



SOYBEANS AND ANIMAL AGRICULTURE



To keep the use of soybean meal strong among animal agriculture, the Ohio Soybean Council and the soybean checkoff are researching new ways for soybeans to meet the needs of animal production. Additionally, higher quality traits, increased amino acids, improved protein digestibility and nutritional value continue to be researched thanks to soybean checkoff funding.

Facts on Ohio's Animal Agriculture

- Animal agriculture provides Ohio with more than 47,000 jobs.
- Each year, livestock and poultry farms generate more than \$229 million in tax revenue that stays in Ohio communities and schools.
- Ohio ranks 10th in the nation in pork production with 3 million hogs raised annually.
- Ohio ranks second in the nation in egg production with 30 million egg-laying chickens and 10 million pullets (chickens less than a year old).
- Ohio ranks 12th in the nation in beef operations with 185,000 cattle.
- Ohio ranks 10th in the nation in turkey production with approximately 4.7 million birds.
- Ohio ranks 18th in the nation in broiler (meat chickens) production with over 40 million broilers.

Annual Soybean Meal Consumption

- Chickens eat the equivalent of 8,750,000 bushels of Ohio soybeans.
- Pigs eat the equivalent of 7,952,400 bushels of Ohio soybeans.
- Cattle eat the equivalent of 3,629,700 bushels of Ohio soybeans.

Nearly 98 percent of U.S. soybean meal is consumed by livestock and poultry making this industry the most important market for soybean farmers. Because of this direct connection to the production of soybean meal, animal agriculture plays a vital role in the value of soybeans.