

**THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY  
IN ERIE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA**

★ **FARM PRODUCTION IN ERIE COUNTY**

Commercial Farms . . . . .	1,048
Capital investment on all farms (value of land, buildings, machinery, and livestock). . . . .	\$178,391,000
Average capital investment per farm. . . . .	\$ 142,000
Annual cash receipts from sale of all farm products . . . . .	\$ 44,000,000
Milk . . . . .	\$ 15 million
Fruit . . . . .	12 million
Potatoes and Vegetables . . . . .	5 million
Livestock Products . . . . .	3 million
Forest and Ornamental Crops . . . . .	4 million
Field Crops . . . . .	4 million
Poultry Products . . . . .	<u>1 million</u>
	\$ 44 million

(ranks 7th among counties  
in Pennsylvania)

★ **FARM BUSINESS PURCHASES IN ERIE COUNTY**

Annual purchase of goods and services by commercial farms. . . . .	\$ 27 million
	(does not include all farm business costs)

Some of those goods and services are:

Labor and machine hire . . . . .	\$ 5 million
Feed . . . . .	4 1/2 million
Fertilizer . . . . .	2 million
Petroleum products . . . . .	1 1/2 million
Seeds and plants . . . . .	1 million
Lime and chemicals . . . . .	1 million

★ **FOOD PROCESSING IN ERIE COUNTY**

Number of processors . . . . .	41
Number of employees . . . . .	2,074
Wages and salaries . . . . .	\$ 15 million
Value of products . . . . .	\$ 156 million

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