Natural gas is a critical part of American agriculture. Key feedstocks like ammonia, which is used to make nitrogenous fertilizer, are produced from natural gas. As a result, America’s farms and ranches have been key beneficiaries of the growth in U.S. natural gas production, and there is a direct line from the availability of low-cost natural gas to the cost of food on grocery store shelves.

Just five of the many subsectors within agriculture consume over 2 trillion cubic feet of natural gas per year, nearly the equivalent consumption as California, the second largest natural gas consuming state.

- **Food processors**: 1,470 BCF
- **Beef and dairy cattle**: 227 BCF
- **Corn, wheat, and other grains**: 179 BCF
- **Fertilizer and other agrochemicals**: 95 BCF
- **Soybeans and other oilseeds**: 85 BCF

The U.S. agrochemical sector also has a significant impact on the U.S. economy, including:

- **344,000** U.S. Jobs
- **$51 billion** U.S. GDP
- **$6 billion** state and local tax revenues

Data are sourced from Advancing America’s Agriculture: The Value of Natural Gas to U.S. Agriculture and Agrochemicals, American Gas Association, March 2023.