



# Brown County, Kansas

2024 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 Brown County, Kansas, economy. For the estimated current year (2024), 27 agriculture and agriculture-related sectors directly contribute \$732 million in output and 1,469 jobs to the Brown County, Kansas, economy. Including indirect and induced effects, agriculture and agriculture-related sectors have a total impact of \$858 million in output, 2,075 jobs and 38% of the total Gross Regional Product (GRP).

## Estimated Economic Contribution of Agriculture.

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### Results

In this model, the 27 agriculture and agriculture-related sectors have a total direct output of \$732 million and account for 1,469 jobs in Brown County, as shown in the following table:

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

Contribution Type	Employment	% Employment	Total Value Added	% of Gross Regional Product	Output
Direct Effect	1,469	22%	\$200,071,000	30%	\$732,109,000
Indirect Effect	330	5%	\$34,504,000	5%	\$81,066,000
Induced Effect	274	4%	\$23,338,000	3%	\$44,715,000
<b>Total Effect</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>\$257,915,000</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>\$857,892,000</b>

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

The agriculture and agriculture-related sectors provide a total estimated impact of \$858 million in output. These sectors also support a total of 2,075 jobs, or 31% 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 27 agriculture and agriculture-related sectors is \$258 million, or 38% of the Gross Regional Product.

### Top Ten Sectors by Output

The table below shows Brown County’s top ten sectors by output, including direct, indirect and induced effects. The *dog and cat food manufacturing* sector is the top contributor in output to the Brown County economy, with \$281 million in total output.

Table 2: Top Ten Sectors by Output, Brown County

Sector	Total Output
Dog and cat food manufacturing	\$281,218,000
Food product machinery manufacturing	\$90,056,000
Grain farming	\$89,564,000
Meat processed from carcasses	\$83,854,000
Oilseed farming	\$62,979,000
Farm machinery and equipment manufacturing	\$37,503,000
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	\$33,855,000
Other local government enterprises	\$19,760,000
Other animal food manufacturing	\$17,072,000
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	\$16,710,000

### Top Ten Sectors by Employment

Of the agriculture and agriculture-related sectors, *dog and cat food manufacturing* supports the most jobs in the county with 290 jobs. Table 3 illustrates the top ten sectors by total employment, including direct, indirect, and induced effects in Brown County.

Table 3: Top Ten Sectors by Employment, Brown County

Sector	Total Employment
Dog and cat food manufacturing	290.65
Food product machinery manufacturing	250.86
Grain farming	222.60
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	151.92
Meat processed from carcasses	150.17
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	88.80
Landscape and horticultural services	71.95
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	71.91
Farm machinery and equipment manufacturing	57.90
Other local government enterprises	50.59

### 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 Brown 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, Brown County

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Food product machinery manufacturing	\$90,056,000	250.86
Grain farming	\$89,564,000	222.60
Meat processed from carcasses	\$83,854,000	150.17
Oilseed farming	\$62,979,000	37.50
Farm machinery and equipment manufacturing	\$37,503,000	57.90
Beef cattle ranching and farming, including feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming	\$33,855,000	151.92
Other animal food manufacturing	\$17,072,000	12.64
Animal production, except cattle and poultry and eggs	\$16,710,000	88.80
Landscape and horticultural services	\$7,379,000	71.95
Support activities for agriculture and forestry	\$3,853,000	71.91
All other crop farming	\$1,606,000	27.55
Poultry and egg production	\$1,577,000	1.71
Veterinary services	\$1,387,000	17.48
Dairy cattle and milk production	\$593,000	2.00
Bread and bakery product, except frozen, manufacturing	\$490,000	3.06
Other snack food manufacturing	\$448,000	0.70
Greenhouse, nursery, and floriculture production	\$416,000	2.35
Vegetable and melon farming	\$353,000	1.55
Distilleries	\$340,000	0.55
Roasted nuts and peanut butter manufacturing	\$338,000	0.68
Frozen cakes and other pastries manufacturing	\$318,000	3.06
Commercial logging	\$96,000	1.19
Forestry, forest products, and timber tract production	\$55,000	0.65
Fruit farming	\$20,000	0.11
Commercial hunting and trapping	\$15,000	0.41
Tree nut farming	\$2,000	0.01

## 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 (2022), adjusted for 2024 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 27 agricultural sectors, total gross regional product is the sum of the value added of all industries across the region, 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 region.
- *Induced effect*: the contribution from employees of farms, agricultural businesses, and supporting industries spending their wages on goods and services within the region.
- *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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