

# Kentucky's Poultry Industry



## RANKINGS

- #1 Agricultural Commodity in Kentucky, #1 Food Commodity
- #8 in the nation in terms of broiler production

## ECONOMICS

- \$900 million industry
- 15.5% of the product being produced is exported, meaning that \$108.5 million per year is coming into Kentucky from international trade.
- 800 poultry farms, with 2,800 poultry houses in 42 counties
- 7,000 industry employees
- Pays out \$133.8 million in salaries and wages and over \$91 million in grower payments.

## FARMS

- Over 50% of poultry farmers are or were tobacco farmers.
- The average poultry farm is owned and managed by a family farmer and consists of less than five poultry houses.
- Many farmers enter the business to diversify their revenue because of their concerns about tobacco's future.

## POULTRY-RELATED AGRIBUSINESS

- Kentucky's poultry industry uses 29% (\$74,709,384) or 35.8 million bushels of Kentucky's corn crop.
- 32% or 335,000 tons of it's soybean crop
- Kentucky's grain farmers realize a 10-15 cent per bushel premium from poultry giving them a \$10-\$15 million bonus for their grain.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The poultry industry has made a large investment in facilities. This investment includes: 5 broiler hatcheries, 2 primary breeder hatcheries, 6 feed mills, 4 processing plants, 3 layer complexes, protein conversion plant, and 850 poultry farms with 2,800 poultry houses. We also have production from 2 other plants outside of our state in Tennessee and Indiana.

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