



The Livestock & Poultry Industries-II



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The Poultry Industry

- Vertically integrated
- Egg producers (breeders)
- Broiler producers (breeders)
- Perdue Farms, MD
- Holly Farms
- Breeds of less importance

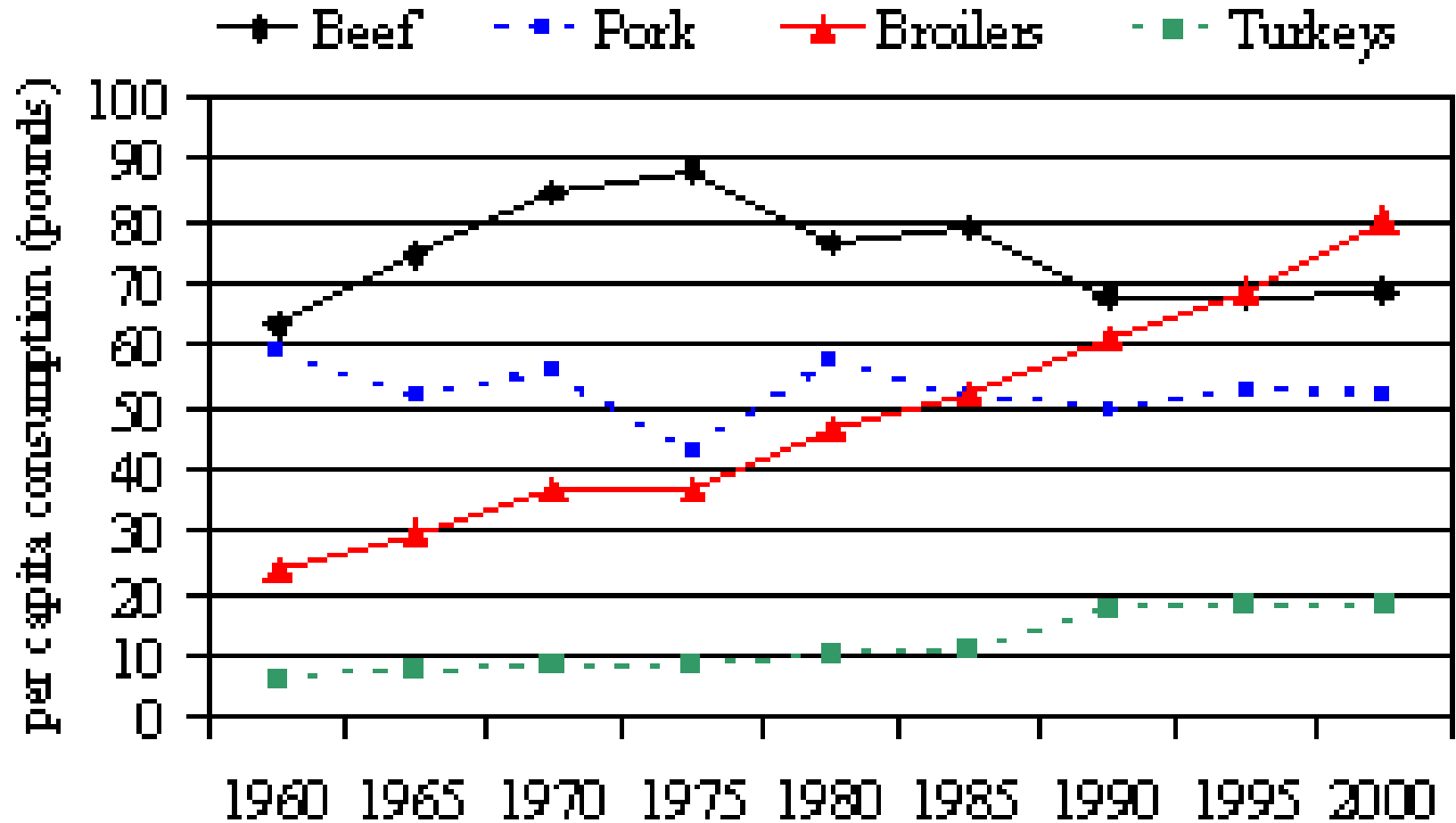




Chicken Tidbits

- Hatch time: ~21 days
- Precocious young
- Hens begin to lay ~18 weeks of age
- Broilers reach harvest weight 4-6 weeks*

US Per Capita Consumption





Industry Highlights of 20 years

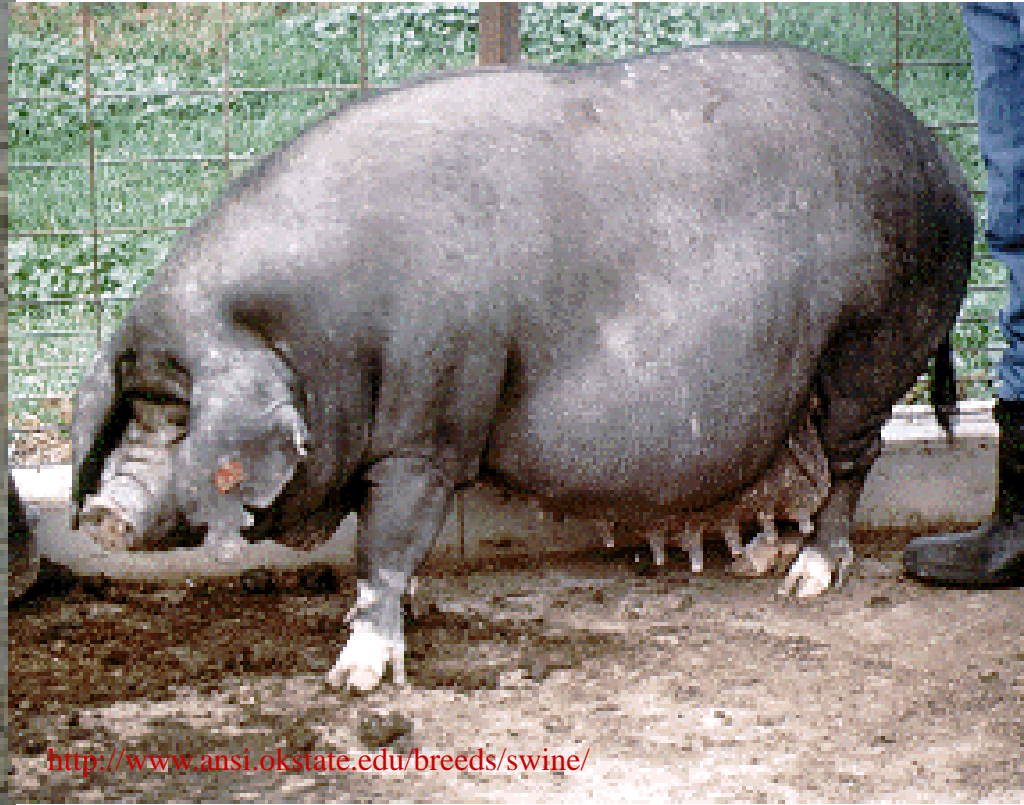
- Check-off programs to promote products?
- Inexpensive meat: chicken
- Poultry production vertically integrated
- Competition to improve efficiency



Domesticating Swine

- Meat
- Emphasis on:
 - Growth rate
 - Litter size*
 - Carcass traits
- Genus & species: *Sus scrofa*
- Other uses?

Sus scrofa?



<http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/swine/>

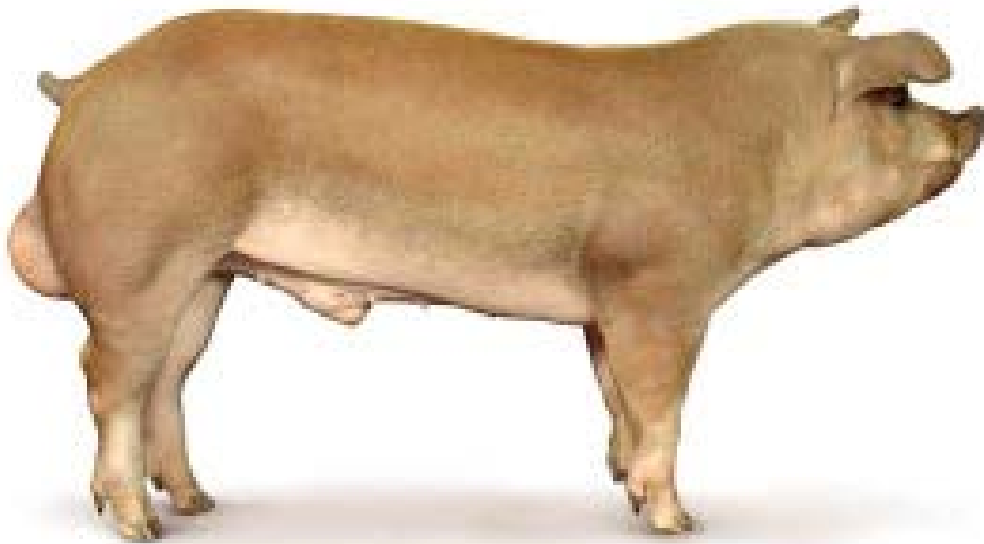
Phases of Pork Production

● Farrow to finish

- “All inclusive”
- VERY grain dependent
- Commercial producers
- Seedstock (purebred) producers



“Genetics” Companies



- DeKalb
- Pig Improvement Corporation
- Land o' Lakes
- Swine Genetics International
- Patterning after poultry companies?

<http://www.pic.com/index.asp?orgid=581&storyTypeID=&sid=&langID=>

Phase II Pork Production

- Feeder pig producers
 - Intermediary step
 - Sell weaned pigs
 - 40-50 lbs.
 - Efficiency . . .



www.lakesidefeeders.com/sew.htm

Phase III Pork Production



● Feeders (Finishers)

- Grain (concentrate) ration
- Rapid growth
- Harvest at 250-260 pounds+
- What is “finished?”

www.jrbfarms.com/swineproduction.htm



Swine tidbits

- Age at puberty: 6-8 months
- Age at weaning: 10D-3 weeks (SEW)
- Gestation length: 114 days
- Goal: breed gilts ~ 8 months of age*



Back to Grandin's Articles . . .

- Comfort in seeing other animals
- BUT . . . Are there other reasons to house animals w/common fence line?
- **Pheromones** and boars
- Promoting estrus



Pork Industry

- Various “phases”
- Horizontal integration
- More vertical integration—Carroll’s Foods, Tyson Foods
- National Pork Board
- Pork check-off



Domesticating Sheep

- Meat
- Wool
- Emphasis on:
 - Growth rate
 - ?Fecundity?
 - Wool quality
- Genus & species: *Ovis aries*
- DUAL purpose

Primary Purposes



Enter a New Era . . .

● Hair sheep



Katahdin

- “Hair sheep”
- SHED
- White or reddish
- Campus Farm
- WHY?



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Dorper

- Easy care breed
- Combo of hair & wool
- Skin value
- Breed “out of season”
- Campus Farm



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Phases of Sheep Production

● Farm Flocks

- Secondary enterprise
- Grain operations
- 4-H projects

● Range Flocks

- Grazing lands
- Less handling*
- Timed to lamb during less severe weather



<http://www.mth.msu.edu/~maccluer/Farm/sheep.jpeg>

Commercial vs. Purebred Flocks



Commercial flocks

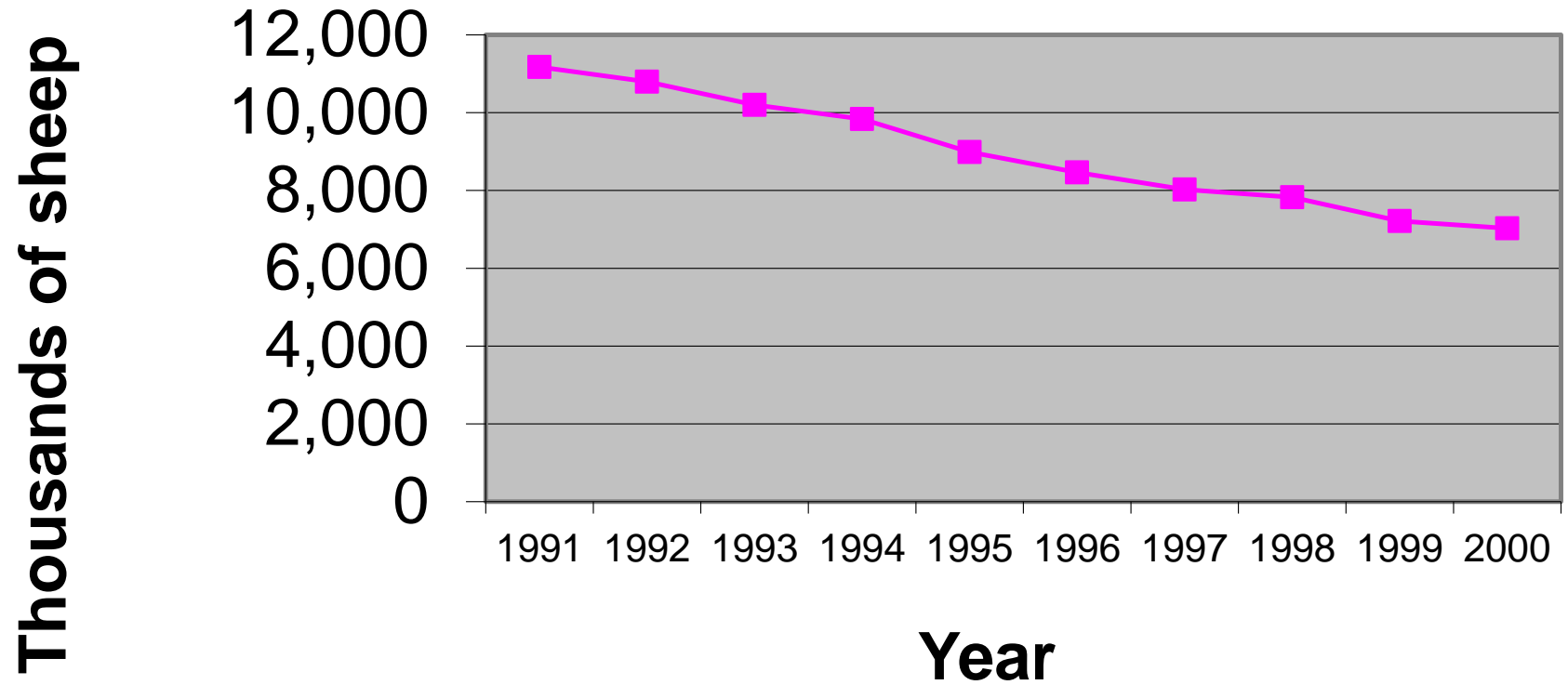
- Typically Xbred
- Castrate ram lambs
- NOT primarily marketing genetics

Purebred flocks

- Market genetics
- NO castration of ram lambs

<http://www.homestead.com/mstecker/salisbury.html>

Total US Sheep



NASS, Economic Research Service



Sheep Tidbits

- Age at puberty: 5-7 months
- Age at weaning: *WIDE* variation*
- Gestation length: ~147 days
- NICHE markets
 - **Meat**
 - **Wool crafters (specialty fleeces)**



Domesticating Horses

- Power
- Transportation
- Emphasis on:
 - Structure
 - Longevity
 - Strength/Speed
- Genus & species: *Equus caballus*

Purpose



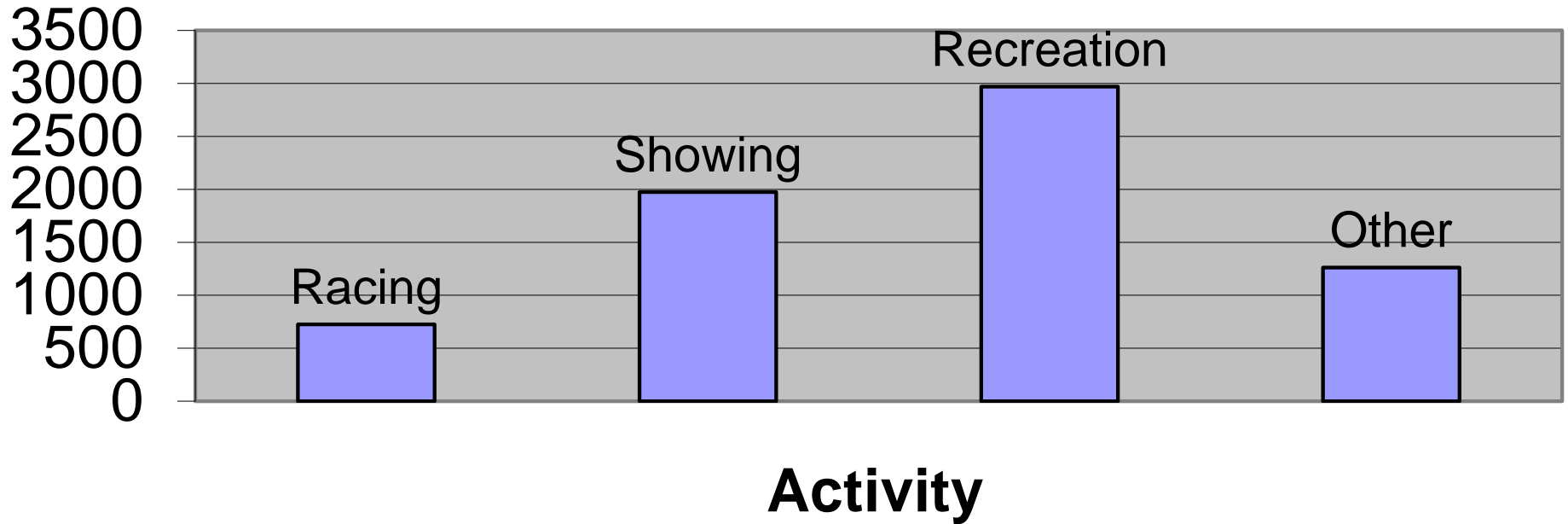
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<http://www.kbrhorse.net/whb/must28.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/2001/WORLD/asiapcf/auspac/11/02/aust.horse/>

How Are US Horses Used?

Thousands of head



American Horse Council Study, 2002

Phases of Production



- Breeding farms
- Specialty (discipline) farms
- Training facilities
- Boarding facilities
- Unique to other species

<http://www.sheldakranch.com/photo.htm>



Horse Tidbits

● Age at puberty

- Females: **Light horse** breeds 12-18 months** (36 mos.)
- Females: **Draft** breeds 18-24 months
- Males: 12-14 months** (60 mos.)

● Age at weaning: 4-6 months

● Gestation length: 340 days



So we've domesticated some species Now what?

- Breed development
- Breed: “animals of common origin with characteristics that distinguish them from other groups within the same species.” (Taylor & Field, 2004)
- HOW do we determine traits to “set” in a given breed?

