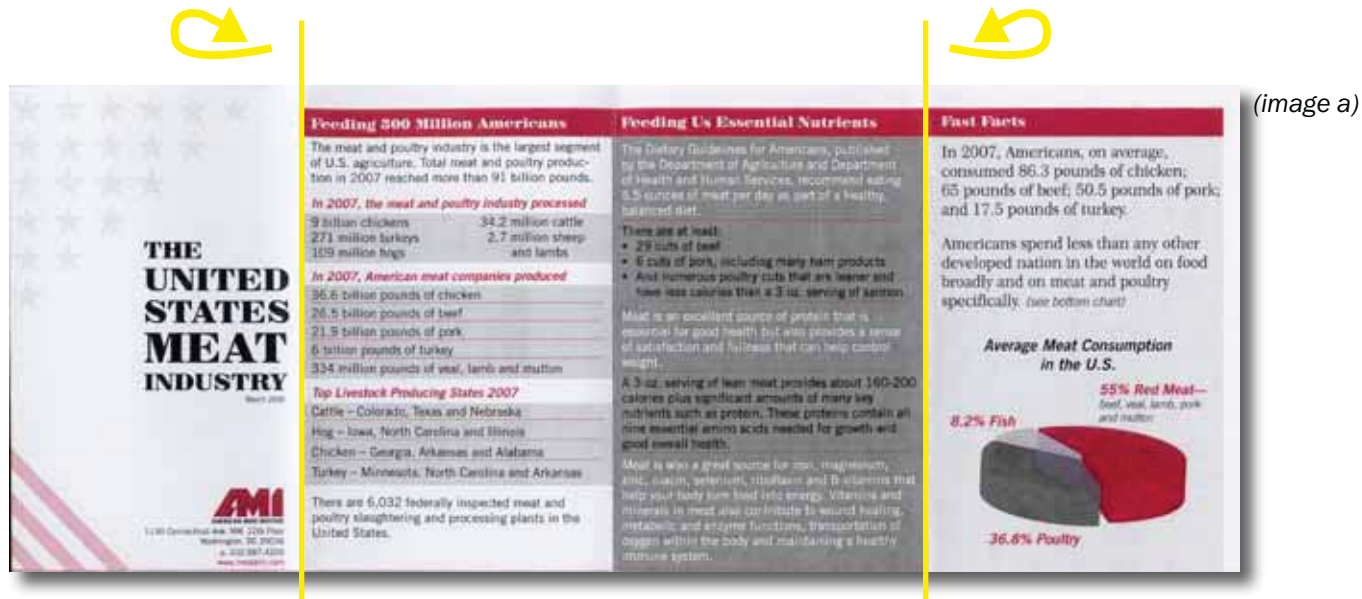


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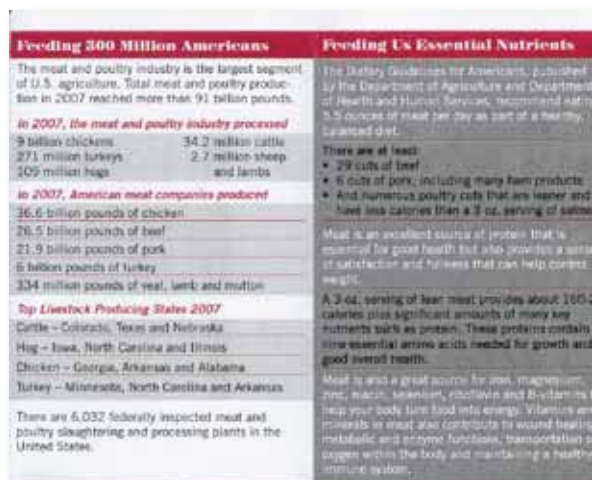


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