



# USDA INVESTS IN OHIO

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we work with thousands of farmers, ranchers and rural communities every day and we know that there is no limit to the economic potential of rural America. Over the past five years, USDA has invested **nearly \$27 billion** (fiscal year 2009-2013) in Ohio to support the farmers, ranchers and growers who are driving the rural economy forward, carry out record conservation efforts, facilitate groundbreaking research, promote new markets for rural products, and provide a safe, affordable and nutritious food supply for Ohio families.

## INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FY09-13



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

USDA invested nearly **\$3 billion** to support small businesses, create jobs and promote economic opportunity for those who live, work and raise their families in rural Ohio.



### FARMING AND RANCHING

Farmers and ranchers are the backbone of America's vibrant agricultural economy. USDA has helped support the ongoing success of Ohio farmers by investing nearly **\$4 billion** in programs that provide access to credit, support a strong farm safety net, and promote new markets for farm and ranch products.



### CONSERVATION

Conservation helps farmers and ranchers keep farm land in production while improving the condition of natural resources. USDA invested more than **\$624 million** in efforts to conserve and protect Ohio's land, water and air resources.



### INFRASTRUCTURE

Robust infrastructure development, including electricity, broadband and telecommunications, water and wastewater, and construction of community facilities like fire stations and libraries, is the foundation for rural America's viability. In Ohio, USDA has invested more than **\$652 million** in infrastructure development.



### RESEARCH

From adapting to the effects of climate change to ensuring global food security, the challenges facing American agriculture are immense. USDA has invested more than **\$201 million** in Ohio to support research that will secure and improve our food, agricultural and natural resources systems.

### TRADE

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products contributed more than **\$4.1 Billion** to Ohio's economy.



## ABOUT RURAL OHIO

USDA works each day to strengthen Ohio agriculture. Rural Ohio is home to **75,462 farms** across nearly **14 million acres**. Ohio's top agricultural products include soybeans, corn, dairy products, hogs and cattle. All told, sales of farm and ranch products contributed **\$10 billion** to Ohio's economy in 2012.

Ohio agriculture contributes to a sector that nationwide supports **one in 12 jobs**, provides American consumers with **more than 80 percent of the food we consume**, ensures that Americans spend less of their paychecks at the grocery store than most people in other countries, and supports markets for homegrown renewable energy and materials.

