



FEEDING THE ECONOMY

US FOOD AND AG INDUSTRIES

Economic Impact in the United States

The 2025 Feeding the Economy report continues to show that the U.S. food and agriculture sector is a foundational pillar of American culture and commerce. These industries directly support over 24 million jobs (15% of U.S. employment) and are responsible for more than \$9.5 trillion of the country's economic activity – about one-fifth of total U.S. output.

It begins in the rich soil of America's farms and ranches – nearly two million of them – spread across the heartland and stretching to the coasts, covering two out of every five American acres.

Next, millions of food scientists, production workers, logistics experts, truck drivers, and engineers work in almost 200,000 food manufacturing, processing, and storage facilities to keep our food supply chains strong to ensure fresh, safe food is readily available at home and abroad.

The journey may continue at one of the nation's more than one million restaurant and foodservice locations or an item might make its way from one of roughly 200,000 retail food stores to American homes or gatherings where people enjoy the nation's bounty.

United States

● **Total Jobs**

47,181,643

● **Total Wages**

\$2.82 Trillion

● **Total Output**

\$9.53 Trillion

● **Direct Jobs**

24,043,079

● **Direct Wages**

\$1.05 Trillion

● **Direct Output**


\$4.02 Trillion

● **Business Taxes**

\$1.26 Trillion

● **Exports**

\$182.79 Billion



To measure the total economic impact of the food and ag industries, the analysis includes the direct and indirect economic activity surrounding these industries, capturing both upstream and downstream activity. For example, when a farm equipment retailer hires new employees because farmers are buying more tractors, experts consider the new salaries an indirect impact. Similarly, when a retail associate spends her paycheck, an induced economic impact occurs.

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Direct Economic Impact	Jobs	Wages	Output
Agriculture	2,499,909	\$117,488,469,000	\$499,099,009,500
Manufacturing	2,285,923	\$172,590,290,100	\$1,314,883,119,800
Wholesaling	1,104,128	\$111,004,921,300	\$298,943,859,900
On-Premise Retailing	14,709,746	\$509,423,103,700	\$1,537,656,634,800
Off-Premise Retailing	3,443,373	\$142,362,874,700	\$369,511,069,900
Total	24,043,079	\$1,052,869,658,800	\$4,020,093,693,900

Supplier Economic Impact	Jobs	Wages	Output
Agriculture	1,747,284	\$74,254,126,500	\$112,626,774,900
Mining	47,550	\$8,505,969,800	\$39,525,400,300
Construction	123,248	\$9,320,693,300	\$26,962,986,600
Manufacturing	759,026	\$76,504,496,400	\$604,637,648,500
Wholesale	1,154,469	\$121,074,765,400	\$415,916,343,000
Retail	166,329	\$8,299,548,100	\$23,088,537,200
Transportation & Communication	2,225,563	\$179,694,060,100	\$559,494,048,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,663,620	\$107,520,785,900	\$502,918,719,700
Business & Personal Services	3,259,096	\$304,417,628,500	\$592,408,908,300
Travel & Entertainment	345,737	\$17,209,969,800	\$41,697,480,200
Government	231,621	\$25,861,550,900	\$56,579,583,200
Other	0	\$0	\$0
Total	11,723,543	\$932,663,594,700	\$2,975,856,430,000

Induced Economic Impact	Jobs	Wages	Output
Agriculture	102,173	\$4,285,583,000	\$8,338,248,800
Mining	23,845	\$4,843,620,300	\$20,570,076,100
Construction	118,567	\$8,623,644,300	\$22,113,591,300
Manufacturing	317,232	\$33,272,482,400	\$228,057,569,300
Wholesale	378,983	\$43,500,724,700	\$159,515,276,700
Retail	1,332,577	\$62,601,045,000	\$166,151,794,700
Transportation & Communication	1,021,864	\$96,249,793,300	\$328,935,993,800
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,623,977	\$117,283,120,300	\$711,845,149,600
Business & Personal Services	5,173,356	\$391,440,945,100	\$726,919,229,100
Travel & Entertainment	869,262	\$40,403,664,100	\$99,497,849,000
Government	134,013	\$14,922,995,100	\$39,942,207,200
Other	319,172	\$17,250,279,800	\$17,272,296,300
Total	11,415,021	\$834,677,897,400	\$2,529,159,281,900

	Jobs	Wages	Output
Total Economic Output	47,181,643	\$2,820,211,150,900	\$9,525,109,405,800

Tax Impact	Business Taxes
Federal Taxes	\$733,447,801,600
State Taxes	\$525,253,630,600
Total Taxes	\$1,258,701,432,200

Exports	Export Value
Customs Value at Point of Shipment	\$182,792,458,700
Total Exports	\$182,792,458,700

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