

Rural infrastructure supports high demand loads

A modern barn for laying hens is an efficient, sophisticated operation that commonly houses flocks of 100,000 to as many as one million hens. Technology helps deliver precise feeding rations so that hens produce highly nutritious eggs. Automated ventilation systems keep barns comfortable with good air quality. Conveyor belts gather eggs as soon as they are laid. Most eggs in the U.S. reach grocery stores just one day after being laid.

“All this sophisticated equipment requires the continuity, reliability, and quality of electrical service 24/7 making them a critical load on our distribution system,” shared John Metcalf, President and CEO of Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, the power provider for Trillium Farms’ laying facility and feed mill in Marion, Hardin, and Wyandot counties. He continued, “Mid-Ohio Energy, along with Ohio’s other electric cooperatives, continue to make investments in infrastructure and technology systems that allow them to serve nearly any type of load effectively and efficiently no matter how rural the location.”

Skilled, motivated agribusiness workforce

More than one out of every six Ohioans work in the agribusiness industry sector. Ohio’s egg, chicken and turkey farms create more than 14,600 jobs.

Growing, processing, transporting and retail agribusiness operations contribute approximately \$105 billion to the state’s economy.

Rural Ohio’s roots are in agriculture and as a result people have a remarkable work ethic. “Work ethic combined with Ohio’s world class universities, statewide network of community colleges, and residents with diverse work skills make rural Ohio an especially appealing location for innovative food growers and processors,” noted Darin Thorp, President/CEO of North Western Electric Cooperative.

And then comes the chicken...

In addition to laying hens, in 2014 Ohio produced more than 75 million broiler chickens valued at over \$274 million. Ohio farms typically produce more than 219 million pounds of turkey each year.



One of the top agribusiness states in the nation

Ohio has a remarkable concentration of companies that cultivate, process, distribute, market, research and develop food products enjoyed by consumers around the world. The egg and chicken production facilities in rural Ohio are a significant portion of the sector.

Layers for egg production, New Weston, Ohio

Darke Rural Electric Cooperative

Layers for egg production, Marseilles and Mt. Victory, Ohio

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative

Layers for egg production, Hicksville, Ohio

North Western Electric Cooperative

Feed mill, LaRue, Ohio

Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative

Organic egg layers, pullets and organic feed mill, Union County, Ohio

Union Rural Electric Cooperative

Pullet facilities, Johnstown, Ohio

The Energy Cooperative

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