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POULTRY IN ARKANSAS

A staple of the state's economy, the Arkansas poultry industry first emerged in the 1890s. In 2024 the poultry industry in Arkansas provided **$6.7 billion** (53%) of the total agriculture cash receipts. Of the poultry cash receipts, broilers were the largest contributor providing **44%** 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 3rd in the nation** for broiler production. In 2025, Arkansas producers produced **7.79 billion pounds** of broiler meat at a value of **$5.58 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.

Aviagen, Butterball, Cobb, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Custom Craft Poultry, Benton County Foods LLC, Bachoco USA, George's, Handsome Brook Farms, Happy Egg Co., Keith Smith Egg-Cellence, Peco Foods First on Any Menu, Pilgrim's, Select Genetics, Simmons Foods, Tyson Foods, Vital Farms, Wayne Sanderson

ALLIED COMPANIES

Companies that provide a product or service to the poultry industry are referred to as allied companies. Over 80 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 3RD IN THE NATION IN THE NUMBER OF BROILERS PRODUCED.

- Number of broilers raised: **1.05 billion**
- Pounds Produced: **7.79 billion**
- Value of Production: **$5.58 billion**
- The broiler industry creates and supports **140,970 jobs** in the state.
- In 2024, the industry was responsible for as much as **$41.28 billion** in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of **$60,200** in wages and benefits.

RANKS 3RD IN THE NATION FOR THE NUMBER OF TURKEYS PRODUCED.

- Number of turkeys raised: **21.5 million**
- Pounds Produced: **389 million**
- Value of Production: **$349 million**
- The turkey industry creates and supports **26,272 jobs** in the state.
- In 2024, the industry was responsible for as much as **$7.52 billion** in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of **$53,400** in wages and benefits.

RANKS 8TH IN THE NATION FOR THE NUMBER OF EGGS PRODUCED.

- Number of eggs produced: **4 billion**
- Value of Production: **$1 billion**
- The egg industry creates and supports **7,629 jobs** in the state.
- In 2024, the industry was responsible for as much as **$2.03 billion** in total economic activity throughout the state.
- Jobs in the industry pay an average of **$59,900** 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, Howard, Yell, Madison, Sevier, Hempstead, Logan and Carroll.**

[1] USDA Poultry - Production and Value 2025 Summary (April 2026)
[2] John Dunham & Associates, *20224 Economic Impact Study of the Poultry Industry*. Florida 2024
[3] USDA Farm Income and Wealth Statistics - Cash receipts by State, 2024

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.

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