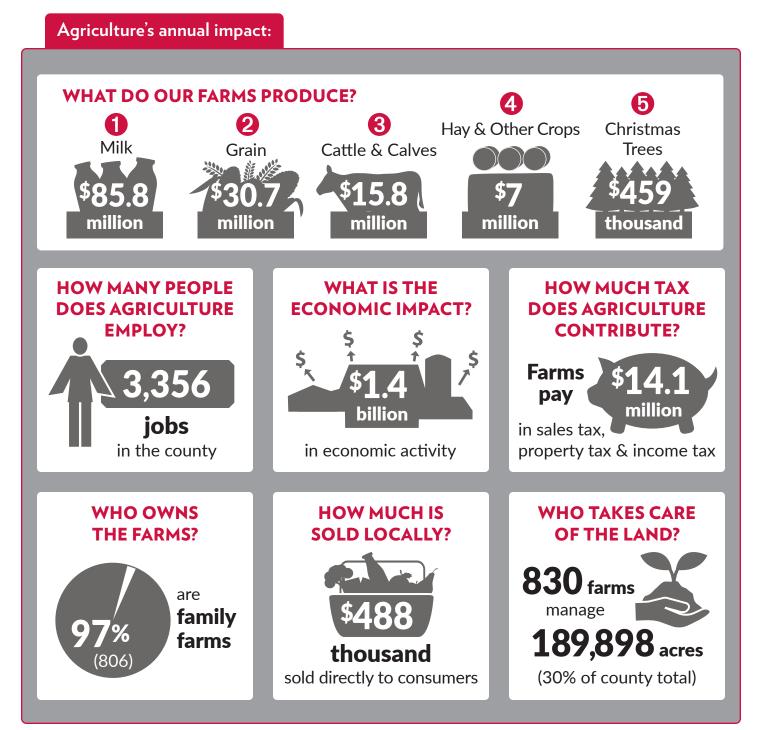




AGRICULTURE WORKS HARD FOR ► OCONTO COUNTY

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



THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COUNTY

Oconto County spans more than 70 miles from edge to edge, creating unique agricultural diversity. Vegetables, horticulture, maple syrup, fruits, Christmas trees, crops, forestry, livestock and dairy production contribute to the breadth of agricultural products. Oconto County is home to rich and productive farmland; the soil that once yielded millions of board feet of lumber is still the backbone of the local economy. Agriculture is the leading industry, with forestry and recreation also very important. The area's dairy farms are very progressive, ranking in the top 100 counties in the United States for milk production.

Did you know?

OCONTO COUNTY IS No. 11 in Wisconsin's Christmas Trees industry



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