

Ohio



The potential to grow and make innovative products in rural America is limitless. Since 2009, the Obama Administration has made targeted investments to help rural businesses grow. Through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s projects in affordable housing, energy efficiency, roads and bridges, and internet access, coupled with loans and grants for rural businesses, the Administration has helped to attract and retain a talented rural labor force, improve connectivity and access to information, move products to market, and make rural communities competitive—**ultimately supporting strong local economies and expanded opportunity for rural Ohioans.**

MADE IN RURAL OHIO

After shutting their doors during the economic downturn, a USDA loan helped a rural Ohio ethanol plant get up and running again, creating 30 new jobs. Three Rivers Energy gives area farmers another market for their corn, increasing the prices they can receive. The plant also produces usable byproducts such as distillers’ grain, corn oil and other marketable biobased goods.



SUPPORT FOR RURAL BUSINESSES

USDA has made investments to help **366 rural businesses in Ohio thrive and grow.**

USDA investments in everything from advanced biofuels manufacturing facilities to food hubs help businesses, many of them small, capitalize on emerging markets for rural-made products. **In rural America, small businesses support one in three jobs.**



RENEWING RURAL MANUFACTURING

The rural economy includes more than products that come from farms.

Rural manufacturing supports

197,145 jobs in Ohio. USDA has invested **\$51.7 million** to help rural manufacturers in **Ohio** increase production and capacity.



GROWING EXPORTS

In 2012, exports of farm and ranch products alone contributed **\$4.1 billion** to **Ohio’s** economy. The President’s

Made In Rural America initiative helps rural businesses capitalize on demand for American-made products and identify ways they can participate in global markets.



HOUSING

Access to safe, affordable housing is critical to maintaining the rural labor force. USDA has helped **30,008 Ohio families** purchase or repair homes.



CONNECTIVITY

USDA has invested **\$39.5 million** to support new and improved broadband service for rural **Ohioans.** Broadband

service helps to expand access to state-of-the-art health care, educational, and cultural resources and helps rural businesses compete in the global economy.



WATER

USDA has invested **\$273.5 million** to support efficient water supply, treatment and storage facilities, and

wastewater treatment systems. That investment has **improved the health of thousands of rural Ohioans** who now have access to clean water and reliable sanitation.