



The Importance of Agribusiness to the St. Louis Economy*

Quick Facts Sheet

Economic Impact Summary:

\$23 Billion in total sales - 12% of total area economic output

This figure includes all actual sales for agricultural products, food manufacturing and various allied industries, including such large St. Louis-based companies as Anheuser-Busch, Monsanto and Nestle-Purina.

330,317 Jobs - 20% of the region's work force

Calculated using U.S. Department of Commerce RIMS II Multipliers.

2002 Census of Agriculture Statistics:

Land area devoted to farming/ranching	2,213,337 acres 55% of total acreage
Total number of agricultural operations	9,365
Total number of farm operators	13,713
Total market value of ag products	\$542,189,000
Grains and oilseeds	\$258,342,000
Hogs and pigs	\$ 75,288,346
Milk and dairy products	\$ 47,031,000
Nursery and greenhouse	\$ 44,360,000
Cattle and calves	\$ 44,866,000
Fruits and vegetables	\$ 10,980,000
Poultry and eggs	\$ 9,413,000

Total farm production expenses \$473,731,000

(fertilizer, chemicals, seed, feed, fuel, utilities, machinery, equipment, repairs, labor, cash rent, interest, property taxes and other miscellaneous expenses)

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- * *The St. Louis MO-IL metropolitan statistical area (MSA) includes Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, St. Charles and Warren counties in Missouri, and Clinton, Jersey, Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties in Illinois.*
- * *Agribusiness is defined as all aspects of food, forest and fiber production, agricultural chemicals, biotechnology, agricultural finance and trade, transportation, land management, environmental technology, food and beverage manufacturing, marketing and distribution.*

For more information, view the St. Louis Agribusiness Club website at www.stlouisagclub.org.

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“The Importance of Agribusiness to the St. Louis Economy” report is a project of the St. Louis Agri-Business Club. The report is intended to provide a concise picture of how significant the agricultural and related industry is to the economic well being of St. Louis and it’s surrounding counties and communities.

The St. Louis area has a very diverse agribusiness industry which includes food, forest and fiber production, agricultural chemicals, biotechnology, agricultural finance and trade, transportation, land management, environmental technology, food and beverage manufacturing, marketing and distribution. All these segments work together to make up one of the most significant sectors of the local economy.

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