



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

Sandusky County, Ohio

- ✓ Agriculture contributes \$418.0 million in output and employs over 5,600 people in Sandusky County.
- ✓ Crop production represents 50% of production agriculture in Sandusky County, while fruits and vegetables account for 17%.
- ✓ In Sandusky County, food & forestry processing accounts for \$233.4 million in total output.
- ✓ *Fremont Company, Heinz USA, and MeadWestvaco Corporation* are major food and forestry processing businesses located in Sandusky County.
- ✓ 204,000 acres of land are farmed in Sandusky County.
- ✓ Sandusky County farmers produce over 5.6 million bushels of corn, 3.2 million bushels of soybeans, 6,900 cattle, and 11,300 hogs.
- ✓ Among Ohio counties, Sandusky ranks 2nd in processed tomatoes, 13th in corn and soybeans harvested, and 16th in wheat production.
- ✓ Cash receipts from marketing of farm commodities totaled over \$64.1 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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