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.

Companies that provide a product or service to the poultry industry are referred to as allied companies. Over 150 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.

A staple of the state’s economy, the Arkansas poultry industry first emerged in the 1890s. In 2021 the poultry industry in Arkansas provided $5.1 billion (50%) of the total agriculture cash receipts. Of the poultry cash receipts, broilers were the largest contributor, providing 38% of the state’s total agricultural cash receipts.

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

Poultry is the largest agriculture commodity in Arkansas. Arkansas ranks 3rd in the nation for broiler production. In 2021, Arkansas producers produced 7.46 billion pounds of broiler meat at a value of $3.97 billion.

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POULTRY IN ARKANSAS

POULTRY COMPANIES

ALLIED COMPANIES
RANKS 3RD IN THE NATION IN THE NUMBER OF BROILERS PRODUCED.

- Number of broilers raised: 1.0 billion
- Pounds Produced: 7.46 billion
- Value of Production: $3.97 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 3RD IN THE NATION FOR THE NUMBER OF TURKEYS PRODUCED.

- Number of turkeys raised: 27 million
- Pounds Produced: 540 million
- Value of Production: $443 million
- The turkey industry creates and supports 17,538 jobs in the state.
- In 2020, the industry was responsible for as much as $48,800 in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of $48,800 in wages and benefits.

RANKS 2ND IN THE NATION FOR EGG PRODUCTION VALUE.

- Number of eggs produced: 4.2 billion
- Value of Production: $692 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.

The Poultry Federation (TPF) is a multi-state trade association representing the poultry and egg industry in Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. TPF promotes and protects the interests of the industry and represents a unified voice in state governments. TPF membership consists of every segment of the poultry and egg industry including, but not limited to, feed milling, live production, hatchery, processing, further processing, packaging, commercial egg, marketing and all service and support activities.