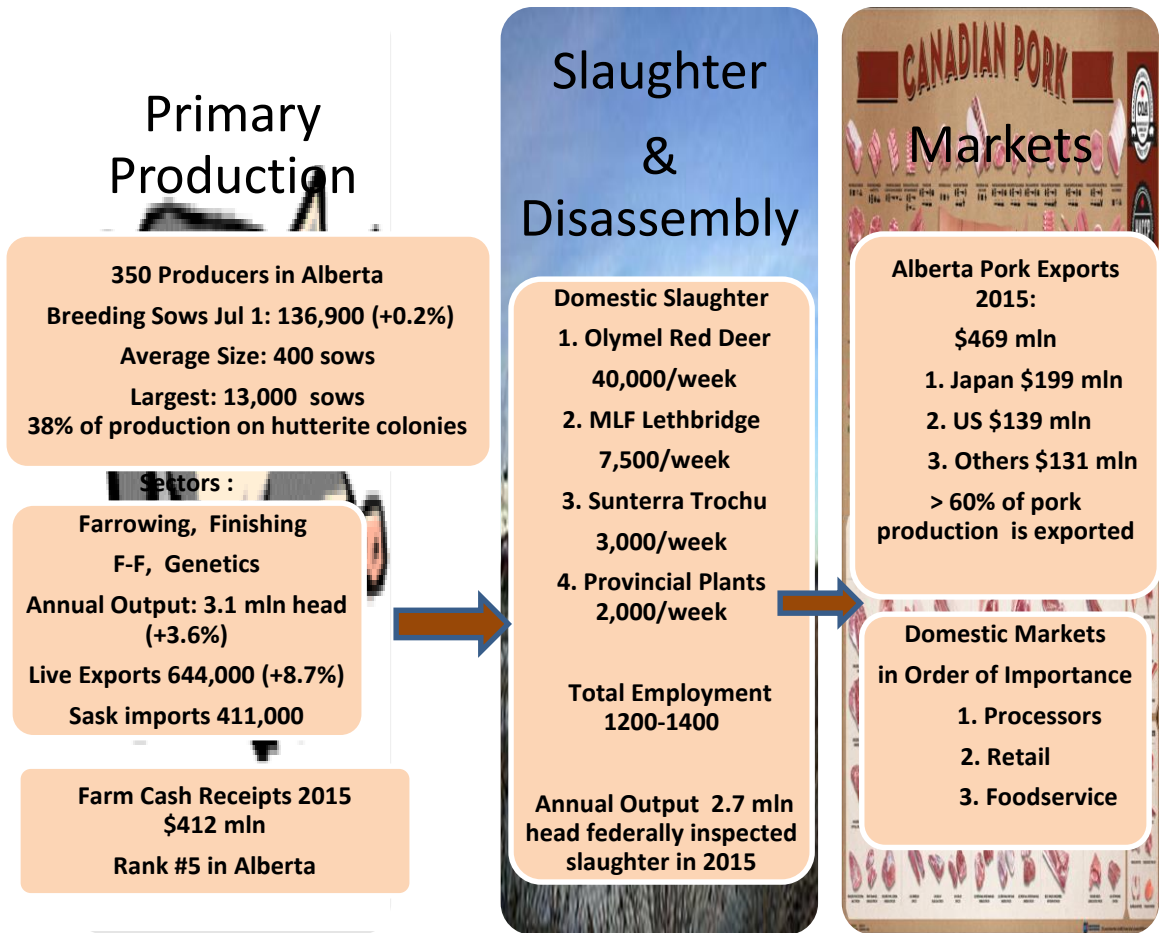


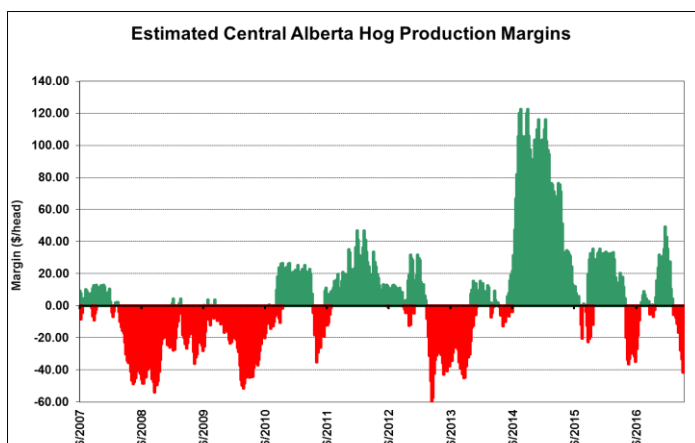
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Issues and Concerns:

- Availability of labor, including foreign workers (both production and processing sectors).
- Access to foreign markets for livestock and pork, participation in international trade agreements such as the Trans Pacific Partnership.
- Biosecurity, code of practice & animal welfare.
- Investment required in new infrastructure, particularly finishing barns.



Margins are highly volatile for pork producers. 2014 was an exceptional year, while recent returns have been within typical ranges.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Alberta Pork, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. Last update: October 2016