

Production Contracts

- 90% of U.S. chickens are raised by farmers who own no chickens
- Three-fourths of U.S. turkeys are raised by farmers who own no turkeys
- 45% of U.S. hogs are raised by farmers who own no hogs

Because of production contracts, many self-employed farmers make a living raising livestock and poultry without having to own livestock or poultry

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