

## The Chicken Industry Creates Jobs in Virginia

Companies that produce and process chicken are an integral part of Virginia's economy. Producers and processors of chicken, along with the companies that provide supplies and materials to the industry, provide well-paying jobs in the state and pay significant amounts in taxes to state and federal governments.

### Economic Impact of the Chicken Industry in Virginia

	Direct	Supplier	Induced	Total
Jobs (FTE)	11,985	14,368	11,665	38,018
Wages	\$523,744,600	\$951,148,300	\$702,753,200	\$2,177,646,100
Economic Impact	\$4,098,973,900	\$3,465,108,700	\$2,096,855,500	\$9,660,938,100

### The Chicken Industry is an Integral Part of the Economy in Virginia

- ❖ Companies that produce and process chicken in Virginia employ as many as 11,985 people across the state and generate an additional 26,033 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries. These include jobs in companies supplying goods and services to the industry.<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ These are good jobs paying an average of \$57,300 in wages and benefits. And in today's economy, every job is important. In fact, in Virginia the unemployment rate has reached 2.6 percent. This means that there are 114,100 people trying to find jobs across the state.<sup>2</sup>

### The Economic Benefits of the Industry Spread Throughout the State

- ❖ Not only does the chicken industry create good jobs in Virginia but the industry also contributes to the economy as a whole. The broader economic impact flows throughout the economy, generating business for firms seemingly unrelated to the chicken industry. Real people, with real jobs, working in industries as varied as banking, real estate, accounting, even printing all depend on the chicken industry for their livelihood.
- ❖ In fact, in 2022, the industry was responsible for as much as \$9.66 billion in total economic activity throughout the state, creating or supporting as many as 38,018 total jobs.
- ❖ Not only does the chicken industry create jobs, it also generates sizeable tax revenues. In Virginia, the industry and its employees pay about \$506.73 million in federal taxes and \$212.99 million in state and local taxes.

<sup>1</sup> John Dunham & Associates. *2022 Economic Impact Study of the Poultry Industry* October 2022.

<sup>2</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics. Available on-line at: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/unemployment.htm>. Data for Aug.-2022.