Why the Export Market is Important for U.S. Pork

- The U.S. is the world’s 2nd largest pork producer (after China) and top pork exporter, contributing 10% of global pork production and 16% of global pork exports.
- In the U.S., pork production is the 4th largest livestock sector, following cattle, poultry, and dairy.
- U.S. pork exports account for 22% of the nation’s total annual production.
- In 2018, U.S. pork exports reached $6.4 billion, a 33% increase from a decade ago.
- Japan is the largest export market for U.S. pork with a 25% market-share, followed by Mexico at 21%, China at 13%, and Canada at 12%.

U.S. Pork Exports to the World: 2000-2018
(Million Dollars)

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