



# FACTS & FIGURES

2021

## POULTRY IN ARKANSAS

A staple of the state's economy, the Arkansas poultry industry first emerged in the 1890s. In 2020 the poultry industry in Arkansas provided **\$3.7 billion** (50%) of the total agriculture cash receipts. Of the poultry cash receipts, broilers were the largest contributor, providing **37%** of the state's total agricultural cash receipts.



Poultry is the **largest agriculture commodity** in Arkansas.



Over **6,500 farms** produce some type of poultry. **Benton County** is the number one poultry producing county in Arkansas.



Arkansas **ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation** for broiler production. In 2020, Arkansas producers produced **7.34 billion pounds** of broiler meat at a value of **\$2.68 billion**.

## POULTRY COMPANIES

Arkansas is home to several major integrators of broilers and turkey's, processors, breeders and egg producers who have multiple plant locations across the state.



## ALLIED COMPANIES

Companies that provide a product or service to the poultry industry are referred to as allied companies. Over 128 companies are located within the state that offer feed and grain equipment, food processing equipment and supplies, feed ingredients, automation services, insurance, finance, consultation services, packaging and more.



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### RANKS 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE NATION IN THE VALUE OF BROILER PRODUCTION.

- Number of broilers raised: **1.0 billion**
- Pounds Produced: **7.34 billion**
- Value of Production: **\$2.68 billion**
- The broiler industry creates and supports **151,016 jobs** in the state.
- In 2020, the industry was responsible for as much as **\$35.70 billion** in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of **\$55,300** in wages and benefits.

### RANKS 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE NATION FOR TURKEY PRODUCTION.

- Number of turkeys raised: **31.0 million**
- Pounds Produced: **595 million**
- Value of Production: **\$421.9 million**
- The turkey industry creates and supports **17,538 jobs** in the state.
- In 2020, the industry was responsible for as much as **\$4.32 billion** in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of **\$48,800** in wages and benefits.

### RANKS 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE NATION FOR EGG PRODUCTION VALUE.

- Number of eggs produced: **3.8 billion**
- Value of Production: **\$567 million**
- The egg industry creates and supports **1,137 jobs** in the state.
- In 2020, the industry was responsible for as much as **\$334.76 million** in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of **\$44,900** in wages and benefits.

### OVER 6,500 FARMS IN ARKANSAS PRODUCE SOME TYPE OF POULTRY.

- **Benton County** is the number one poultry producing county.
- Other top producing counties in rank order: **Washington, Madison, Carroll, Yell, Hempstead, Howard, Sevier, and Logan.**

<sup>1</sup> USDA Poultry - Production and Value 2020 Summary (April 2021)

<sup>2</sup> John Dunham & Associates, 2020 Economic Impact Study of the Poultry Industry. New York, November 2020.

<sup>3</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics. Available on-line at: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/unemployment.htm>. Data for December 2020

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