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**Report Name:** South Africa Opens Market for United States Porcine Semen

**Country:** South Africa - Republic of

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**Report Highlights:**

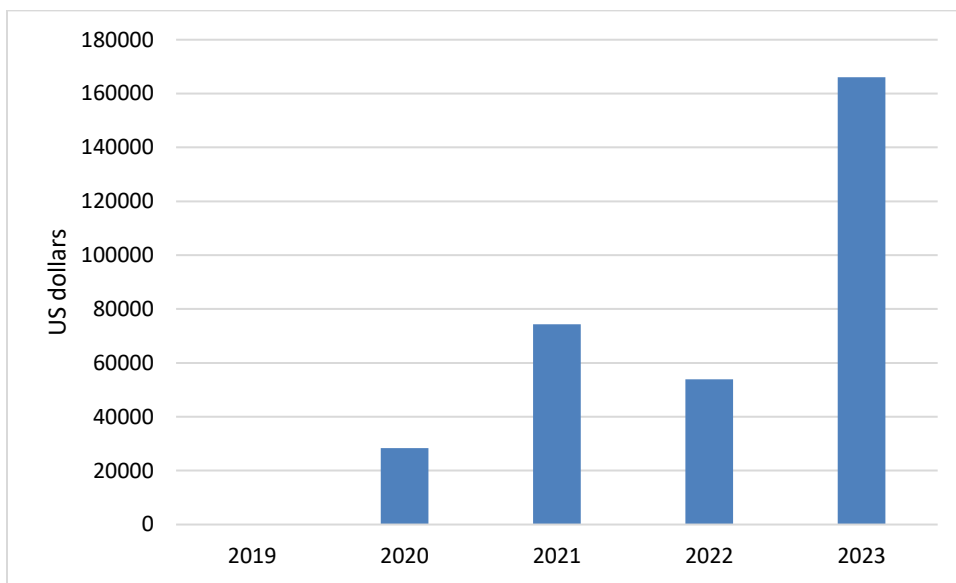
Porcine semen is now eligible to be exported to South Africa from the United States. This opens a growing market where U.S. exporters can now compete with genetics from Netherlands, Denmark, Canada and Ireland. The pig breeds that are currently found in South Africa include Landrace, Large white, Chester white, Duroc, Hampshire, Large black, Kolbroek and Pietran. In 2023, South Africa imported \$166,000 in porcine semen.

## Background

On September 2024, the South African Department of Agriculture’s Animal Health Directorate and the United States of America’s Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) concluded an agreement for a health certificate for the export of U.S. origin swine semen to the Republic of South Africa. The agreement will allow U.S. exporters to export pork semen to South Africa.

The pig breeds that are currently found in South Africa include Landrace, Large white, Chester white, Duroc, Hampshire, Large black, Kolbroek and Pietran. South Africa is currently importing swine semen from Netherlands, Denmark, Canada and Ireland. South Africa imported an average of US \$64,588 over the past five years.

**Figure 1: South Africa swine semen imports**



**Source: Post with TDM**

The South African pig industry is represented by the South African Pig Producers Organization which represents close to 700 producers and the Pig Breeder’s Society of South Africa. The Pig Breeders Society of South Africa was formed on September 20, 1919, and is affiliated to the South African Stud Book and the Livestock Improvement Association. According to Post contacts, the industry is in the process of developing small scale farmers, which may be generating greater interest in genetics.

## Attachments:

[south-africa-porcine-semen certificate.pdf](#)