



# FOOD PROCESSING/AGRI-BUSINESS

## LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation

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### FOOD PROCESSING COMPANIES

- Gunthorp Farms
- South Milford Grain
- Snax-in-Pax
- Yoder's Popcorn
- Greenfield Mills
- Deutsch Kase Haus/Guggisberg Cheese
- Lord's Grain
- Lennard Ag Co.
- Sherman Farms
- Abbott Laboratories (Sturgis, MI - < 3 miles away)

### INCENTIVES

Indiana Economic Development Corporation

- EDGE and HBI tax credits
- 21st Century Research and Technology Fund
- Small Business Innovation Research Initiative
- Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit

LaGrange County

- CEDIT
- TIF
- Major Moves
- LaGrange County Investment Fund

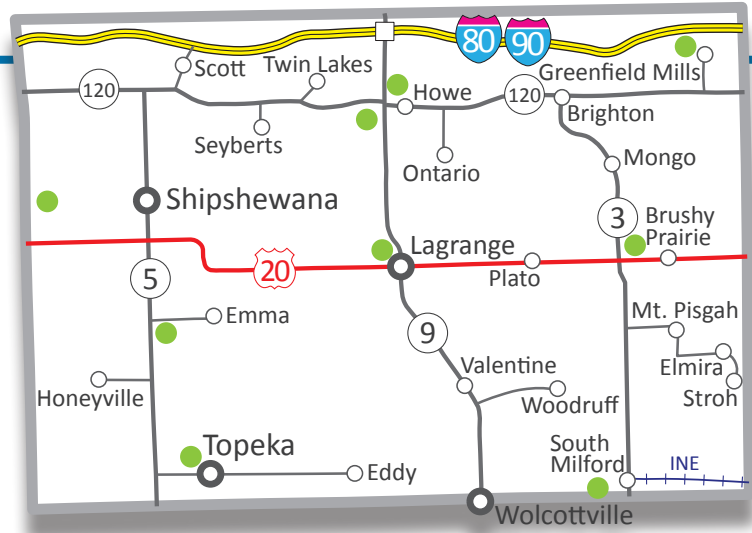
Cities and Towns

- Tax abatements

### WAGES, 2011

Occupation	Average Wage
Laborers & Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$22,672
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$37,107
First-line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	\$54,038
Packers and Packagers, Hand	\$19,406
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	\$28,434
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$28,434
Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	\$26,978
Mixing & Blending Machine Setters, Operators & Tenders	\$28,600
Agricultural Workers	\$23,608

Source: EMSI Covered Employment - 2012.1



### FARM BUSINESS

From having the largest number of certified organic farms in Indiana to our commodity production, LaGrange County is synonymous with agriculture and food processing. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, LaGrange County had 161,709 acres of farmland, of which 127,142 acres is devoted to crop productions. Our average farm size is only 107 acres, which gives food produced by LaGrange County farmers more of a local feel and our producers a real connection to their craft. Our 2007 market value for crop and livestock sales totaled just over \$171,221,000. LaGrange County also has arguably the most diverse crop production in Indiana, producing amongst other things feed corn, sweet corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, oats, cucumbers, and gladiolas. Lord's Seed/Lord's Grain, a large agricultural operation based in northern LaGrange County accounts for approximately 1% of all of the seed corn raised in the United States. Additionally, LaGrange County is the second largest producer of ducks in the nation, and is the largest horse producer in the state.

LaGrange County also makes up the following for Indiana:

- 10.9% of cattle & calves sales
- 16.5% of broiler farms
- 31.4% of broiler sales
- 13.9% of horses and ponies sold
- 33.0% of maple syrup gallons
- 11.8% of organic farms

Source: 2007 USDA Census of Agriculture

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Purdue University

- Undergraduate Degree in Agribusiness
- Undergraduate Degree in Agricultural Engineering
- Undergraduate Degree in Agricultural Systems Management
- Undergraduate Degree in Biological and Food Process Engineering
- Graduate Degree in Agricultural & Biological Engineering
- Graduate Degree in Agricultural Economics

Workforce development information was provided by the Community Research Institute at IPFW (www.ipfw.edu/cri).

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