



Bulk Pork Buying Guide

Pricing

Buying pork by the half or whole is priced per pound of live weight paid to Under the Sun Farm plus the processing fee paid to the processor by the purchaser.

Total cost = (Live weight x current pricing) + (\$35.00 processing fee + [hanging weight x \$0.56 per lb]) + additional processing fees for specialty items (such as smoking, pork patties, sausage links, etc.)

Quantity Expectations

Pork carcass yield will vary depending on breed of hog, cuts desired, and overall size of hog. Average commercial pork carcass hanging weight is 72% of live weight and average edible yield is 57% according to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, so a 250 pound hog can be expected to yield 144 pounds of edible product.¹ For approximate yields per meat cut, please see the following meat cut ordering guide. Weights per cut of meat are approximations only and deviations should be expected.

Meat Cut Ordering Guide

Portion of Hog	Average Processed Weight (57% yield of a 250 lb hog; deviations expected)	Cut Options	What You Need to Know
Hams	28 pounds	Whole hams, half hams, ham steaks, or ground*	All ham is pre-cooked by processor (needs to be heated prior to serving) Notify processor if smoked ham hocks are desired (otherwise ground)
Pork Loin	23 pounds	Pork chops and remaining pork loin; or boneless pork loin and baby back ribs; or ground*	Know desired thickness of pork chops (3/4" standard) and the number per package desired Know whether pork loin is desired whole or sliced
Bacon	23 pounds	Bacon or fresh side	Fresh side is cut like bacon, but not smoked or seasoned Know weight desired per package
Spare Ribs	6 pounds		
Boston Butt	9 pounds	Pork steaks or boston butt roasts	Know desired thickness (1/2" standard) of pork steaks and the number per package desired
Picnic	12 pounds	Picnic roasts; or ground*	
Jowl	3 pounds	Jowl bacon or ground*	Notify processor if jowl bacon desired (otherwise ground)
Misc. Trimmings	17 pounds	Ground*	See ground meat options below*
Lard	23 pounds	Not rendered	Notify processor if desired

*Select one of the following ground options with 1/2 hog, 2 options with a whole hog, or 3 options may be possible with a whole hog and grinding parts such as hams, etc. (consult processor). **Ground options:** traditional breakfast sausage, spicy Italian ground sausage, fresh ground pork, skinless smoked sausage links, pork burgers, county fair burgers (pork burgers with bacon added - recommended for grilling only)