

Ohio Agriculture at a Glance

Agriculture is the number-one contributor (\$105 billion) to Ohio's economy. The state has more than 73,000 farms, about half of which have livestock. Farming provides nearly one million jobs — or one out of every seven 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 1.25 million cows on nearly 17,400 beef cattle farms. Beef cattle can be found in every Ohio county.

- Gross receipts \$575 million
- Total production 463 million pounds of beef
- Total value of cattle and calves \$1.35 billion

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Dairy There are more than 2,800 dairy farms in Ohio with 270,000 cows, which produce more than 5.3 billion pounds, or 622 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 96 cows
- Estimated gross receipts \$683 million
- Estimated economic impact \$4.2 billion
- Estimated jobs created 14,350
- 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 3,700 hog farms in Ohio that raise more than four million hogs each year, ranking Ohio eighth in pork production. Twenty-seven percent of all pork raised in Ohio is exported to other countries.

- Estimated economic impact \$1.8 billion
- Estimated jobs created 10,860
- Estimated gross income \$645 million

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Poultry Ohio is second in the nation in egg production, producing 7.6 billion eggs a year. Mercer and Darke counties are the top two egg-producing counties in the U.S. In 2012, Ohio turkey production ranked 9th nationally and 16th for broiler chickens. 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 \$2.3 billion
- Estimated jobs created 15,000
- Estimated payroll More than \$50 million

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Sheep There are 3,400 sheep farms in Ohio with 129,000 sheep and lambs. Ohio ranks 13th in the production of sheep and lambs and is the largest sheep-producing state east of the Mississippi. There is a sheep farm in every Ohio county.

- Estimated economic impact More than \$25 million
- Estimated jobs created. More than 3,000 full- and part-time jobs
- Amount of wool produced 625,000 pounds a year
- Wool value. \$229,000
- Average flock size 42

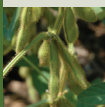
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Corn In 2013, tens of thousands of Ohio corn growers harvested 3.74 million acres of corn, producing a crop of 662 million bushels. Ohio's ethanol industry increased their capacity to produce up to 523 million gallons of fuel from corn.

- Value of production \$2.75 billion
- 2013 yield average. 177 bushels per acre
(national average 159 bushels)
- Ethanol plants. 7 plants with total production
capacity of 523 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 fifth-largest soybean-producing state in the country with 4.6 million harvested acres in 2012 by 25,000 Ohio soybean farmers. Ohio's top soybean-producing counties include Darke, Wood, Madison, Pickaway and Putnam.

- Number of bushels harvested. 215 million
- Value of production \$2.6 billion +
- Average yield 47 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 47 million bushels in 2013. Additionally, Ohio is home to 12 flour mills that supply product to Ohio and the nation.

- Average bushels per acre 70 bushels per acre
- Average price per bushel. \$7.00
- Total value of wheat production. \$329 million

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