

Animal Agriculture Matters in Minnesota

Minnesota's Livestock Industry:

- ▶ Contributes more than \$10 billion annually to our state's economy.
- ▶ Generates value-added economic activity in many areas, including production, processing, animal and food sciences, distribution, packaging, crop production, financial services and retailing.
- ▶ Is a viable source of income and profit for farmers. Livestock feed is an important market for major Minnesota crops including corn, soybeans and alfalfa.
- ▶ Supports thousands of "city" jobs, ranging from biotechnology and pharmaceuticals to marketing, engineering, processing and nutrition.
- ▶ Indirectly employs nearly 100,000 Minnesotans.

Agriculture Jobs in MN

Of the nearly 400,000 agriculture jobs in Minnesota, 80 percent of them are off-farm jobs.

- ▶ There's a chance that one in every 10 people you know works in an agriculture-related job.

All About Minnesota Poultry:

- ▶ U.S. state rankings for poultry in Minnesota:
 - #1 for turkey production and processing
 - In the top 10 for egg production
 - In the top 20 for chicken production
- ▶ Minnesota's poultry industry supports 26,000 jobs.
- ▶ Poultry contributes \$1 billion in economic activity to our state.
- ▶ Minnesota poultry loves corn and soybeans! Turkeys alone annually consume \$74 million of corn and \$90 million of soybean meal, adding approximately \$198 million to the value of corn and soybeans in Minnesota.
- ▶ The direct economic activity generated by 1 turkey raised in our state is \$17.46.
- ▶ Approximately 46 million turkeys are raised annually Minnesota each year.

Did You Know?

Food & agriculture goods are the 2nd most exported goods from Minnesota, behind computers and electronics goods.

Minnesota is home to some of the top poultry companies in the world:

Cargill Kitchen Solutions	Monticello	www.usaeggs.com
GNP Company	St. Cloud	www.goldnplump.com
Jennie-O Turkey Store	Willmar	www.jennieoturkeystore.com
Michael Foods Inc.	Le Sueur	www.michaelfoods.com
Northern Pride	Thief River Falls	www.northernprideinc.com
Rembrandt Foods	Renville	www.rembrandtfoods.com
Sparboe Companies	Litchfield	www.sparboe.com
Turkey Valley Farms	Marshall	www.turkeyvalleyfarms.com
Willmar Poultry Company	Willmar	www.willmarpoultry.com



Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
www.MinnesotaTurkey.com



Chicken & Egg Association of MN
www.mnchicken.org

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