



Ohio farmers produce products that are an economic engine for local economies. Here are some facts to consider:

Fayette County, Ohio

- ✓ Agriculture contributes \$472.5 million in output and employs over 4,200 people in Fayette County.
 - ✓ Crop production represents over 82% of production agriculture in Fayette County.
 - ✓ In Fayette County, food & forestry processing accounted for \$332.9 million in total output.
 - ✓ *Doane Products Company, Richelieu Foods, and Sugar Creek Packing* are major food processing businesses located in Fayette County.
 - ✓ 243,000 acres of land are farmed in Fayette County.
 - ✓ Fayette County farmers produce over 8.2 million bushels of corn, four million bushels of soybeans, 5,700 cattle, and 18,700 hogs.
 - ✓ Among Ohio counties, Fayette ranks 3rd in corn production and 7th in soybeans harvested.
 - ✓ Cash receipts from marketing of farm commodities totaled over \$60.7 million.
- *One farmer produces enough food to feed 129 people, 101 in the United States, and 28 others around the world.*
 - *Ohio is home to over 1,000 food processing facilities.*
 - *Ohio's \$79.6 billion agricultural sector comprises approximately 12% of total output, 10% of GSP, 15% of total employment, and 10% of total income generated in Ohio.*
 - *Over \$1 billion in agricultural products from Ohio are exported out of the country.*
 - *One out of every 10 rows of corn harvested in Ohio is exported. Every other row of soybeans is exported.*
 - *Almost half (44%) of all land in Ohio is classified as prime farmland. Ohio is one of only five states that has almost half of its land classified as prime farmland.*
 - *Ohio ranks in the top ten nationally in the production of corn, soybeans, oats, tobacco, pork, eggs, Swiss cheese, ice cream, flowers, tomatoes, grapes, strawberries, and maple syrup.*
 - *The average American earns enough money in 37 days to pay for a year's worth of food.*

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