Ohio’s Egg, Chicken and Turkey Farms
Economic Impact on the State

Food and agriculture, the top industry in Ohio, adds $124 billion to the economy and employs one out of eight people in the state. Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farms contribute significantly to that number, providing valuable jobs and economic benefits to the state’s rural communities.

Total Impact of Ohio’s Egg, Chicken and Turkey Farms

- Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farms create 20,586 jobs annually generating $718 million in annual earnings to the state’s economy.
- The combined market value of egg, turkey and chicken production in Ohio was $1.1 billion annually from 2013-2017.
- Additionally, the sectors contribute $2.2 billion in indirect economic impact for a total contribution of $3.3 billion in output* to Ohio.
- Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farmers use 33 million bushels of the state’s corn crop and 16.2 million bushels of Ohio’s soybean crop annually.

Egg Production

- Ohio is one of the largest egg farming states in the nation, with 8.9 billion eggs produced in 2017.
- The total value of eggs produced in 2017 was more than $479.6 million.
- From 2013-2017, Ohio’s egg sector contributed $2.05 billion in output to Ohio.
- Egg production is responsible for the creation of 12,834 jobs annually and $443 million in earnings.

Turkey Production

- Ohio ranks 9th nationally in turkey production with more than 280.7 million pounds of turkey produced.
- The value of turkey produced in Ohio in 2017 was $181 million.
- From 2013-2017, the turkey sector contributed over $499 million in output to Ohio.
- Turkey production is responsible for the creation of 3,051 jobs annually and $108 million in earnings.

Chicken Production

- Ohio ranks 16th nationally in chicken production (in poundage) with more than 526 million pounds.
- The total value of chickens produced in Ohio in 2017 was over $286 million.
- From 2013-2017, the chicken sector contributed $774 million in output to Ohio.
- Chicken production is responsible for the creation of 4,701 jobs annually and $167 million in earnings.

*The direct economic impact of the egg, chicken and turkey sectors in Ohio is measured by the increased income, employment and value of output generated by the industry itself. The indirect and induced economic impact of the sectors is the result of “economic multiplier effects.” Multiplier effects are the result of additional expenditures made by those who are suppliers to the poultry community in Ohio, as well as from purchases made by those who derive income directly or indirectly from the poultry sector.

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