



BEEFING UP PA'S ECONOMY

A recently-released study of Pennsylvania's beef industry reveals its contribution to the economy.



THE STUDY

Economic Contributions and Multiplier Effects of the Beef Industry In Pennsylvania was commissioned by beef industry stakeholders.



THE RESEARCH

Dr. Todd Schmit, Associate Professor of Agribusiness and Rural Development at Cornell University, collected and analyzed data from federal and state sources.

BEEF'S OVERALL CONTRIBUTION

Weather and global market conditions play a strong role in year-to-year industrial activity, but even in a year like 2017 where returns to operators at the farm level were negative, the beef industry as a whole supported nearly

\$8.8 billion in industrial activity

37,000 jobs

contributed over **\$2.6 billion** to the Commonwealth's GDP



The beef industry in PA is more than cows and calves in pastures and steaks at the grocery store. The beef supply chain supports production efficiency at all stages, not only appealing to consumer price points, but strengthening PA's economy as a whole.



Cow-calf operations, feedlots, dairy beef, slaughter and meat processing all add value to the state economy in their own right. In addition, each segment does business with numerous (non-beef) industries, furthering the beef industry's economic reach.



In terms of output, the largest industries supported by the PA beef industry include transportation and storage, wholesale trade, technical services, and manufacturing.