

# AGRIBUSINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



**\$51.8 BILLION**  
TOTAL ANNUAL  
ECONOMIC IMPACT

**259,215 JOBS**

**\$12.3 BILLION**  
ANNUAL LABOR INCOME

**40 PERCENT INCREASE**  
IN SC'S AGRIBUSINESS CLUSTER  
BETWEEN 2010 AND 2020

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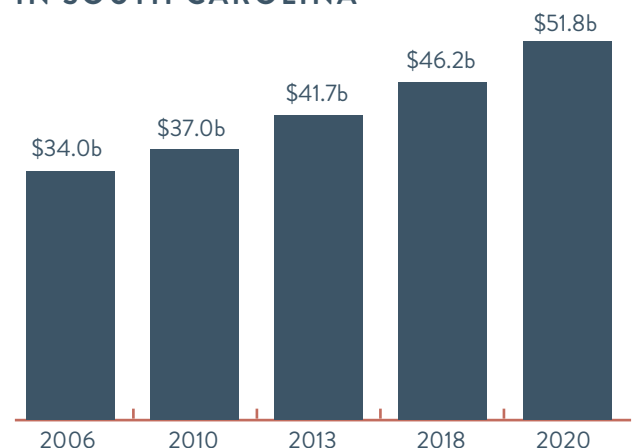
In 2009, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture set out to grow the total economic impact of agribusiness in the Palmetto State to \$50 billion by the year 2020. According to a new analysis, we exceeded our goal.

## MAJOR GROWTH

South Carolina's agribusiness cluster increased by approximately 40 percent between 2010 and 2020.

Source: The Economic Impact of Agribusiness in South Carolina, Joseph C. Von Nessen, November 2022

## TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AGRIBUSINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA



# ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURE

**24,600 FARMS**

**4.7 MILLION ACRES OF FARMLAND**

## KEY CROPS AND PRODUCTS:

Broilers

Turkeys

Chicken Eggs

Cattle and Calves

Floriculture

Corn

Soybeans

Cotton

Peanuts

Tobacco

Peaches

Leafy Greens

## FUTURE POTENTIAL

South Carolina currently imports \$11.7 billion in agribusiness products from outside of the state. If this demand were captured by in-state operations, it would increase the total value of agribusiness by 23 percent. Being able to keep production and packaging at home helps bolster revenue, capital investment and jobs in South Carolina.

**To incentivize this investment, SCDA aims to establish the \$75 million Growing Agribusiness fund.**

