



Generations of Progress

Sustainability — responsible use of natural resources — is an important goal for everyone from homeowners to the farmers who raise all the foods we enjoy. The pork that provides a tasty ham sandwich or an intriguing dish inspired by international cuisine comes to us today via tremendous improvements made by America’s pig farmers since 1960 in land use (75.9% less), water use (25.1% less), and carbon impact (7.7% less) per pound of pork produced. Farmers are producing more pork today using fewer natural resources thanks to their ongoing commitment to sustainability, a result of farmers working cooperatively with scientists, conservationists, government agencies, and local community members.

Learn more about sustainable agriculture by visiting www.porkcares.org to find the answers to these questions.

1. Businesses today are taking action to reduce their carbon footprint. According to the EPA, only 2.8% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) in 2007 came from animal agriculture. What percentage does pig farming contribute to the total U.S. GHG emissions? _____

2. What are some examples of sustainable pig farming practices?

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3. Why is sustainability important? How does it benefit farmers, consumers, and the planet?

