

Ohio Agriculture at a Glance

Food and Agriculture is the number-one contributor (\$124 billion) to Ohio's economy. The state has more than 74,500 farms, about half of which have livestock. Farming provides nearly 1 million jobs – or one out of every eight jobs in Ohio.

Ohio is a leader in producing both livestock and crops. The full impact of the state's agriculture community is detailed below.

Beef

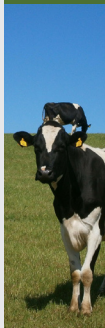


Ohio's cattle farmers raise approximately 296,000 cows on nearly 17,000 beef cattle farms. Beef cattle can be found in every Ohio county.

- Gross receipts \$516 million
- Total production 437 million pounds of beef
- Total value of cattle and calves \$1.45 billion

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Dairy



There are about 2,200 dairy farms in Ohio with 263,000 cows, which produce more than 5.59 billion pounds, or 650 million gallons, of milk each year. Ohio ranks first in Swiss cheese production, fifth in the number of processing plants and 11th in milk production.

- Average herd size 118 cows
- Estimated gross receipts \$436 million
- Estimated economic impact \$2.35 billion
- Estimated jobs created 14,400
- Processing and receiving plants 94
- Per capita consumption 602 milk equivalent pounds
- Ohio total dairy consumption 7 billion pounds or 815 million gallons

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Pork



There are approximately 3,494 hog farms in Ohio that raise more than 2.95 million hogs each year, ranking Ohio seventh in pork production. Twenty-one percent of all pork raised in Ohio is exported to other countries.

- Estimated economic impact \$576.8 million
- Estimated jobs created 11,495
- Estimated gross income \$645 million

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Poultry



Ohio is one of the largest egg farming states in the nation, producing more than 9 billion eggs a year. In 2016, Ohio turkey farming ranked ninth nationally and 16th for chicken production. All birds grown and eggs produced in Ohio are processed in-state. Ohio poultry products are marketed in all 50 states and internationally.

- Estimated economic impact \$3.3 billion
- Estimated jobs created 19,619
- Estimated annual earnings \$690 million

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Sheep



There are an estimated 3,400 farms sheep and lamb farms in Ohio with 119,000 sheep and lambs. Ohio ranks 12th in sheep and lamb production and is the largest sheep and lamb producing state east of the Mississippi River. There is a sheep operation in every Ohio county.

- Average flock size 36 head
- Estimated economic impact Over \$25 million
- Estimated job created More than 3,000 full- and part-time jobs
- Amount of wool produced 490,000 pounds per year
- Wool value \$363,000

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Corn



In 2017, Ohio corn growers harvested 3.1 million acres of corn, producing a crop of 554 million bushels. Ohio's ethanol industry increased their capacity to 550 million gallons of fuel from corn.

- Value of production \$1.96 billion
- 2017 yield average 177 bushels per acre
(national average 176.6 bushels)
- Ethanol plants 7 plants *(with total production capacity of 550 million gallons)*
- Annual economic impact of ethanol . . \$536 million
- Distillers grain production 1.5 million metric tons

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Soy



Ohio is the sixth-largest soybean-producing state in the country with 4.2 million harvested acres in 2017 by 22,000 Ohio soybean farmers. Ohio's top soybean-producing counties include Darke, Madison, Putnam, Van Wert and Wood.

- Number of bushels harvested \$251.9 million
- Value of production \$2.38 billion+
- Average yield 49.5 bushels/acre
- Estimated economic impact \$5.3 billion
- Estimated jobs created 30,000

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Wheat



Ohio is one of the largest producers of soft red winter wheat in the U.S. producing more than 32 million bushels in 2017. In addition, Ohio is home to 11 flour mills that supply product to Ohio and the nation.

- Average bushels per acre 74 bushels per acre
- Average price per bushel \$4.90
- Total value of wheat production \$157.7 million

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