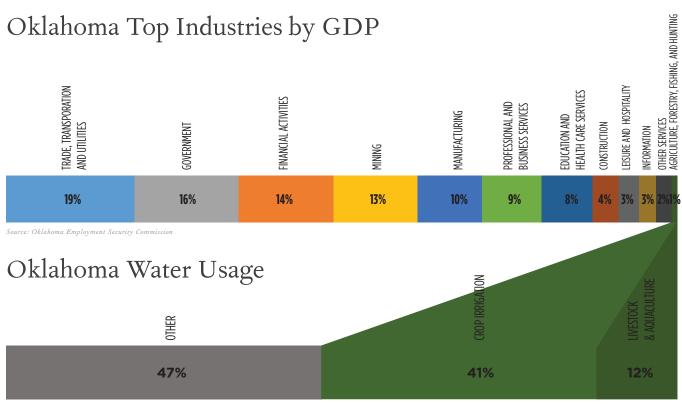
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Industry GDP & Water Usage

THE MORE VOTERS KNOW about the effect of agriculture on our economy, and our resources, the better informed they'll be on election day, November 8, 2016. In the debate over State Question 777, two areas require basic clarification: One is the economic impact of agriculture in Oklahoma, the other is the potential effect of SQ777 on the state's water resources. This graphic compares two quantities: agriculture's overall contribution to the state's GDP, and the percentage of Oklahoma's water consumed by agricultural operations. The question ultimately raised by this graphic—in the context of SQ777—is simple: Should the agricultural industry, which has a 1.1% impact on the overall state GDP but a disproportionately huge impact on water usage—be removed from legislative oversight and lawmaking with regard to water usage, quality, pollution, and rights?



Source: Oklahoma Water Resources Board



Inequality in the Oklahoma Hog Market From 1992-2012

1992

In 1992, there were only 12 farms in Oklahoma, out of 3,415, that produced more than 5,000 hogs. Those 12 farms produced 96,599 of the 260,682 hogs in the state. 37% PRODUCED BY .35% OF THE FARMS

1997

In 1997, there were 30 farms in Oklahoma, out of 3,002, that produced more than 5,000 hogs. Those 30 farms owned 1,455,927 of the 1,689,700 hogs in the state.

86% PRODUCED BY 1% OF THE FARMS.

FROM 1992 TO 1997, THE NUMBER OF FARMS SHRUNK BY 12%.

2002

In 2002, there were again 30 farms in Oklahoma, out of 2,491, that produced more than 5,000 hogs. Those 30 farms produced 2,030,022 of the 2,246,926 hogs in the state.

90% OF THE HOGS PRODUCED BY 1.20% OF THE FARMS.

FROM 1997 TO 2002, THE NUMBER OF FARMS SHRUNK BY 17%.

2012

In 2012, there were 33 farms in Oklahoma, out of 1,947, that produced more than 5,000 hogs. Those 33 farms produced 2,174,309 of the 2,304,749 hogs in the state.

94% OF THE HOGS PRODUCED BY 1.69% OF THE FARMS.

FROM 2002 TO 2012, THE NUMBER OF FARMS SHRUNK BY 22%-AND FROM 1992 TO 2012, THE NUMBER OF HOG FARMS IN OKLAHOMA SHRUNK BY 43%.

