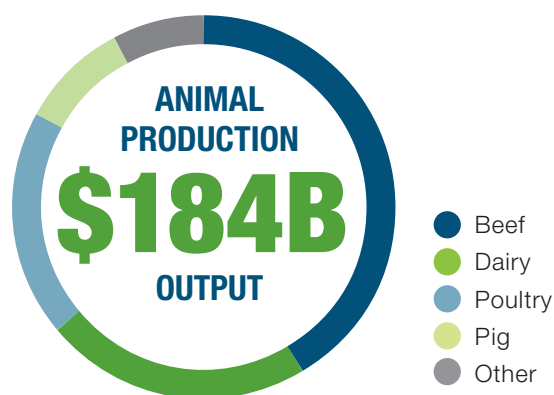


## Overview

Farmers and ranchers use medicines to ensure the health of the food-producing animals, protect public health, and protect the food supply. They collaborate with the animal health industry, veterinarians, the USDA, and the FDA to oversee the use of medicines to maximize food safety and minimize the impact of a disease outbreak.

## Animal Production Output

2016, farmers and ranchers generated over \$184 billion in output, raising cattle, pigs, chickens and other animals. Beef cattle ranching and farming accounts for 41.5% of total animal production output, followed by poultry and egg production (22.6%), dairy cattle and milk production (19.0%), and hog and pig farming (9.2%), while other animal production comprises the rest (7.7%).



## Meat and Dairy Production

Healthy livestock are used to produce meat and dairy products that are purchased by consumers in the U.S. and abroad, which contributes to the U.S. economy and supplies consumers with healthy, safe, and affordable food. These industries generate \$317.5 billion in output, directly support 634,048 jobs, and generate \$27.0 billion in wages.

	OUTPUT (\$ billions)	JOBS	WAGES (\$ billions)
Meat Production	\$208.3	493,956	\$18.9
Dairy Production	\$109.2	140,092	\$8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$317.5</b>	<b>634,048</b>	<b>\$27.0</b>

## Meat and Dairy Trade Balance

Foreign markets rely on U.S. meat and dairy exports, and unlike many manufacturing industries, both the meat production and dairy production industries realize a combined \$11.9 billion trade surplus.

	EXPORTS (\$ millions)	IMPORTS	BALANCE (\$ millions)
Meat Production	\$19,547.8	\$9,625.0	\$9,922.8
Dairy Production	\$4,899.9	\$2,913.5	\$1,986.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,447.7</b>	<b>\$12,538.5</b>	<b>\$11,909.2</b>