



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

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### **Fulton County, Ohio**

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- ✓ Agriculture contributes \$924.5 million in output and employs over 9,000 people in Fulton County.
- ✓ Crop production represents 46% of production agriculture in Fulton County.
- ✓ In Fulton County, food & forestry processing accounted for \$741.3 million in total output.
- ✓ *ConAgra Grocery Products, Sauder Woodworking, and Frozen Specialties* are major food processing businesses located in Fulton County.
- ✓ 211,000 acres of land are farmed in Fulton County.
- ✓ Fulton County farmers produce over eight million bushels of corn, 2.8 million bushels of soybeans, 19,000 cattle, 61,900 hogs, and 26.9 million pounds of milk.
- ✓ Among Ohio counties, Fulton ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in hogs, 3<sup>rd</sup> in processed tomatoes, and 5<sup>th</sup> in corn production.
- ✓ Cash receipts from marketing of farm commodities totaled over \$79.9 million.

### **Ohio Agricultural Facts**

- *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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