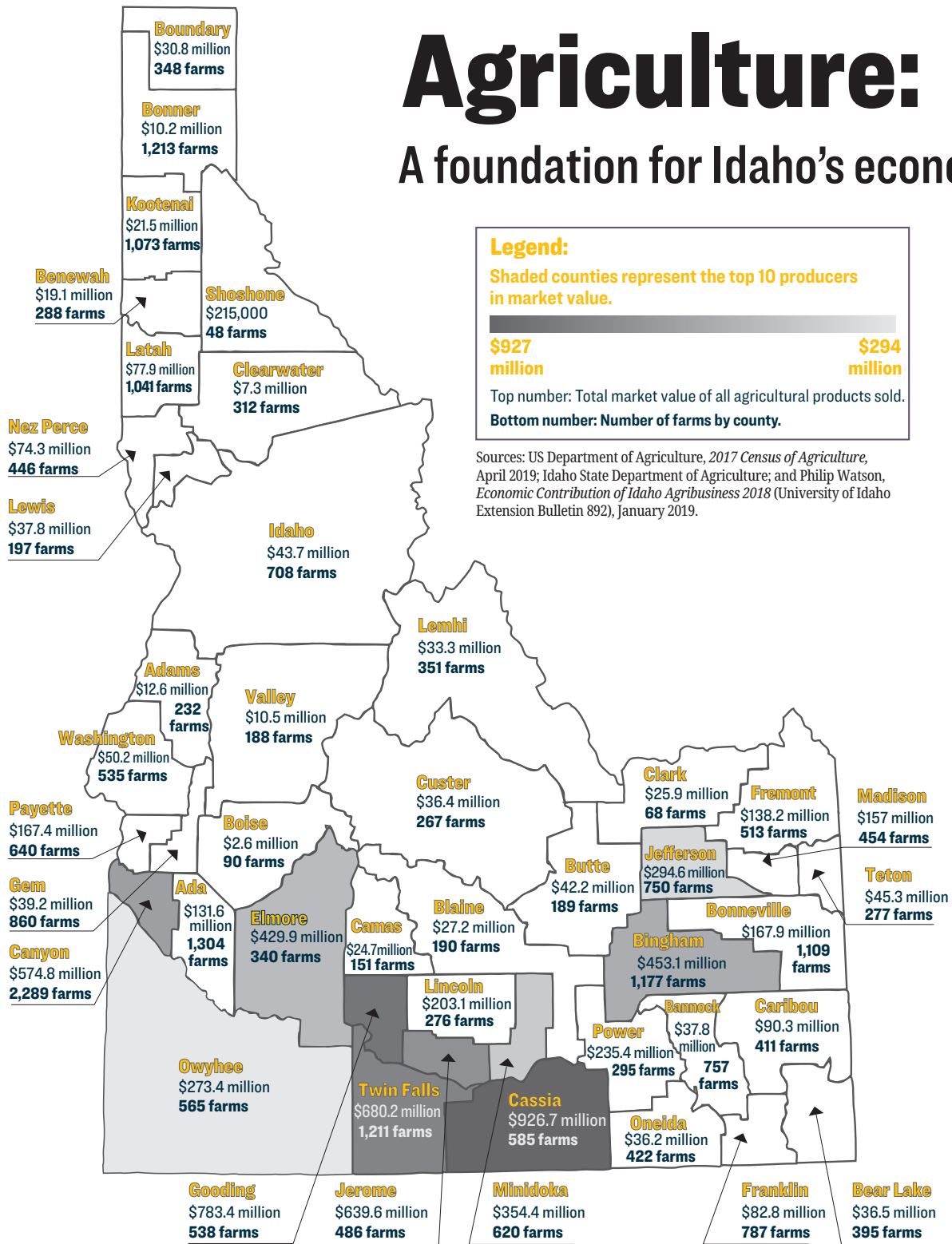


# Agriculture:

## A foundation for Idaho's economy



Sources: US Department of Agriculture, 2017 Census of Agriculture, April 2019; Idaho State Department of Agriculture; and Philip Watson, *Economic Contribution of Idaho Agribusiness 2018* (University of Idaho Extension Bulletin 892), January 2019.

### Agriculture's Economic Contribution

The market value of agricultural products sold by Idaho's 24,996 farms and ranches was 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 the gross state product, and over 123,100 (12%) Idaho jobs in 2017. Agribusiness is thriving in Idaho, tying for first place in significance in the state's economy with the hi-tech and other manufacturing sector.

### Top Ten Commodities

The top ten commodities in terms of value of production 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

### Exports

The value of Idaho agricultural commodities exported in 2017 totaled \$2.0 billion. Idaho ranked in the 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% of exports, followed by Mexico, China, South Korea, Japan, and Netherlands. The six nations accounted for 71% of Idaho's agricultural exports.