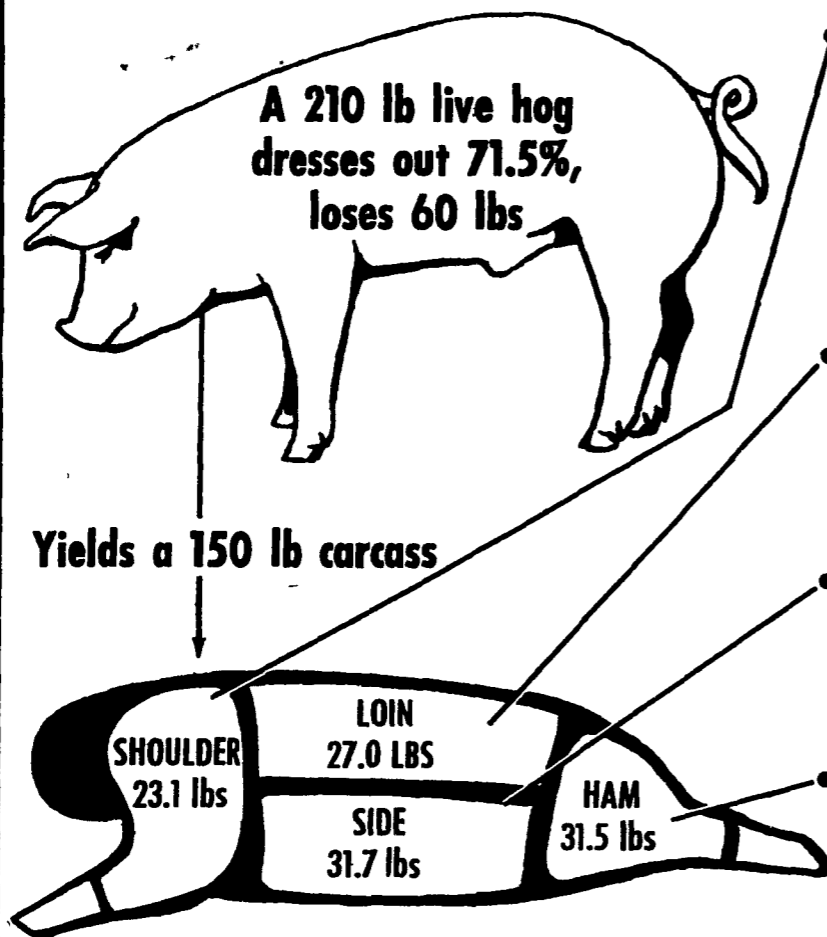


# Why a Hog's Not All Chops



An additional 30 lbs of fat for lard, bones and waste further reduces this 150 lb carcass to only 120 lbs of saleable retail cuts—chops, hams, bacon, ribs and sausage—that the retailer wraps and puts on display in the meat case.

Figures are averages taken from actual cut out tests. Carcass data vary, depending on cutting method and type of hog.

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## SHOULDER 23.1 lb (15.4% of total carcass)

	Saleable Pork Cuts—lb	Other lb	
Boston shoulder	9.4		
Fat for lard		.5	
Picnic shoulder cubes	7.0		
Bone		2.8	
Hocks	3.4		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.8 lb</b>	<b>3.3 lb</b>	<b>23.1 lb</b>

## LOIN 27.0 lb (18.0% of total carcass)

Blade roast (5 rib)	6.3		
Center chops	13.3		
Sirloin roast	4.2		
Fat for lard		3.2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23.8 lb</b>	<b>3.2 lb</b>	<b>27.0 lb</b>

## SIDE 31.7 lb (21.1% of total carcass)

Bacon, cured	24.0		
Sausage trimmings	2.0		
Spareribs	5.7		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31.7 lb</b>		<b>31.7 lb</b>

## HAM 31.5 lb (21.0% of total carcass)

Rolled leg of pork roast, boneless	19.8		
Sausage trimmings	2.8		
Skin	2.2		
Fat for lard		3.2	
Bone and shrink		3.5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24.8 lb</b>	<b>6.7 lb</b>	<b>31.5 lb</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS 36.7 lb (24.5% of total carcass)

Jowl, trimmed	4.5		
Feet, tail, neckbones	9.0		
Sausage trimmings	6.4		
Fat for lard		16.8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.9 lb</b>	<b>16.8 lb</b>	<b>36.7 lb</b>

Total Saleable Pork Cuts	120.0 lb
Total Fat for Lard	23.7 lb
Bone and Shrink	6.3 lb
<b>Total Carcass Weight</b>	<b>150.0 lb</b>

## Midwest Farmers Visit

"A plane load of farmers from the Midwest arrived in Harrisburg Wednesday afternoon and spent three days visiting family farmers in Southeastern Pennsylvania." Forney Longenecker, Lititz, organization director of the National Farmers Union announced. They came by a Farmers Union owned Convair 580 turbo jet plane from North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Indiana and Ohio. During their visit to Pennsylvania, they stayed with host families in Chester, Lancaster, York, Perry, Northumberland, Columbia, Dauphin, Northampton, Lehigh, Lycoming, Fulton and Bedford counties.

Dwight Wilson, Denver, Colorado national director of organization, spoke to the visitors and their host families at a supper meeting in Bill's Restaurant at the Capital City Airport. He said that the Farmers Union was supporting legislation for lower property taxes. Specifically, the organization supports legislation which will exempt farm silos from taxation and valuation of farm land according to present use for tax purposes.

Allen Dieter, Dornsife, Pa, president of the Northumberland County chapter, urged the members to work together to restore the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP). Longenecker called upon members to support a producer milk price increase and to work with the mushroom growers in their efforts to prevent excessive Far-East imports from destroying their industry. Mushrooms represent the largest cash crop for Pennsylvania farmers.

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Consumers prefer pork chops to pork steaks or shoulder roasts, as indicated by their traditional buying habits. But there are only 13 pounds of chops in the 120 pounds of saleable pork the retailer gets from a 150 pound carcass. He

must sell 107 pounds of other cuts as well. That's why high-demand cuts, like pork chops, cost more. The retailer must price his pork so he sells it all with no picnics, hocks or ribs left over.

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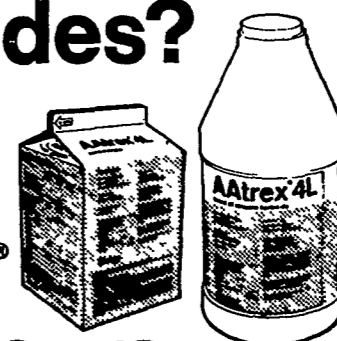
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