Beef and Pork Byproducts Enhancing the U.S. Meat Industry Bottom Line. Beef and pork production yields more than just what is seen on people plates. Byproducts edible offal inedible offal blood hides and rendered products—in clude virtually all parts of the live animal that are not part of the dressed carcass. These items constitute an estimated percent of the liveweight of a hog and about per cent of the liveweight of cattle. A myriad of uses for these items—leather products from hides lubricants plastics soaps glycerin gelatins and other industrial household cosmetic pharmaceutical and medical supplies—allow the meat industry to capture additional revenue and avoid costs for dis posing of certain edible and nonedible parts of the animal. Exports and other markets for animal byproducts contribute to the value and prof itability of the meat processing industry and. ERS research indicates that a increase in the value of byproducts to processors adds about cents to the average price paid per hundredweight to producers of fed steers slaughter cattle that have been finished on concentrated feed on a per hundredweight basis. Conversely consumer prices for other beef products are lower than they would be without byproduct sales because the processing costs to whole salers of the entire animal are spread across both byproducts and meat. In the U.S. edible offal animal organs such as liver heart and stomach is used to produce sausages hot dogs and other processed meat products it is also a major ingredient in pet foods. In foreign markets demand for U.S. edible offal including variety meats edible byproducts that are segregated chilled and processed under. In U.S. exports of beef/veal and pork edible offal reached a record. Beef/veal and pork edible offal. Beef/veal and pork muscle meat cuts. Source USDA Economic Research Service using USDA Foreign Agricultural Service Global Agricultural Trade System data. sanitary conditions and are inspected for sanitation and wholesomeness by the U.S. Meat Inspection Service is high because of its superior quality and low prices rela tive to domestic products. Over the past years byproducts accounted for more than percent volume of U.S. beef and veal exports and percent volume of U.S. pork exports. Together edible beef/veal and pork byproduct exports account for more than percent of the value of total U.S. beef/veal and pork exports. In beef/veal and pork edible offal exports reached a record level of. billion million more than the previous record set in. Daniel L. Marti dmarti ers.usda.gov Rachel J. Johnson rjohnson ers.usda.gov Kenneth H. Mathews Jr. kmathews ers.usda.gov. This finding is drawn from. Variety Meat Exports and the Global Marketplace by Daniel L. Marti and Rachel J. Johnson in Livestock Dairy and Poultry Outlook LDP USDA Economic Research Service September available at www.ers.usda.gov/ publications/ldp//Sep/ldpm.pdf You may also be interested in. ERS Briefing Room on Cattle available at www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/cattle/ ERS Briefing Room on Hogs available at www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/hogs/