

Pigs and Pig meat Industries Inquiry
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The serious financial state of my piggery business as a result of low pig prices caused by pork imports over the last ten months continues. The average price of \$1.60 a kilo over the last eight months is 40cents a kilo below the cost of production, incurring losses of over \$1000 a week. Have reduced my numbers to about 65% of capacity

My average price in the previous two years was \$2.28 a kilo on a turnover of about 2,000 baconers a year. I would recommend a quota of no more than 5,000 tonnes of imported pork per year for at least four years, plus a duty equivalent to the levy Australian producers pay of \$2.45 a pig. Any imports of over 5,000 tonnes to attract a tariff of \$2.00 a kilo.

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Arthur Stacey
Pig Producer