

FOOD PRODUCTION & AGRIBUSINESS

LAKESHORE ADVANTAGE

The food production and agribusiness cluster is built on the region's strong manufacturing base and agricultural heritage. The industry spans farming, food manufacturing, packaging, and distribution, connecting local agriculture to national markets. Companies produce a wide range of value-added products, including dairy, frozen foods, beverages, and specialty foods, while supporting robust agribusiness supply chains, logistics operations, and sustainability-focused innovation.

4,548
JOBS

$1B
GRP

16%
PROJECTED GROWTH

$92,729
AVERAGE EARNINGS PER JOB

Major Employers in Food Production Agribusiness

by facility total employee count

JBS Prepared Foods
New Holland Brewing Co
Leprino Foods
Tyson Foods
INONTIME
fairlife
Request Foods
Boar's Head
Mead Johnson Nutrition

- The Lakeshore region is a hot spot for food production talent. The region has more than four times as many food production jobs as other regions our size.[1]
- Dairy is Michigan's top agricultural export. The state ranks 6th in the nation for milk production.[2]
- Michigan ranks 10th in the nation for egg production. In 2024, Michigan produced more than 3.75 billion eggs.[2]
- Michigan is the third largest floriculture producer in the US and has over 700 greenhouse operations. Ottawa County has the second highest greenhouse area in the state with 11.7 million square feet.[3]
- The Lakeshore region is home to 2,000+ farms with a diverse range of crops.[4]





1. Lightcast
2. *Top 10 Michigan Agricultural Products.* Farm Flavor
3. *Michigan's nursery and greenhouse industry.* Michigan State University Extension
4. USDA 2022 Census of Agriculture