



US FOOD & AG INDUSTRIES

Economic Impact in Texas

● Total Jobs 4,661,979	● Total Wages \$276.53 Billion	● Total Output \$963.76 Billion	● Business Taxes \$109.34 Billion
● Direct Jobs 2,346,510	● Direct Wages \$95.24 Billion	● Direct Output \$348.43 Billion	● Exports \$14.81 Billion

United States

● Total Jobs 48,732,652	● Total Wages \$3.01 Trillion	● Total Output \$10.42 Trillion	● Business Taxes \$1.35 Trillion
● Direct Jobs 24,299,234	● Direct Wages \$1.08 Trillion	● Direct Output \$4.33 Trillion	● Exports \$177.36 Billion

How Food & Agriculture Power the U.S. Economy

The U.S. food and agriculture sector is one of the nation’s most powerful economic engines. The 2026 Feeding the Economy report shows the industries support nearly 49 million jobs — about one in five American jobs — and generate more than \$10.4 trillion in economic activity, accounting for nearly 20% of total U.S. output.

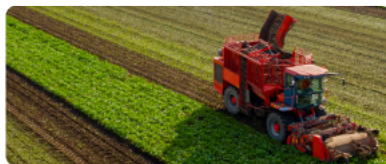
It begins on nearly 2 million farms and ranches that span two out of every five American acres. But agriculture’s economic reach extends far beyond the farm. Nearly 200,000 food manufacturing, processing, and storage facilities employ food scientists, engineers, production workers, logistics specialists, and truck drivers who keep products moving safely and efficiently, ensuring American families have access to reliable, affordable food.

The journey continues through more than 1 million restaurants and foodservice establishments and roughly 200,000 retail food stores, anchoring local economies and driving consumer spending in communities nationwide.

From farm to factory and truck to table, food and agriculture’s impact sustains jobs, powers commerce, and strengthens communities across America.

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	271,246	\$9,656,366,000	\$32,076,809,900
Manufacturing	155,098	\$12,369,729,000	\$93,547,653,600
Wholesaling	118,124	\$12,202,371,700	\$37,455,343,800
On-Premise Retailing	1,478,176	\$46,224,545,600	\$149,226,210,300
Off-Premise Retailing	323,866	\$14,785,178,100	\$36,120,638,400
Total	2,346,510	\$95,238,190,400	\$348,426,656,000

Supplier Economic Impact	Jobs	Wages	Output
Agriculture	116,328	\$4,271,550,100	\$6,654,475,300
Mining	12,229	\$3,827,866,200	\$14,944,267,600
Construction	12,621	\$1,096,672,500	\$2,753,169,200
Manufacturing	67,017	\$8,192,582,700	\$86,929,665,900
Wholesale	106,797	\$12,036,143,400	\$42,099,030,200
Retail	16,181	\$852,301,100	\$2,252,331,500
Transportation & Communication	227,136	\$18,242,383,000	\$58,205,860,600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	176,258	\$10,296,201,700	\$54,018,756,400
Business & Personal Services	327,835	\$30,276,038,700	\$58,774,783,400
Travel & Entertainment	35,620	\$1,639,188,800	\$4,395,292,500
Government	20,758	\$2,302,635,000	\$5,544,277,100
Other	0	\$0	\$0
Total	1,118,780	\$93,033,563,200	\$336,571,909,700

Induced Economic Impact	Jobs	Wages	Output
Agriculture	8,658	\$284,004,900	\$628,776,500
Mining	7,595	\$2,423,091,000	\$9,488,680,900
Construction	12,937	\$1,081,518,100	\$2,496,413,900
Manufacturing	26,553	\$3,374,986,100	\$31,708,732,800
Wholesale	39,321	\$4,851,931,800	\$17,994,974,200
Retail	138,204	\$6,713,772,200	\$17,464,477,200
Transportation & Communication	109,421	\$10,537,643,500	\$36,946,803,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	197,188	\$12,641,943,200	\$69,426,698,300
Business & Personal Services	519,853	\$39,209,942,100	\$75,696,806,400
Travel & Entertainment	89,160	\$3,945,740,100	\$10,457,155,200
Government	13,967	\$1,571,646,000	\$4,514,135,900
Other	33,832	\$1,618,369,400	\$1,936,982,800
Total	1,196,689	\$88,254,588,400	\$278,760,637,100

	Jobs	Wages	Output
Total Economic Output	4,661,979	\$276,526,342,000	\$963,759,202,800

Tax Impact	Business Taxes
Federal Taxes	\$70,373,594,000
State Taxes	\$38,966,335,600
Total Taxes	\$109,339,929,600

Exports	Export Value
Customs Value at Point of Shipment	\$14,809,961,300
Total Exports	\$14,809,961,300

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