Escambia County Agriculture, Forestry, and Related Industries

Total Impacts: $1.5 Billion and 9,510 Jobs

Total Production

In 2010, $104.8 million was generated through the county’s agricultural and forestry production sector.

Agricultural Production

Escambia County ranked first in the state in cotton production. It contributed 16.4 percent of the county’s total agricultural and forestry production, making it the second largest agricultural commodity.

Escambia County ranked fourth in the state in peanut production. It contributed 15.7 percent of the county’s total agricultural and forestry production, making it the third largest agricultural commodity.

The third largest was corn, contributing 7.2 percent of the county’s total agricultural and forestry production.

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<th>Commodity</th>
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<th>Jobs</th>
<th>Value Added* (Mn$)</th>
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* Value Added is the value that is added to a product at the stage of its manufacture or distribution.
Forestry Production

Timberland accounted for 77.7 percent of the surface land area of Escambia County. Total forestry production contributed 26.3 percent of the county’s total agriculture and forestry production.

Overall Contributions to Escambia County

Escambia County’s agricultural, forestry, and related industries generated 9,510 full- and part-time jobs, representing 53.9 percent of the county’s total workforce (17,649 jobs).

The total impact of agriculture, forestry, and related industries was $1.5 billion, which was 59.9 percent of the county’s total economic activity ($2.4 billion). The indirect business taxes impact was $46.5 million, 63.6 percent of the county’s total indirect business taxes.

For more information, visit the Escambia County Extension office online at www.aces.edu/Escambia. Look in your telephone directory under Escambia County to find the telephone number.

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