Overview
The animal health industry contributes to the U.S. economy by developing and manufacturing pharmaceuticals, vaccines, and flea and tick medicines for sale in domestic and foreign markets. These products treat and prevent diseases of almost 400 million companion animals and over 9 billion food producing animals.

U.S. Production
In 2016, animal health companies produced $11.4 billion of medicines in the U.S., of which nearly $9.0 billion was sold domestically and $2.4 billion was exported.

Indirect Economic Impact
Additional industries directly rely on healthy companion and food-producing animals, which expands the impact of the animal health industry.

Total Economic Impact
In total, the economic impact of the animal health industry plus the industries that depend on animal health generated about $560 billion in output and created nearly 1.4 million jobs that paid $53.2 billion in wages in 2016.

Source: “The Economic and Social Contributions of the Animal Health Industry,” January 2018, npd analytics