

MERCER COUNTY

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF AG TO THE COUNTY



Total Population of County: **15,699**

Total Farmers: **1,264**

AG LAND BY USE *(acres)*

Cropland: **218,545**

Pastureland: **10,588**

Woodland: **17,238**

Other: **9,464**

Federal Conservation

Program enrollment: **13,851**

FARMING OPERATIONS

Family & Sole Proprietors: **594**

Partnerships: **48**

Family-Held Corporations: **20**

Other Corporations: **5**

Other: **23**

TOTAL: 690

AG JOBS AND ECONOMICS

Total Commodity Sales: **\$356.90M**

Taxes Paid*: **\$6.8M**

Total Jobs from Ag: **1,458**

Total Labor Income from Ag: **\$149.90M**

Total Value Added from Ag Industries: **\$279.70M**

TOP AG PRODUCTS *(rank among IL counties):*

1st in hogs and pigs

5th in overall livestock, poultry and products sales

(D): withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

*: Total taxes paid includes property, real estate, and non-real estate taxes (excluding landlord paid).

Sources:

- US Census Bureau 2024 Quick Stats
- USDA 2022 Census of Agriculture

- 2024 Illinois Agriculture Economic Contribution Study