

# OHIO EGG FACTS

Ohio is **RANKED NO. 2 IN THE NATION** for egg production.

Ohio has **MORE THAN 30 MILLION** laying hens.

Ohio produces more than **10 BILLION EGGS** per year and provides as much as **\$3.2 BILLION** in support to the state's economy.

Ohio egg production is responsible for the creation of **14,438 JOBS** and **\$559 MILLION** in annual earnings.



- The Ohio Egg Quality Assurance Program (OEQAP) is a voluntary program that was created to minimize the risk of Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) in eggs, and is a cooperative effort between egg producers and farmers, the Ohio Poultry Association and the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- Ohio's egg farms follow FDA's Federal Egg Safety Rule, which ensures eggs are safe and free from Salmonella and other foodborne bacteria.
- Ohio egg farmers participate in the **United Egg Producers Certified animal care program**. The guidelines place top priority on the comfort, health and safety of the chickens and include increased space per hen.