



Morton County, Kansas

2023 ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION REPORT
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Overview

The Kansas Department of Agriculture’s Economist creates annual economic contribution reports to estimate the impact of agriculture on the Kansas economy. The purpose of these reports is to provide information to stakeholders, policymakers, and the general public. In this report, the model analyzes the effects of agriculture on the Morton County, Kansas, economy. For the estimated current year (2023), 20 agriculture and agriculture-related sectors directly contribute \$116 million in output and 571 jobs to the Morton County economy. Including indirect and induced effects, agriculture and agriculture-related sectors have a total impact of \$148 million in output, 700 jobs and 34% of the total Gross Regional Product (GRP).

Estimated Economic Contribution of Agriculture.

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Results

In this model, the 20 agriculture and agriculture-related sectors have a total direct output of \$116 million and account for 571 jobs in Morton County, as shown in the following table:

Table 1: Agriculture and Agriculture-Related Sectors’ Contribution to Morton County Economy

Contribution Type	Employment	% Employment	Total Value Added	% of Gross Regional Product	Output
Direct Effect	572	33%	\$25,197,000	22%	\$116,742,000
Indirect Effect	57	3%	\$7,618,000	7%	\$18,103,000
Induced Effect	72	4%	\$6,892,000	6%	\$13,772,000
Total Effect	701	41%	\$39,708,000	34%	\$148,619,000

Note: Individual effects may not equal the total effect due to rounding.

The agriculture and agriculture-related sectors provide a total estimated impact of \$148 million in output. These sectors also support a total of 700 jobs, or 41% of the county’s entire workforce. Another metric used to calculate the importance of sectors in the economy is their value added as a percentage of the Gross Regional Product. Total value added by the 20 agriculture and agriculture-related sectors is \$39 million, or 34% of the Gross Regional Product.

Top Ten Sectors by Output

The table below shows Morton County’s top ten sectors by output, including direct, indirect and induced effects. The *grain farming* sector is the top contributor in output to the Morton County economy, with \$77 million in total output.

Table 2: Top Ten Sectors by Output, Morton County

Sector	Total Output
Grain farming	\$77,225,000
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	\$14,886,000
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	\$5,812,000
Wholesale - Other nondurable goods merchant wholesalers	\$2,917,000
Owner-occupied dwellings	\$2,438,000
Petroleum refineries	\$1,851,000
Insurance carriers, except direct life	\$1,450,000
Truck transportation	\$1,218,000
Wholesale - Machinery, equipment, and supplies	\$1,196,000
Oil and gas extraction	\$1,196,000

Top Ten Sectors by Employment

Of the agriculture and agriculture-related sectors, *grain farming* supports the most jobs in the county with 309 jobs. Table 3 illustrates the top ten sectors by total employment, including direct, indirect, and induced effects in Morton County.

Table 3: Top Ten Sectors by Employment, Morton County

Sector	Total Employment
Grain farming	309.28
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	120.94
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	102.32
Cotton farming	19.77
Wholesale - Other nondurable goods merchant wholesalers	18.80
All other crop farming	9.67
Other financial investment activities	7.37
Limited-service restaurants	6.38
Full-service restaurants	5.89
Retail - Nonstore retailers	5.19

All Direct Agriculture Sectors

Table 4 is a summary of agriculture sectors represented with output and employment levels. These values estimate the value of output and the jobs these agriculture sectors support in the Morton County economy. Generally, this analysis includes three categories: production, manufacturing or processing, and services. Note, the model does not include ethanol production nor wholesale and retail sales of final products.

Table 4: All Direct Agriculture Sectors, Morton County

Sector	Total Output	Total Employment
Grain farming	\$77,225,000	309.28
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	\$20,248,000	102.32
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	\$14,886,000	120.94
Cotton farming	\$1,172,000	19.77
Animal, except poultry, slaughtering	\$754,000	1.38
Farm machinery and equipment manufacturing	\$529,000	1.20
All other crop farming	\$393,000	9.67
Bottled and canned soft drinks & water	\$229,000	0.46
Oilseed farming	\$228,000	0.16
Other animal food manufacturing	\$227,000	0.21
Bread and bakery product, except frozen, manufacturing	\$197,000	1.31
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	\$166,000	1.63
Frozen cakes and other pastries manufacturing	\$121,000	1.31
Vegetable and melon farming	\$117,000	1.10
Other snack food manufacturing	\$105,000	0.18
Roasted nuts and peanut butter manufacturing	\$74,000	0.17
Poultry and egg production	\$17,000	0.03
Commercial logging	\$16,000	0.17
Other leather and allied product manufacturing	\$16,000	0.23
Forestry, forest products, and timber tract production	\$11,000	0.17

Methodology

Using the economic software IMPLAN, the equilibrium displacement model calculates the estimated output and employment of all 546 different economic sectors if the current economy experiences no shocks within the agriculture and agriculture-related industries. IMPLAN sectors are based on North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes. The results of this model are broken down into direct, indirect and induced effects, and the IMPLAN framework avoids double counting. All agriculture and agriculture-related sectors represented in this model use the most recent IMPLAN data available (2021), adjusted for 2023 dollars. For this model, key statistics are defined as follows: total employment refers to the annual average of the sum of full and part time jobs held attributed to the 72 agricultural sectors, total gross regional product is the sum of the value added of all industries across the state, and total output is the total annual value of production for an industry or area.

Notes and Glossary

These results are based on estimated production and employment numbers, along with estimated potential sector-, industry- and economy-wide effects. Therefore, these results will differ from actual events.

Due to confidentiality policies that exist within several agencies from which IMPLAN collects their data, some sectors in some regions may not have all data available.

The model provides results in relation to the agriculture and agriculture-related sectors. These results are not equal to the total effects of all 546 sectors but rather the total effects relative to agriculture.

The following terms are used throughout this report:

- *Direct effect*: the contribution from agricultural and food products
- *Indirect effect*: the contribution from farms and agricultural businesses purchasing inputs and services from supporting industries within the county
- *Induced effect*: the contribution from employees of farms, agricultural businesses, and supporting industries spending their wages on goods and services within the county
- *Value added* = labor income + indirect business taxes + other property type income
- *Gross Regional Product* = final demand of households + government expenditures + capital + exports – imports – institutional sales
- *Output* = intermediate inputs + value added
- *Employment*: full-time/part-time annual average, i.e., 1 job lasting 12 months = 2 jobs lasting 6 months each = 3 jobs lasting 4 months each (a job is neither full-time nor part-time)

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