

The Poultry Industry Creates Jobs in the United States

United States companies that produce and process poultry and eggs are an integral part of the nation's economy. Poultry producers, along with the companies that provide supplies and materials to the industry, provide well-paying jobs in the country and pay significant amounts in taxes to state and federal governments.

Economic Impact of the Poultry Industry in the United States

| | Direct | Supplier | Induced | Total |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Jobs (FTE) | 533,857 | 920,253 | 685,507 | 2,139,617 |
| Wages | \$23,222,885,800 | \$59,041,375,500 | \$38,838,315,500 | \$121,102,576,800 |
| Economic Impact | \$202,269,611,600 | \$251,109,616,700 | \$123,195,259,800 | \$576,574,488,100 |

The Poultry Industry is an Integral Part of the National Economy

- ❖ The poultry industry in the United States employs as many as 533,857 people across the country and generates an additional 1,605,760 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries. These include jobs in companies supplying goods and services to the industry.¹
- ❖ These are good jobs paying an average of \$56,600 in wages and benefits. And in today's economy, every job is important. In fact, in the United States the unemployment rate has reached 7.93 percent. This means that there are 12.7 million people trying to find jobs across the country.²

The Economic Benefits of the Industry Spread Throughout the Country

- ❖ Not only does the poultry industry create good jobs in the United States but the industry also contributes to the economy as a whole. The broader economic impact flows throughout the economy, generating business for firms seemingly unrelated to the poultry industry. Real people, with real jobs, working in industries as varied as banking, real estate, accounting, even printing all depend on the poultry industry for their livelihood.
- ❖ In fact, in 2020, the industry was responsible for as much as \$576.57 billion in total economic activity throughout the country, creating or supporting as many as 2,139,617 total jobs.
- ❖ Not only does the poultry industry create jobs, it also generates sizeable tax revenues. Nationally, the industry and its employees pay about \$25.00 billion in federal taxes, and \$16.91 billion in state and local taxes.

¹ John Dunham & Associates. *2020 Economic Impact Study of the Poultry Industry*. New York, November 2020.

² The Bureau of Labor Statistics. Available on-line at: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/unemployment.htm>. Data for Sept.-2020.