

The Meat and Poultry Industry Creates Jobs in Texas

Companies that produce, process, distribute and sell meat and poultry products are an integral part of the state's economy.

Manufacturers of meat, poultry and related products like hides, feathers, and offal, along with the companies that sell and distribute these products, offer well paying jobs in Texas, and pay significant amounts in state and federal taxes.

Economic Impact of the Meat Industry in Texas

	Direct	Supplier	Induced	Total
Jobs (FTE)	144,647	316,126	156,556	617,329
Wages	\$5,852,626,600	\$11,280,901,400	\$8,492,432,900	\$25,625,960,900
Economic Impact	\$29,976,742,800	\$51,082,863,000	\$27,975,937,800	\$109,035,543,600

The Meat and Poultry Industry is an Integral Part of Texas' Economy

Companies in Texas that produce, process, distribute and sell meat and poultry products employ as many as 144,647 people in the state, and generate an additional 472,682 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries. These include jobs in companies supplying goods and services to manufacturers, distributors and retailers, as well as companies whose sales depend on workers in the meat industry.¹

Meat and poultry industry jobs are good jobs, paying an average of \$41,500 in annual wages and benefits. Today, more than ever, every job is important. In fact, the unemployment rate in Texas has reached 12.8 percent. This means that there are already 1,656,600 people currently seeking jobs in the state, most of whom are collecting unemployment benefits.²

The Economic Benefit of the Meat and Poultry Industry Spreads Throughout the State

Not only does the manufacture and sale of meat, poultry, and related products create good jobs in Texas, the industry also contributes to the larger state economy. In 2019, the meat and poultry industry generated an estimated \$109.04 billion in economic activity in the state.

The broader economic impact flows throughout the economy, generating business for firms seemingly unrelated to meat and poultry. Real people, with real jobs, working in industries as varied as banking, retail, accounting, metalworking, and even printing all depend on the meat and poultry industry for their livelihood.

The State Benefits from the Taxes Paid by the Industry

Not only does the meat and poultry industry create jobs, it also generates sizable tax revenues. In Texas, the industry and its employees pay over \$3.68 billion in state taxes including property, income, and sales based levies.³

Taxes Generated in Texas		
Tax Impact	Business Taxes	Sales Taxes
Federal Taxes	\$5,622,228,900	
State Taxes	\$3,683,444,900	\$2,065,712,300
Total Taxes	\$9,305,673,800	\$2,065,712,300

¹ Based on a model developed for the North American Meat Institute by John Dunham & Associates, a New York City based economic consulting firm.

² The Bureau of Labor Statistics. Available on-line at: www.bls.gov/lau/ststdsadata.txt. Data for Apr.-2020.

³ This is in addition to over \$5.62 billion in Federal business taxes.