

# South Australian Meat & livestock

## Snapshot

Domesticated livestock industries, including beef cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens and goats, generate around **\$4.15 billion** in revenue. South Australia is a leader in the development of undomesticated meat industries, with camels processed for export markets and kangaroos processed for both Australian and overseas destinations.



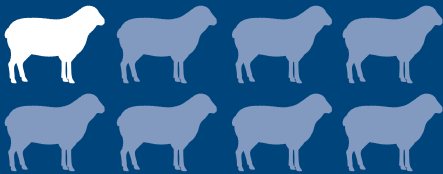
Government of South Australia  
Department of Primary Industries  
and Regions

South Australia processed  
**464,000 tonnes** of meat



and **56.7 million kgs**  
of wool in 2022-23

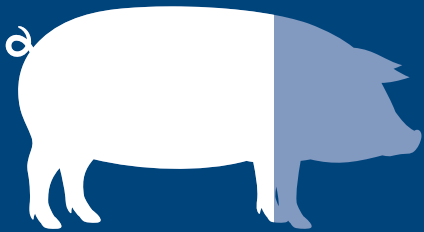
The state's  
**11.1 million**  
sheep shorn represents  
around **15.5%** of  
the national figure



Kangaroo Island  
is home to the  
**world's only surviving**  
Ligurian bee  
population.



**1.28 million pigs**  
processed in 2022-23



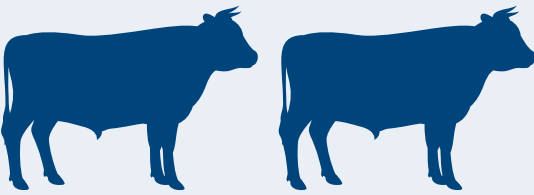
around 23% of  
Australian tally in 2022-23

## Major export markets & products

### Beef

**2,800** farms  
**146,000**  
head processed  
**22,500**  
tonnes exported

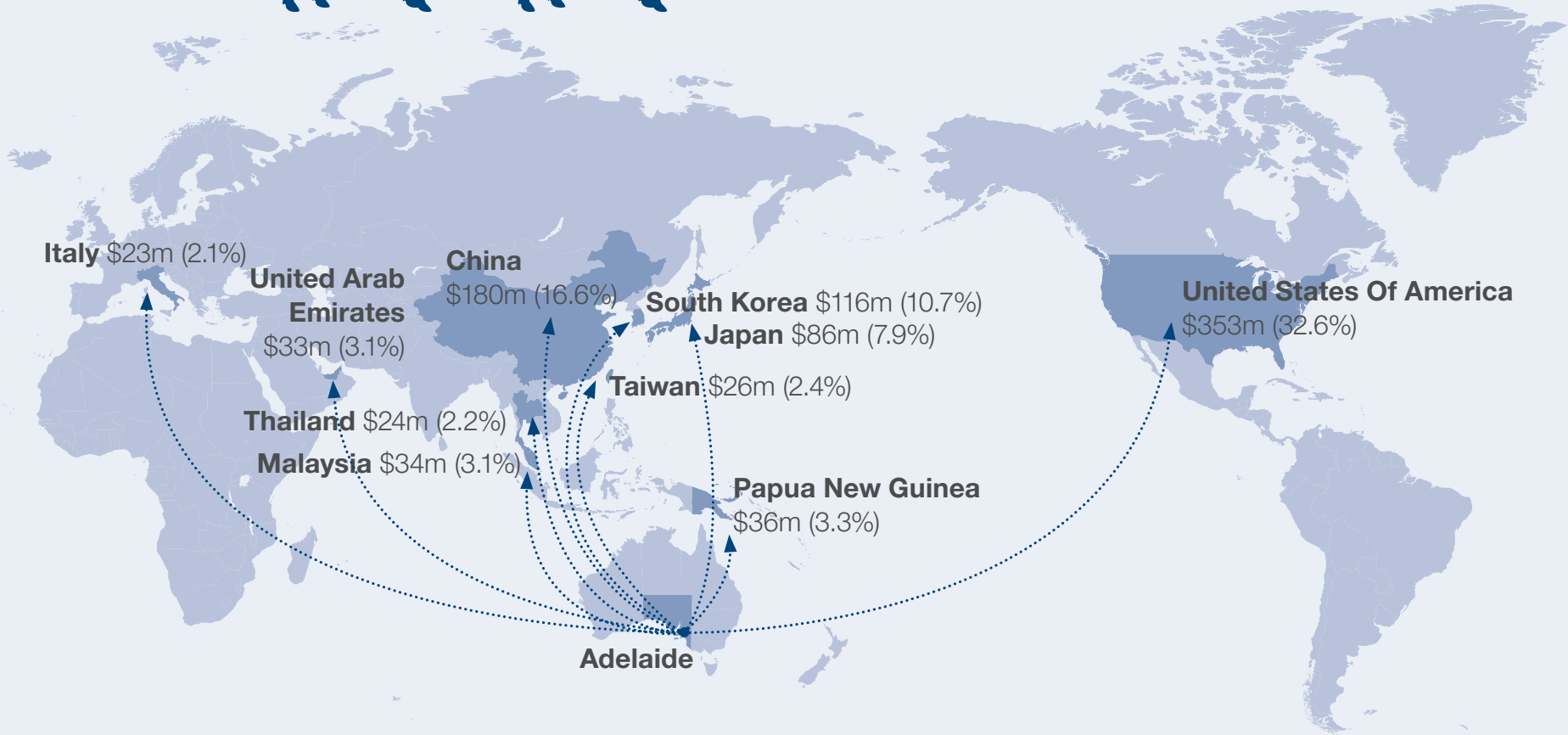
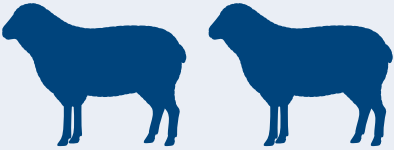
Export markets  
for meat include:  
South Korea \$51m  
USA \$50m  
Japan \$45m



### Sheep

**5,200** Farms  
**3,000,000**  
head processed  
**56,000**  
tonnes exported

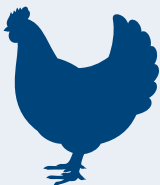
Export markets  
for meat include:  
USA \$281m  
China \$82m  
South Korea \$42m



### Chicken

**80** Farms  
**128,000,000**  
bird produced  
**11,000**  
tonnes exported  
**134,000**  
tonnes went  
interstate

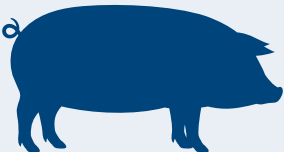
Export markets  
include:  
Papua New Guinea  
\$15.5m  
Philippines \$2.6m  
South Africa \$1.9m



### Pork

**260** Farms  
**101,500**  
tonnes processed  
**4,500** tonnes  
exported in 2022-23  
**71,000** tonnes  
went interstate

Export markets  
include:  
Philippines \$3.6m  
Singapore \$2.7m  
New Zealand  
\$2.1m



### Wool

**5,200** Farms  
**56.7 million**  
kilograms produced  
in 2022-23  
**16,000,000**  
kilograms exported  
directly

Export markets  
include:  
China \$63.4m  
Italy \$23.1m  
South Korea  
\$21.4m



## A growing sector

Around  
**128 million chickens**  
chickens processed in 2022-23

**18%**  
of the  
national total



South Australia is home  
to the nation's largest game  
meat processor.  
South Australia is the nation's  
biggest kangaroo meat exporter.

South Australia produced  
**24.5 million dozen eggs**  
in 2022-23

