

GROW OUR SECTOR

Through Increased Livestock Production

Beef's Impact on Illinois

Beef accounts for \$870 million of the total economic impact of animal agriculture in Illinois. The beef industry alone makes up 32% of the livestock sector labor force, while supporting 8,264 jobs.

In 2012 Illinois fed:

- 430,000 beef cows
- 185,000 beef calves



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Top 10 Beef Counties (Ranked by Output)

1. DeKalb
2. Carroll
3. Jo Daviess
4. Henry
5. Whiteside
6. Ogle
7. Stephenson
8. Adams
9. Knox
10. Fulton

Top 10 Beef Counties (Ranked by County Personal Income)

1. Carroll
2. Jo Daviess
3. Henderson
4. Hancock
5. Brown
6. Schuyler
7. Scott
8. Washington
9. Jasper
10. Pope

According to the Ag Census, 14,766 Illinois farms have beef cattle. An abundance of high-quality corn-based co-products from the state's growing ethanol industry makes Illinois a great place to feed cattle.

In the next two weeks, 262 million people will eat beef in their homes. More than one million businesses, farms and ranches conducting business in all 50 states make up the U.S. beef sector.



Source: USDA NASS, ILDG Goldsmith Study, 2012