

# The Importance of Agribusiness to the St. Louis Economy



#### **Economic Impact Summary**

Global Impact of St. Louis Area Agribusiness: \$75 billion

Would be Comparable to More Than 60% of Local Gross Domestic Product

Metro St. Louis Employment Related to Agribusiness: 265,000 Jobs

Comparable to 20% of Total Metropolitan Employment

### **2007 Census of Agriculture Statistics**

Farmland 3,075,775 acres

56% of Total Land Area

Farms 12,686

Farm Operators and Hands 26,536

Total Market Value of Farm Products

\$1.1 billion

Increased 48% Compared to 2002 Census of Agriculture

Grains and Oilseeds	\$695.6 million
Milk and Dairy Products	\$89.2 million
Hogs and Pigs	\$82.1 million
Cattle and Calves	\$62.9 million
Nursery and Greenhouse	\$47.4 million
Vegetables, Melons	\$10.4 million
Other Livestock	\$57.3 million
Other Crops	\$40.0 million

#### Farm Production Expenses \$842.1 million

Property Taxes Paid	\$26.7 million
Seeds & Plants	\$90.8 million
Livestock & Poultry	\$33.5 million
Feed	\$85.2 million
Fuel & Utilities	\$76.2 million
Labor	\$67.1 million
Chemicals	\$56.2 million
Fertilizer	\$132.0 million
All Other	\$274.4 million

## **Gateway to American Agriculture**

Within 500 miles of St. Louis: \$131.2 billion in Farm Production

44% of all U.S. Crop and Livestock Production by Value

81% of all U.S. Soybean Acres

77% of all U.S. Corn Acres

Agribusiness includes agricultural production, processing and distribution, including food, forest and fiber production, byproduct utilization, agricultural chemicals and pharmaceuticals, agricultural finance and trade, agribusiness/farm management, agro-environmental considerations, and land development; in short, all of the major elements essential to the establishment and operation of efficient agro-food enterprises. Data compiled from USDA Census of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Economic Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, company filings, industry estimates and published reports. j

St. Louis Metropolitan Area comprised of Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren and Washington counties in Missouri and Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois as well as the City of St. Louis.