



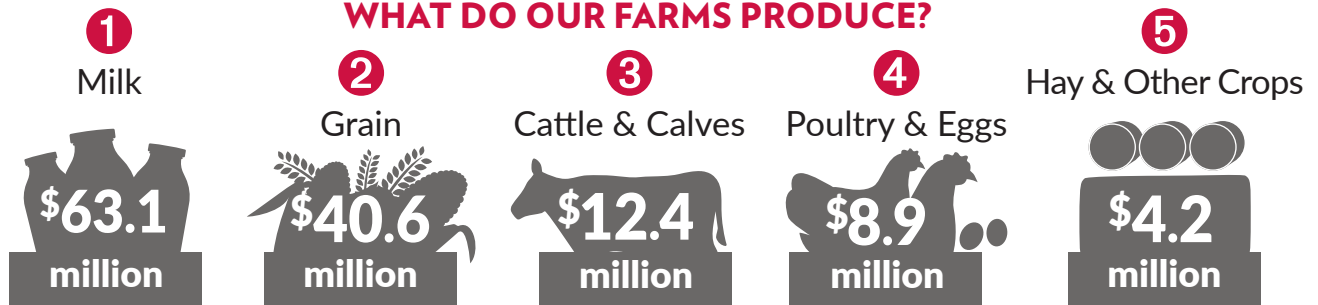
AGRICULTURE WORKS HARD FOR

► POLK COUNTY

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

Agriculture's annual impact:

WHAT DO OUR FARMS PRODUCE?



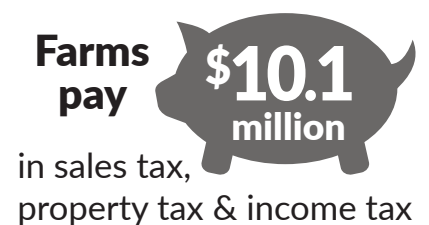
HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES AGRICULTURE EMPLOY?



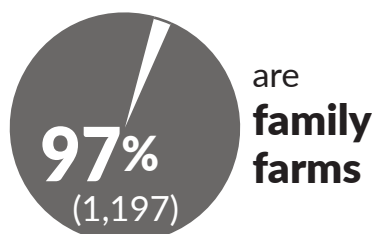
WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT?



HOW MUCH TAX DOES AGRICULTURE CONTRIBUTE?



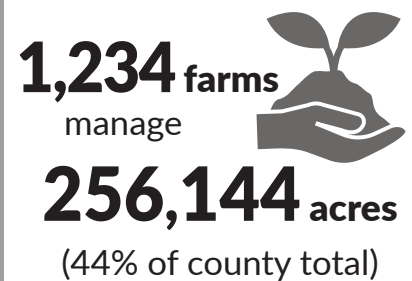
WHO OWNS THE FARMS?



HOW MUCH IS SOLD LOCALLY?



WHO TAKES CARE OF THE LAND?

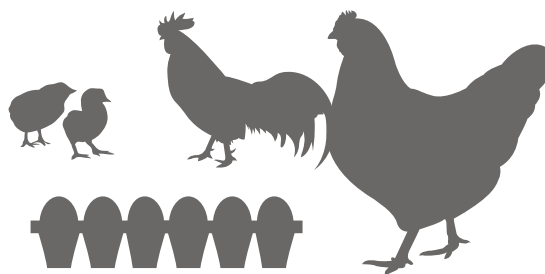


THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COUNTY

Polk County represents an elegant blend of productive farmland, lake country, and proximity to the Twin Cities. While dairy production remains vital to the ag economy, cash grain and poultry production are on the rise. Agriculture in Polk County is diverse with high ranks in vegetables and livestock production, particularly sheep. Fresh market vegetables are also on the rise in the county as local foods markets are increasing. Numerous CSAs, farmers markets and food cooperatives established in the county are supplying locally-produced foods direct from farm to consumer.

Did you know?

POLK COUNTY IS
No. 7 in Wisconsin's
poultry & eggs industry



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