

ACREAGE, INNOVATION AND GROWTH

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Northeast Indiana's steadily growing concentration of food and agriculture businesses represents nearly the entire food-delivery chain, giving companies located here—and those looking to move here—marked advantages.

The industry here is diverse and well supported by an abundance of agricultural products and cost-effective, readily available natural resources.

Innovative companies are transforming the Corn Belt to a new Tech Belt that is offering data-driven solutions aimed at closing the global food gap.



FOOD PRODUCTION

Northeast Indiana's food & beverage industry produces roughly **\$2 billion each year in farm products.**



WORKFORCE

Over **13,000 Hoosier jobs** are supported by agricultural production, processing and related activities.



TOP 5 COMMODITIES

Northeast Indiana is a leading producer of corn, soybeans, hogs, poultry, popcorn and tomato products.

- » Corn - **\$555 million**
- » Soybeans - **\$487 million**
- » Hogs/Pigs - **\$220 million**
- » Poultry/Eggs - **\$277 million**
- » Dairy - **\$146 million**



HOME TO WALMART

Walmart located its Midwestern milk facility to Northeast Indiana, building a **\$165 million, 250,000-square-foot facility** and **creating more than 200 jobs.**

MAJOR OCCUPATIONS

42%

Production

14%

Farming

13%

Transportation

Together, these critical occupation areas account for **69%** of the food & beverage workforce.



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HIGHER EDUCATION AND TALENT PIPELINE

In Northeast Indiana, we not only invest in our businesses, but we also invest in tomorrow's talent **today**. By coupling our certified training programs with higher-education degrees specific to food & beverage, we work to ensure that your company has the talent it needs to do business.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

130K In 2017, more than 130,000 students participated in the 4-H youth development program, which provides hands-on agriculture, farming and leadership experiences.

STEM PROGRAMS

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The Fort Wayne area invests in education that prepares students for college. Currently, the region has **nine STEM-focused New Tech schools**.

DUAL CREDIT

51

Ivy Tech Community College-Northeast provides dual credit opportunities to **6,250 in 51 high schools and career centers** in Northeast Indiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION

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Huntington University's four-year-old Hauptert Institute for Agriculture program offers **agriculture degrees intended to meet the growing need for agribusiness professionals**.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

COMPANY	PRODUCT	EMPLOYMENT*
Maple Leaf Farms	Chicken & Duck Processing	762
Miller Poultry	Poultry Processing	750
Edy's Grand Ice Cream	Ice Cream & Other Frozen Treats	542
Mullinix	Thermoformed Plastic Packaging	400
D&W Fine Pack, Inc	Plastic Food Packaging	358
Living Essentials	Energy Drinks	340
Red Gold	Tomato Preserving & Canning	330
Kraft Heinz	Marshmallows, Marshmallow Crème & Caramels	330
Silgan Plastics Corp.	Plastic Bottles	315
Creighton Brothers	Chicken Eggs	302

*Full-time employees in Northeast Indiana

Source: Community Research Institute at Purdue Fort Wayne, 2018

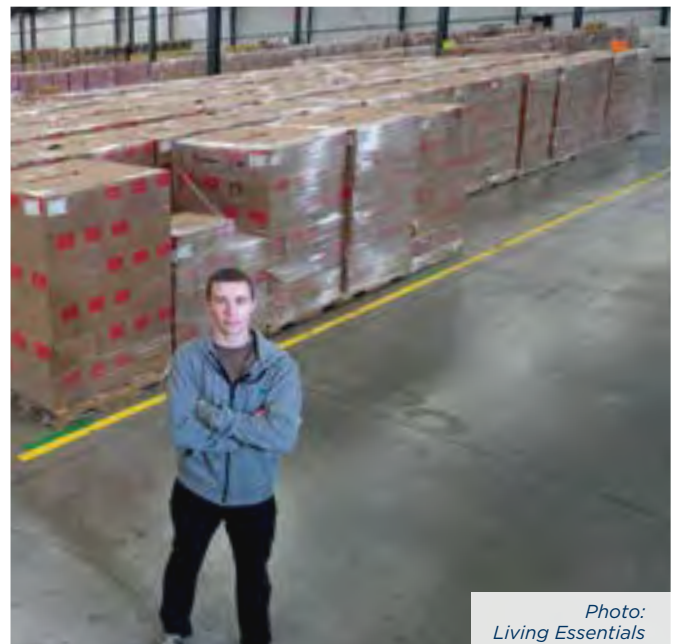


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- > Incentives, grants, workforce training and special programs
- > Industry-specific information and regional data
- > Site and building locations

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