Family-owned farms, food processors and agriculture-related businesses generate thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity for Jefferson County, while contributing to local income and tax revenues.

**Agriculture’s annual impact:**

- **WHAT DO OUR FARMS PRODUCE?**
  - Poultry & Eggs: $110 million
  - Grain: $68.6 million
  - Milk: $62.5 million
  - Cattle & Calves: $28.5 million
  - Nursery & Greenhouse: $21.6 million

- **HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES AGRICULTURE EMPLOY?**
  - 7,057 jobs in the county

- **WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT?**
  - $2.0 billion in economic activity

- **HOW MUCH TAX DOES AGRICULTURE CONTRIBUTE?**
  - Farms pay $39.2 million in sales tax, property tax & income tax

- **WHO OWNS THE FARMS?**
  - 96% (1,054) are family farms

- **HOW MUCH IS SOLD LOCALLY?**
  - $553 thousand sold directly to consumers

- **WHO TAKES CARE OF THE LAND?**
  - 1,098 farms manage 221,355 acres (62% of county total)
THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COUNTY

Jefferson County continues to have a large percentage of land devoted to agriculture while feeling urban pressures. It is home to farms of all sizes ranging from large to smaller and specialty farms. There is a great diversity of agriculture crops grown, livestock raised and food items produced. Dairy, grain and egg farms lead in economic contributions. Aquaculture, nursery stock, pheasants, ethanol, horses and cattle produce substantial value.

Did you know?

JEFFERSON COUNTY IS

No. 1 in Wisconsin’s poultry & eggs industry

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