

The mission of the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics is to generate and disseminate knowledge through application of economic and business principles to society's challenges.

The Impact of the Agricultural and Food Production Cluster to Darke County

Total Value Added: **\$301,243,179** representing **16%** of the county's economy.

Total Employment: **3,503** representing **12%** of the county total.

Total Labor Income: **\$178,757,759** representing **15%** of the county total.



Value Added; Percent of County Total

Sum of Agricultural Production
\$239.8 million; 12.38%

Sum of Food Processing
\$20.8 million; 1.07%

Sum of Wholesale/Retail
\$41.2 million; 2.13%

Total Agricultural and Food Employment; Percent of County Total

Agricultural Production
2,431; 8.25%

Food Processing
304; 1.03%

Wholesale/Retail
768; 2.61%

Labor Income Contributed; Percent of County Total

Agricultural Production
\$142.5 million; 11.88%

Food Processing
\$12.0 million; 1.00%

Wholesale/Retail
\$24.3 million; 2.03%

Taxes on Production and Imports: **\$11,923,309**

Top Three Agricultural Production Sectors:

Poultry & Egg Production, Hog Production, and Farm Inputs, Equipment & Professional Services

Data for these calculations were obtained from IMPLAN and included in *The Economic Contribution of Agricultural and Food Production to the Ohio Economy* report (DiCarolus et al, 2017) by Ben Brown.