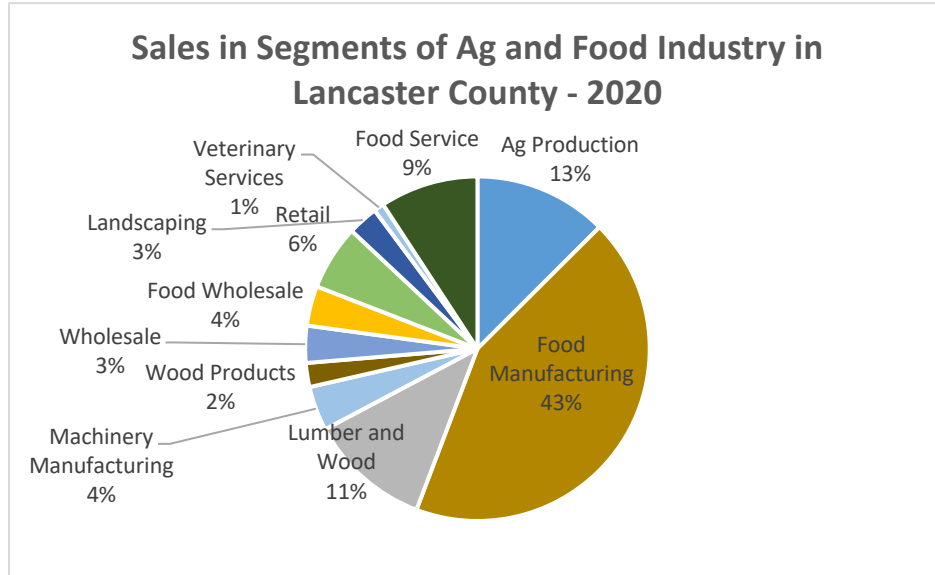


Lancaster County Ag and Food Snapshot

Lancaster County population grew 4.8% from 2011-2021 (523,957 to 549,234)¹



Ag Production ²	\$1,319,836,666
Food Manufacturing	\$4,552,926,077
Lumber and Wood	\$1,210,408,558
Machinery Manufacturing	\$439,069,669
Wood Products	\$237,276,854
Wholesale	\$366,343,121
Food Wholesale	\$393,208,994
Retail	\$641,941,173
Veterinary Services	\$100,376,447
Landscaping	\$200,844,703
Food Service	\$970,703,331

Number of farms: 5,108 (-10% since 2012)³

Land in farms (acres): 393,949 (-10% since 2012)

Average size of farm (acres): 77 (-1% since 2012)

3,697 farms (73%) are between 10 and 179 acres

66% of farmers use No-Till or Reduced Till; 47% use a cover crop

5% farm organically⁴

13% sell direct to consumers

¹ World Population Review, <http://worldpopulationreview.com>, accessed March 10, 2021.

² Economic Modeling Specialists, Regional Jobs, Earnings, and Sales, Lancaster County, 2020

³ USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2017 Census of Agriculture County Profile

⁴ PA has had the fastest growth in organic commodity sales in the US between 2012 and 2017, a tenfold increase.

⁵ USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2019-2020 Agriculture Statistics Annual Bulletin, Pennsylvania, 2020.

99% are family farms
Total producers: 8,840
39% hire farm labor

Total market value of products sold: \$1.5 billion (+2% since 2012)
19% of agriculture sales in Pennsylvania
85% livestock, poultry, and products related; 15% crops

Top crops in acres

- Corn for grain: 94,511
- Forage, all: 77,704
- Corn for silage: 52,008
- Soybeans for beans: 39,822
- Wheat for grain: 14,376

Crop Production (bushels)⁵

- Corn, grain: 14,074,000
- Corn, silage: 1,049,000
- Soybeans: 2,232,000

Livestock inventory

- Layers: 13,914,918
- Broilers: 11,268,322
- Pullets: 4,283,439
- Hogs and pigs: 313,783
- Cattle and calves: 251,144

Rank in PA (67 counties) and US (3,077 counties) for sales (\$1,000)

- Poultry and eggs: \$580,635 (1 in PA; 4 in US)
- Milk from cows: 414,274 (1 in PA; 10 in US)
- Tobacco: 27,892 (1 in PA; 12 in US)
- Other animal and animal products: 8.398 (1 in PA; 20 in US)
- Hogs and pigs: 144,414 (1 in PA; 27 in US)
- Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys: 4,534 (3 in PA; 33 in US)

Summary sales and ranking in PA and US

- Crop sales: \$231,302,000 (1 in state; 17 in US)
- Animal sales: \$1,275,905,00 (1 in state; 7 in US)

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There are 5,108 farms in Lancaster County; down 10% since 2012.

The average size of a farm in Lancaster County is 77 acres.

66% of farmers in Lancaster County use no-till (minimum tilling) practices.

99% of all farms in Lancaster County are family owned.

39% of farms hire farm labor

Total market value of all agricultural products in Lancaster County is \$1.5 billion.

85% of all agricultural products in Lancaster County are livestock, poultry and their products related; 15% crop related

Corn for grain, forage, corn for silage, soybeans, and wheat are the top crops grown in Lancaster County

Layers, broilers, and pullets just under 30 million at any time, followed by hogs and pigs (313,783) and cattle (251,144)

Lancaster County is the #4 county in the US (of 3,077 counties) in production of poultry and eggs

Lancaster County is the #10 county in the US (of 3,077 counties) in production of milk from cows

Lancaster County is the #7 county in the US (of 3,077 counties) in animal sales (\$1.3 billion)

Pennsylvania has had the fastest growth in organic commodity sales from 2012 to 2017 with a tenfold increase