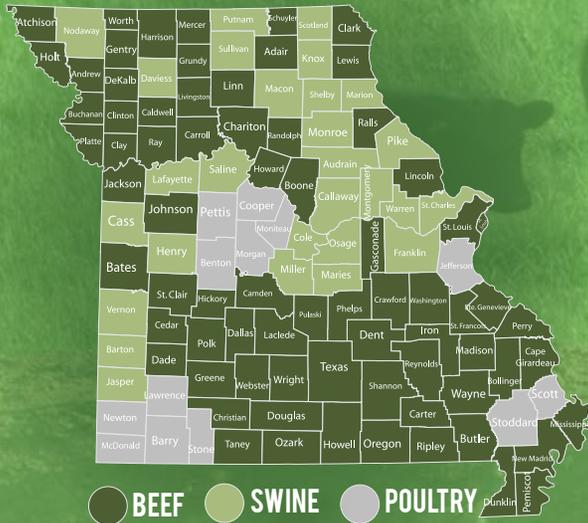


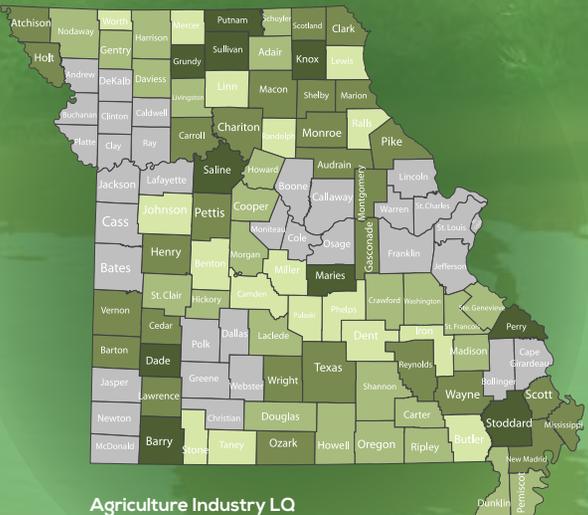
# MAJOR LIVESTOCK SPECIES PRODUCED BY COUNTY



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# AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY LOCATION QUOTIENT



Agriculture Industry LQ

- 5.10-23.25
- 2.48-5.09
- 1.00-2.47
- 0.03-0.99
- METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA AVERAGE 2.47



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## AGRICULTURE IN MISSOURI

Agriculture is the backbone of Missouri's economy. It generates nearly 2.4 billion dollars in exports and is a way of life for over 280,000 farmers.

Agriculture also fosters the demand for other industry and economic growth opportunities including service industries and agribusinesses.



Furthermore, as more generations are removed from the farm, there is growing interest in how food is supplied to our tables. What better way to educate our communities than to encourage and support family farms and nurture the traditions that built our nation?

## WHAT IS THE AGRI-READY DESIGNATION PROGRAM?

The Agri-Ready designation program is a sign of support for one of Missouri's largest industries, agriculture. The program protects the generations who invest in economic development and agribusiness.

The program connects counties with Missouri Farmers Care to encourage agriculture and secure it as a component in the county's economic future.

## HOW DOES A COUNTY BECOME AGRI-READY?

The county board of commissioners/supervisors must:

- Meet and agree their county meets all Agri-Ready program requirements.
- Complete and submit the Agri-Ready program application.
- Maintain good standing and negate any changes that are in non-compliance with program guidelines.
- Re-authorize the designation annually for continued recognition.

Local producers can encourage their county officials to pursue the Agri-Ready Designation, but county officials must complete the application.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF AGRI-READY?

- Support the 97 percent of family farmers who provide locally grown products to the public
- Protect the agriculture industry and the 284,000 jobs it creates
- Encourage farmers and agribusinesses to make sustainable, long-term decisions about investing and expanding operations in a county

