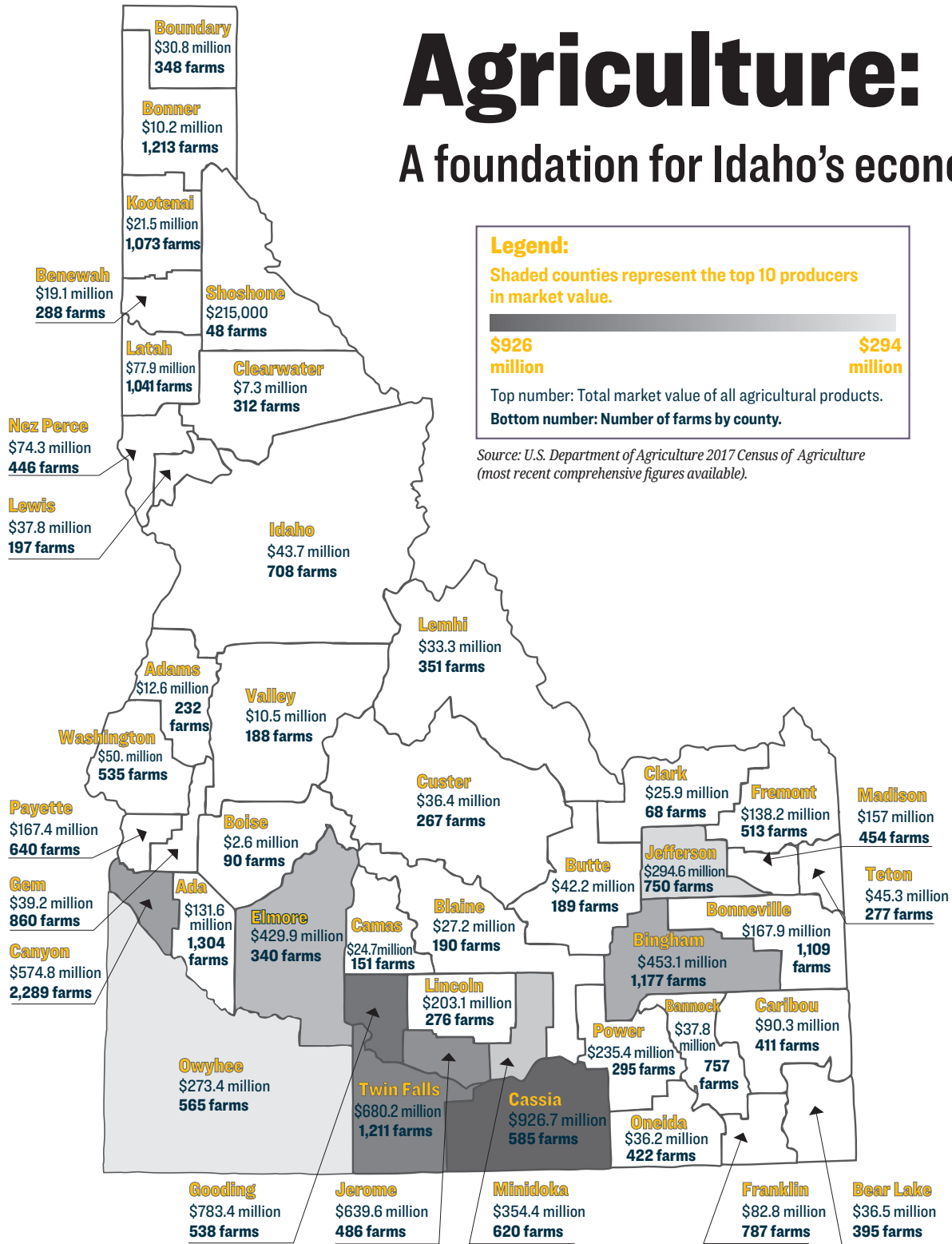


# Agriculture:

## A foundation for Idaho's economy



**IDAHO'S 24,996 FARMS** and ranches produced agricultural products valued at \$7.80 billion in 2018, up from \$7.32 billion in 2017.

A base analysis, which accounts for "economic ripples" throughout the economy, shows agribusiness contributed \$26.4 billion (18%) of total sales, over \$9.6 billion (13%) of gross state product, and over 123,100 (12%) of Idaho jobs in 2017. Agribusiness is Idaho's largest base industry by sales and the second-largest base industry by jobs and value added. Agribusiness is thriving in Idaho and ties for first place in significance for the

state's economy with the combined hi-tech and other manufacturing sector.

The top 10 commodities in 2018 in millions of dollars were:

Milk.....	\$2,333
Cattle.....	\$1,808
Potatoes.....	\$960
Hay.....	\$769
Wheat.....	\$536
Sugar beets.....	\$304
Barley.....	\$265
Corn.....	\$128
Dry beans.....	\$83
Onions.....	\$69

The value of Idaho agricultural commodities exported in 2017 totaled \$2.0 billion. Idaho ranked top five in the nation for international exports in dairy, fresh vegetables, and wheat. In 2017, Canada was Idaho's largest trading partner, receiving 26 percent of exports, followed by Mexico, China, South Korea, Japan and Netherlands. The six nations accounted for 71 percent of Idaho's agricultural exports.