

# WHEN IS A Ham MORE THAN A Ham

## Retail Value of a Market Animal



### Let's Examine a 300 Pound Hog

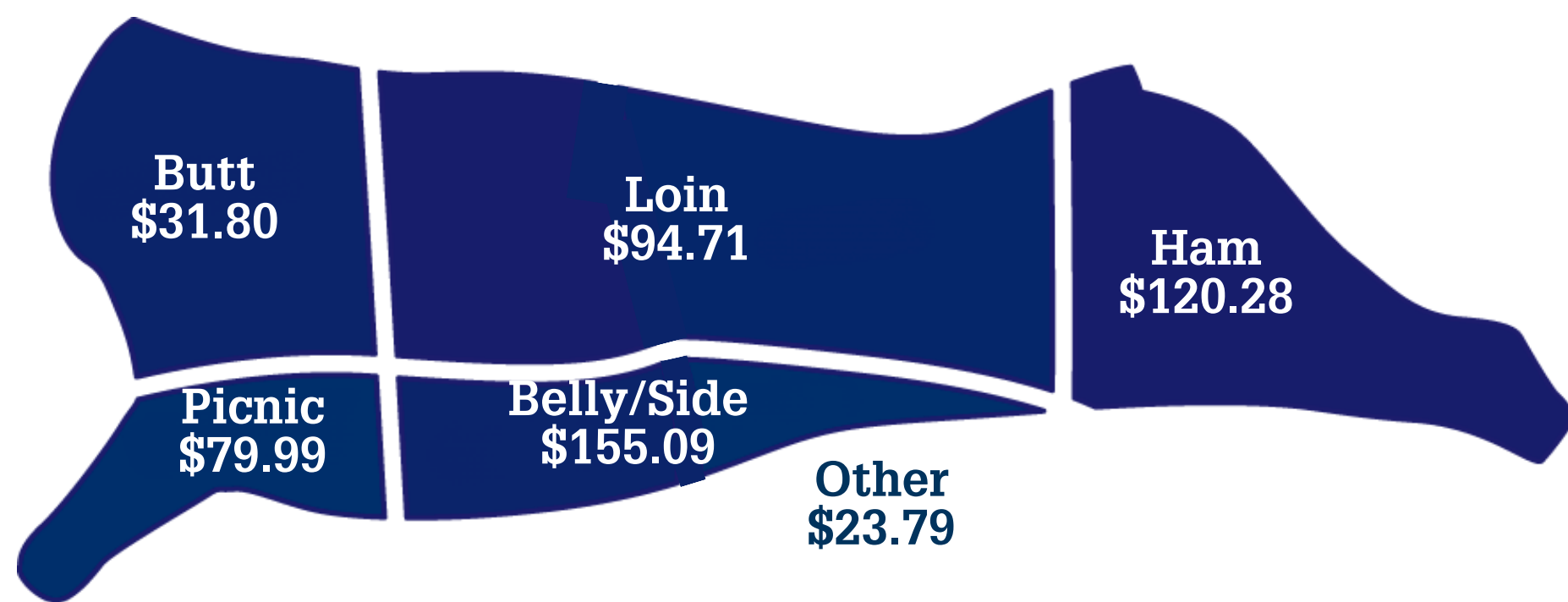
Average dressing percentage for hogs = 72%  
 (carcass weight/live weight) X 100 = dressing percentage

300 lbs X 72% = 216 lbs  
 Loss from cutting and trimming ≈ 26%  
 216 lbs X 74% = 159.84 lbs of meat

### Let's Break That Down into Primal Cuts

	% Cut Out Weight	Lbs. from Primal Cuts	Average \$/lbs.
Shoulder Picnic	11%	17.58 lbs.	\$4.55
Side/Belly	21%	33.57 lbs.	\$4.62
Loin	25%	39.96 lbs.	\$2.37
Ham	25%	39.96 lbs.	\$3.01
Other	8%	12.79 lbs.	\$1.86
Butt	10%	15.98 lbs.	\$1.99

Retail Value

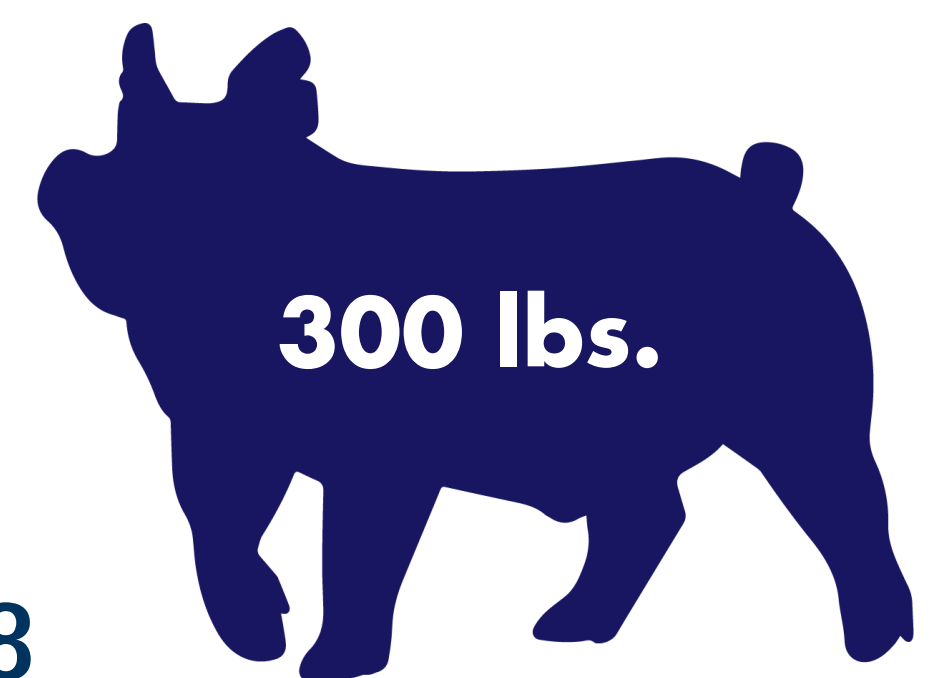


**Total = \$505.66**

Market Value



**Buying a 300 lbs pig**  
 300 lbs x \$0.7782 = \$233.46



216 lbs x \$0.98 = \$211.68 + \$57.50 kill fee = \$269.18

**Total = \$502.64**

\*Average \$ per pound from week 2/24/2023 - [USDA](https://www.usda.gov/).  
 \*To find lbs. from primal cuts, % cut out weight is multiplied by 159.84 lbs.  
 \*To find \$ per primal cut average, \$/lbs. is multiplied by lbs. from primal cuts.