



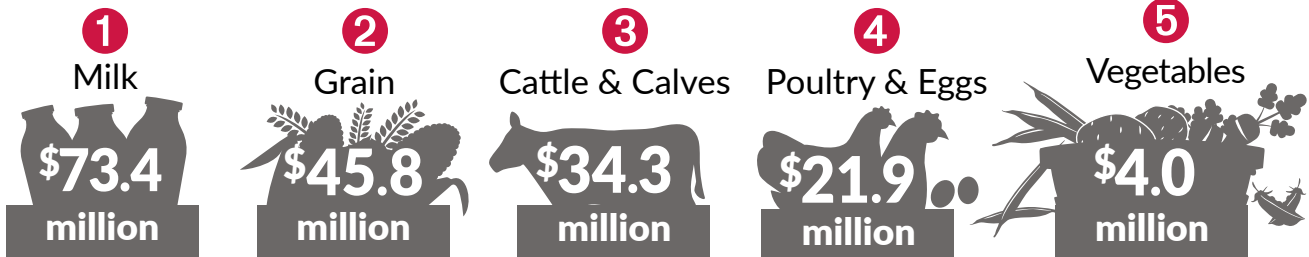
AGRICULTURE WORKS HARD FOR

► VERNON COUNTY

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

Agriculture's annual impact:

WHAT DO OUR FARMS PRODUCE?



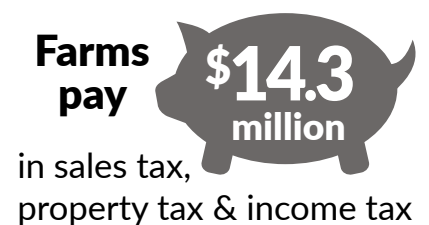
HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES AGRICULTURE EMPLOY?



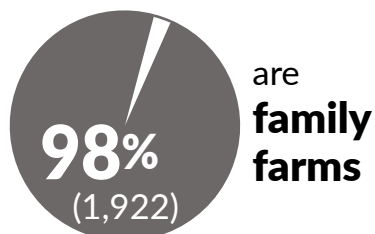
WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT?



HOW MUCH TAX DOES AGRICULTURE CONTRIBUTE?



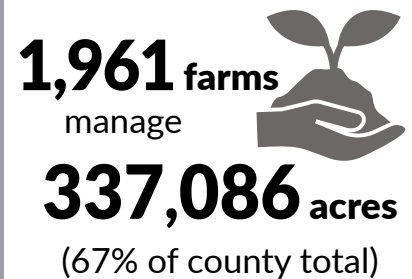
WHO OWNS THE FARMS?



HOW MUCH IS SOLD LOCALLY?



WHO TAKES CARE OF THE LAND?



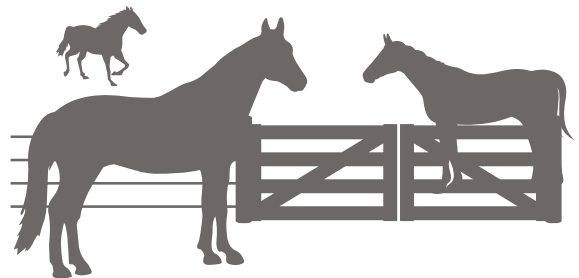
THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COUNTY

Located in the driftless area of southwest Wisconsin, Vernon County offers a vast array of farming enterprises from farming with horses to the use of GPS technology. Dairy farms make up the core of the county’s agriculture, ranging from hand milked-Amish herds to robotic milking. There are more producers raising and pasturing beef, sheep and goats. Alfalfa, corn and soybeans are the main crops along with specialty crops including vegetables. Conservation and the use of cover crops is becoming more visible on the ridges and valleys. The world-class trout streams make for great fishing and hunting in Vernon County.

Did you know?

VERNON COUNTY IS

No. 5 in Wisconsin’s
horses & ponies industry



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