

Food is an essential commodity, and getting it to our tables involves a sophisticated supply chain with many vulnerable components. Severe weather and natural disasters have long posed risks to the food supply.

More recently, the COVID-19

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pandemic and cyberattacks
have increased this
essential sector's
vulnerability.

**FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRY, 2020** 

SHARE OF TOTAL TEXAS
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP):

4.9%

TOTAL TEXAS GDP:

\$85.6 BILLION

Source: JobsEQ

# **Food Supply Chain Industries**

In general, the food supply chain includes the following industries and steps:

## **Agriculture:**

Growing crops and raising animals for food.

## Manufacturing:

Processing and packaging food products.

# **Transportation and warehousing:** Shipping and storing food products.

Wholesale trade (distributors):

Selling food products to grocery stores and restaurants.

## Retail trade (grocery stores):

Selling food products to customers.

#### **Restaurants:**

Preparing and serving food products to diners.

#### **TEXAS FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, 2020**

FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	TEXAS EMPLOYMENT	AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES	TOTAL WAGES
AGRICULTURE	34,994	\$40,899	\$1.4 BILLION
MANUFACTURING	116,788	\$51,586	\$6.0 BILLION
WAREHOUSING	1,400	\$46,768	\$65.5 MILLION
WHOLESALE TRADE	89,894	\$62,652	\$5.6 BILLION
RETAIL TRADE	256,136	\$30,046	\$7.7 BILLION
FOOD SERVICES	966,782	\$20,312	\$19.6 BILLION
TOTAL	1,465,994	\$27,617	\$40.5 BILLION

The food-related sectors of these industries employ 1.5 million Texans and provide \$40.5 billion in annual wages.

Source: JobsEQ

## **TEXAS FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN CONTRIBUTION TO GDP, 2020**



TOTAL

\$85.6 BILLION

Source: JobsEQ

## **Texas Agriculture**

Agricultural business plays a major role in the Texas economy, and its food and fiber system comprises all economic activities linked to the production of agriculture including manufacturing, retail sales,

transportation and wholesale distribution.

TEXAS RANKS FOURTH NATIONALLY IN AGRICULTURAL CASH RECEIPTS, WHICH TOTALED \$20 BILLION IN 2020.

Texas' top five agricultural commodities in 2020 were:

- 1. CATTLE AND CALVES (\$8.5 BILLION, RANKED NO. 2 AMONG ALL STATES)
- 2. DAIRY PRODUCTS. MILK (\$2.8 BILLION, NO. 4)
- 3. BROILERS (\$1.7 BILLION, NO. 5)
- 4. COTTON LINT, UPLAND (\$1.6 BILLION, NO. 1)
- **5. CORN** (\$948.7 MILLION, NO. 12)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

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