**CONSUMERS**

Did you know that farm and ranch families make up less than 2 percent of the U.S. population? #AgFacts

U.S. consumers spend just 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year. That’s less than any other country! #AgFacts

Of the 10% of disposable income Americans spend on food, 50% is food eaten at home and 50% is food eaten out. #AgFacts

Did you know about 8 percent of U.S. farms market foods locally through farmers markets and food hubs? #AgFacts

Visit [https://www.choosemyplate.gov/](https://www.choosemyplate.gov/%20) to learn more about what should be on your plate! #AgFacts

**MODERN FARMERS**

Each farmer produces food and fiber for 165 people annually, both in the U.S. and abroad! #AgFacts

Farmers will have to grow 70% more food than what is currently produced to feed the world’s growing population by 2050. #AgFacts

In 1935, there were 6.8 million farms nationwide. Today, there are 2.1 million U.S. farms. #AgFacts

Total U.S. corn yield, the amount of tons produced per acre, has increased more than 360% since 1950. #AgFacts

U.S. farmers & ranchers grow 1,049.2 billion lbs. of grains, including corn, wheat and oats each year. #AgFacts

#AgFacts U.S. farmers produce 208.6 billion lbs. of dairy products each year.

U.S. farmers & ranchers grow 529.2 billion lbs. of hay and silage each year. #AgFacts

In recent years, the number of Spanish, Hispanic and Latino farm operators has increased by 21 percent. #AgFacts

In recent years, the number of African American farm operators has increased by 12 percent. #AgFacts

In recent years, the number of American Indian farm operators has increased by 5 percent. #AgFacts

Did you know women make up 30 percent of farm operators? #AgFacts

Did you know there are 257,454 millennial farmers? #AgFacts

Texas has 248,809 farms, more than any other state in the nation! #AgFacts

Missouri has the 2nd largest number of farms in the nation - 99,171. #AgFacts

Iowa has 88,637 farms, making it the 3rd largest farming state in the nation! #AgFacts

Oklahoma ranks 4th in the nation in total number of farms with 80,245 farms in the state. #AgFacts

California ranks 5th in the nation in total number of farms. The state is home to 77,857 farms. #AgFacts

Farms are getting bigger! The average farm was 434 acres in 2012, compared to 418 acres in 2007. #AgFacts

Did you know that more than 20 percent of all farmers are beginning farmers? #AgFacts

99 percent of all U.S. farms are owned by individuals, family partnerships or family corporations! #AgFacts

Only 1 percent of U.S. farms are owned by non-family corporations. #AgFacts

89 percent of U.S. ag products sold are produced on family farms or ranches. #AgFacts

**TRADE & ECONOMICS**

In 2016, $135.5 billion worth of American agricultural products were exported around the globe. #AgFActs

The top-5 customers for U.S. agriculture exports are China, Canada, Mexico, Japan & the European Union. #AgFacts

Did you know the top 5 customers for U.S. agriculture exports account for 61 percent of all exports? #AgFacts

American farmers produce 36 percent of the world’s corn. #AgFacts

Did you know American farmers produce 34 percent of the world’s soybeans? #AgFacts

American farmers produce 18 percent of the world’s beef and veal! #AgFacts

Did you know American farmers produce 16 percent of the world’s milk? #AgFacts

American farmers produce 13 percent of the world’s cotton! #AgFacts

Did you know American farmers produce 8 percent of the world’s wheat? #AgFacts

American farmers produce 6 percent of the world’s apples. #AgFacts

China and Canada are America’s largest trading partners, accounting for 31 percent of U.S. agriculture exports. #AgFacts

The United States exports $135.5 billion worth of agricultural products each year. #AgFacts

The United States exports $22.9 billion in soybeans each year, making it the nation’s top agricultural export. #AgFacts

About 25 percent of all U.S. agricultural products by value are exported yearly. #AgFacts

America imports $13.3 billion of fresh and processed fruits, making it the nation’s top ag import. #AgFacts

Did you know President Lincoln established the USDA in 1862? #AgFacts

Ag programs equal just 16 percent of the USDA budget. #AgFacts

Farmers and ranchers only receive 16 cents, on average, out of every retail dollar spent on food. #AgFacts

Off-farm costs, such as marketing and distributing, account for 84 cents of every retail dollar spent on food. #AgFacts

The farmer’s share of the retail food dollar is as low as 2-3 percent for bread & cereal products. #AgFacts

Did you know farm expenses are 50 percent higher than they were in 2006? #AgFacts

Farm production expenses have almost doubled since 1996, rising from $176.9 billion to $349.9 billion. #AgFacts

**ENVIRONMENT**

Careful stewardship by America’s farmers spurred a 44 percent decline in erosion of cropland since 1982. #AgFacts

In contour farming, farmers plant crops across the slope of the land to conserve water and protect the soil. #AgFacts

Farmers test the nutrients in the soil before they plant to determine the proper type and amount of fertilizer to apply. #AgFacts

Through farm bill conservation programs, farmers preserve & protect soil, wetlands, clean air and water & wildlife? #AgFacts

Advanced conservation practices are used on more than 50 percent of cropland acres. #AgFacts

Farmers & ranchers have enrolled 24 million acres in the Conservation Reserve Program to protect the environment. #AgFacts

The Conservation Reserve Program reduced soil erosion by more than 8 billion tons since 1986. #AgFacts

Did you know that over 172 million acres of American farmland is no-till or conservation till? #AgFacts

Did you know each year hundreds of thousands of trees are planted on farmland? #AgFacts

**PRODUCTION**

Ag biotechnology increases crop yields, preserves and improves soils and produces healthier foods. #AgFacts

In countries where biotech crops have been planted, pesticide use has fallen by 19 percent. #AgFacts

Did you know 90 percent of biotech crops are grown by farmers in developing countries? #AgFacts

Oils from some biotech crops contain fewer saturated fats and trans-fats after processing. #AgFacts

Did you know that biotechnology saved the Hawaiian papaya industry after a virus nearly wiped the crop out? #AgFacts

Aquaculture is the production of aquatic animals & plants under controlled environmental conditions. #AgFacts

Louisiana has 500 aquaculture farms, more than any other state in the nation! #AgFacts

The top 5 states for aquaculture sales are WA, MS, AL, LA and CA. #AgFacts

Food fish farms, including catfish, salmon, trout and tilapia, are the most common aquaculture farms in the nation. #AgFacts

Silviculture is a branch of forestry dealing with the management and cultivation of forest trees. #AgFacts

Did you know about one-third of the U.S. or 750 million acres, is covered with trees? #AgFacts

Replanting trees promptly after harvest ensures that new forests are in place to prevent soil erosion and protect water quality. #AgFacts

About 2.1 million acres of forests are planted in the U.S. each year! #AgFacts

The top 5 states for silviculture are GA, AL, MS, SC and NC. #AgFacts

Cash receipts from nursery and greenhouse sales to retail and distribution businesses total $13.8 billion each year. #AgFacts

Did you know there are over 23,000 nursery and greenhouse operations in the U.S.? #AgFacts

The top 5 states for nursery crops are CA, FL, TX, OR and NC #AgFacts

Typical greenhouse crops include aquatic plants, vegetable plants, mushrooms, herbs, seeds and transplant seedlings. #AgFacts

Typical nursery crops include cut/live Christmas trees, fruit & nut plants, ornamental plants, turf-grass sod. #AgFacts

A high-producing dairy cow weighs 1,800 pounds & produces 105 pounds of milk per day. #AgFacts

The value of a dairy cow’s daily milk production equals $18.90. #AgFacts

One day’s milk production for a high-producing dairy cow will yield 4.8 pounds of butter. #AgFacts

One day’s milk production for a high-producing dairy cow is 12 gallons. #AgFacts

One day’s production for a high-producing dairy cow will yield 10.5 pounds of cheese. #AgFacts

One day’s consumption for a high-producing dairy cow is 32 lbs. grain and protein, 40 gal. water & 60 lbs. of forage. #AgFacts

The pounds of feed a cow needs to produce 100 pounds of milk has decreased by more than 40 percent in 30 years. #AgFacts

Did you know one day’s milk production for a high-producing cow will yield 8.7 gallons of ice cream? #AgFacts

Many of the products we use in our everyday lives are byproducts of food produced by America’s farmers and ranchers. #AgFacts

Pharmaceuticals, sutures, ointments and X-Ray film are some of the products made from plant and animal byproducts. #AgFacts

Shampoo, soap, cosmetics, lotion and toothpaste are some of the products made from plant and animal byproducts. #AgFacts

Crayons, textbooks, chalk, desks and pencils are just some of the products made from plant and animal byproducts. #AgFacts

California is the top-producing state for many pizza ingredients, including tomato sauce, spinach & mozzarella cheese. #AgFacts

Americans consume more than 3 billion pizzas annually; the average family eats pizza at home 30 times each year. #AgFacts

Precision agriculture technologies are used by over 60 percent of U.S. farmers and ranchers. #AgFacts

GPS and auto-steer guidance systems are used to increase crop yields, lower costs and reduce chemical use. #AgFacts

GPS technology used by farmers is very precise and is usually within a few inches or less. #AgFacts

Precision agriculture will play a role in helping farmers increase productivity to meet the growing demand for food. #AgFacts

The United Nations estimates the world population will grow to 9.7 billion people by 2050. #AgFacts

Did you know renewable fuels, biofuels, include ethanol from corn and biodiesel from soybeans? #AgFacts

Ethanol in gas in 2016 reduced emissions by 45.5 million tons, equivalent to removing nearly 9.3 million cars from the road. #AgFacts

36,331 U.S. farms use solar panels to generate electricity. #AgFacts

The states with the most on-farm solar energy systems are California, Texas and Colorado. #AgFacts

An acre of land is about the same size as a football field. #AgFacts

An acre of land can produce 821 pounds of cotton. #AgFacts

An acre of land can produce 2,784 pounds of wheat or 46.4 bushels. #AgFacts

An acre of land can produce 50,000 pounds of strawberries. #AgFacts

One bale of cotton weighs about 480 lbs. and can be used to make 215 pairs of jeans or 313,600 $100 bills. #AgFacts

One bushel of wheat produces 42 lbs. of flour, which can be used to make 42 loaves of bread or 42 lbs. of pasta. #AgFacts

Did you know one serving of strawberries offers 160% of your daily vitamin C? #AgFacts

Did you know the top 3 states for cattle and calf production are Nebraska, Texas and Kansas? #AgFacts

The top 3 states for dairy products are California, Wisconsin and New York. #AgFacts

Did you know Iowa produces the most chicken eggs in the U.S.? #AgFacts

The top 3 states for corn production are Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska. #AgFacts

**GENERAL INFORMATION and AGRICULTURE HISTORY**

How much do you know about your food? Order Food and Farm Facts today at <https://www.dmsfulfillment.com/FarmBureau>! #AgFacts

Check in with your local Farm Bureau about farm tours & what foods are in season! <http://www.fb.org/about/join> #AgFacts

Visit <http://www.agfoundation.org/> to learn more about agriculture and ways to get involved in your area today! #AgFacts

In 1493 Christopher Columbus brought calves, goats, sheep, pigs, hens, citrus, melons & many kinds of vegetables to America. #AgFacts

Did you know in 1862 President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation creating the first Department of Agriculture? #AgFacts

In 1913, the name 4-H was adopted; the first special work projects for farm youth were created in Illinois in 1900. #AgFacts

Did you know in 1919 the American Farm Bureau Federation formally organized in Chicago, Illinois? #AgFacts

In 1928 the future farmers of America was established in Kansas City, Missouri. #AgFacts