

ARMOUR'S FOOD SOURCE MAP  
 THE GREATNESS OF THE UNITED STATES IS FOUNDED ON AGRICULTURE

# Why I Love the Census of Agriculture

The stock represent about one-third of the value of all farm products. They play an essential part in maintaining the fertility of the soil. As they consume crops which livestock could not consume, and by turning their manure into manure they waste them, therefore, successful agriculture is largely dependent on the stock and the growth of the stock is in turn dependent on successful marketing of the farm products. Success results all industries depend on agriculture, the prosperity of the entire nation is inseparably linked with the marketing of more and other national products through the packing industry.

J. Edgar Hoover

Packing Industry Links Farms With Cities And Enables Farmers to Get Highest Value for Agricultural Products.

Because of the many kinds of farm products raised in the United States, and because of the large amount of these products, the United States is the greatest self-sustaining nation in the world. Within its borders it can raise, and manufacture from its natural products, everything that is needed to keep our industry busy, to give employment to millions of people, to feed all its own people, and still have much food left over to help feed other nations.

Agriculture is the most valuable of all industries. Of the agricultural products for which the United States is famous, live stock are the most important and the most valuable. According to the census of 1920, the value of the live stock is greater than the value of any other farm product, and is equivalent of the total farm production value in the United States. One of the principal by-products of the stock is fertilizer, derived from the bones of manure, which when put back upon the soil enriches it, makes it productive, and keeps it from becoming worn out. In fact, agriculture is largely dependent upon the live stock industry because the animals are necessary to keep the soil fertile so that all crops can be grown year after year.

If the stock were not raised on a large scale there would be a very limited use made of corn, hay and other crops that are used as feedstuffs. These crops are large and valuable, especially because they can be marketed through the stock. Ninety percent of the corn crop is marketed in that way, ninety percent of the oat crop and practically all of the hay crop.

For the greater number of hogs are raised in the North Central States. Iowa raises five of all the states in the production of hogs, Illinois second, and Missouri third.

The great cattle states are Texas, Iowa and Oklahoma, which rank as far as members of the cattle product are concerned, in the order they have been named.

The great sheep states are Montana, Wyoming, Texas, California and Idaho. Eggs and poultry are produced in all sections of the country and are important.

It is in the preparation of that meat and in the distribution of it that the meat packing industry performs its service. It becomes a connecting link between the man who produces the stock, and other forms of agriculture, and the millions of men and women and children who must be fed in the thickly populated manufacturing centers that cannot raise enough food for their own needs.

The New England states are not able to produce enough food to take care of their population, but because of their proximity to the sea, they are especially well suited to great manufacturing centers. On the other hand, the states to the West and South are better suited to agriculture, and produce a great deal more than the people living there require. Both sections are able to contribute through an exchange of their chief products. Thus the manufacturing centers ship manufactured goods to the agricultural section in exchange for food products and raw materials, and the sheep raising states ship wool to the manufacturing centers in exchange for the chief factors in making their clothing.

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There is a thousand miles or more from many of these big plants to the big cities in the East where most of the people live. As usual in big cities, the packing companies have refrigerating cars for transporting the meat to the East, and in nearly every city and town of consequence, they have refrigerated trucks by which the meat is kept until the retail dealer buys it. Dealers in towns which do not have branch houses can get their meat supplies direct from the refrigerator cars. Refrigeration makes it possible for consumers in all parts of the country to have an even supply of white meats, fresh meat throughout the year.

The service of the packing houses being a great part of the farmer's proceeds to the share of the person who wants to buy them. It has made the food available to any person in any part of the United States, thereby enabling many of those persons to spend Christmas in making such a holiday, or in doing other work that is of value to the progress and the welfare of the nation.

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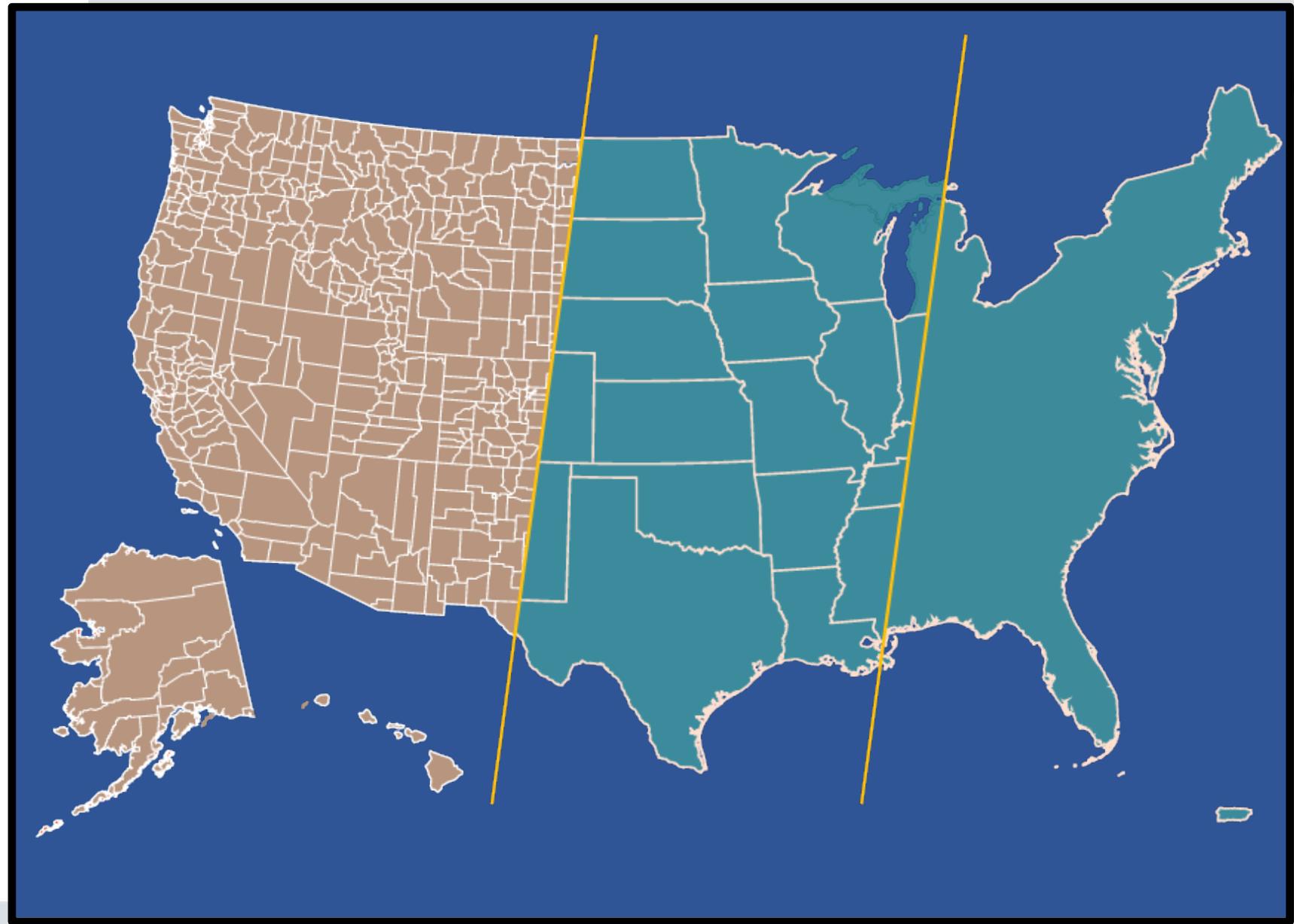
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KEY TO NUMBERS

- 1 Cattle
- 2 Swine
- 3 Sheep
- 4 Corn
- 5 Wheat, oats, rye, barley
- 6 Oranges, lemons
- 7 Apples, peaches, cherries
- 8 Potatoes
- 9 Rice
- 10 Tobacco
- 11 Sweet potatoes
- 12 Canned goods
- 13 Lard
- 14 Eggs
- 15 Poultry
- 16 Dairy
- 17 Grapes
- 18 Sugar
- 19 Beans
- 20 Honey
- 21 Irish Potatoes
- 22 Grape Fruit and Citrus
- 23 Other



2,800

COUNTY FARM BUREAUS

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50

STATE FARM BUREAUS +  
PUERTO RICO

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NEARLY

6 Million

MEMBER FAMILIES

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- Incredible detail on farming and farmers.
- National, state and county level data.
- Value to:
  - Farmers
  - Businesses they supply and the businesses that supply them
  - Those who study farming
  - Policy makers
  - Everyone who depends on farm production for our food, fiber and fuel.
- Confidentiality!
- Foundation for all other NASS surveys.





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