Annotated Bibliography: Agricultural and Fish Processing

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Description and analysis of U.S. dairy industry. Includes history of the industry, current trends, processing practices, and sales/marketing information.


Case study of expansion of a Brooks, AB, meat processing plant. Describes social disorder and housing shortage resulting from poor municipal planning to accommodate newly arrived meatpacking workers and recommends strategies for other municipalities anticipating similar influxes of new employees.


Discussion of labor advocacy efforts in the poultry industry on the Delmarva Peninsula. Describes history of the industry, current conditions, and development of labor-community coalition to protect area poultry processing workers.


Report of financial information, descriptions of product lines and marketing trends for ConAgra shareholders.


Comprehensive description of history, structure, geographic location, input utilization, and input procurement strategies for a wide variety of food processing industries. Also includes extensive discussion of food marketing and economic characteristics and trends of the industries.


Interview with plant operations manager for Dannon Co. Includes discussion of hiring practices and qualifications required for new dairy processing workers.

Summary of Del Monte’s company history and current structure, new acquisitions, and goals.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. canned fruit and vegetable industry. Includes industry history, processing practices and regulations, descriptions of products, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. butter industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. flour and grain mill industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices, descriptions of products, current economic outlook, workforce and working conditions, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. fluid milk industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices, current economic outlook, workforce and working conditions, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. frozen fruit and vegetable industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices, descriptions of products, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. ice cream and frozen dessert industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices and regulations, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.

Summary of characteristics of the U.S. meatpacking industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices and regulations, descriptions of products, workforce and working conditions, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. cheese industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.


Summary of characteristics of the U.S. poultry industry. Includes industry history and organization, processing practices, current economic outlook, and industry leaders.


Summary of frequently asked questions by prospective employees of Excel Corporation. Includes list of company facilities by location and description of employee training and internship opportunities.


Discussion of economic characteristics and trends of Iowa dairy industry. Includes information about earnings, production, and economic impact of the industry.


Brief information on the company’s history and operations.

Analysis of demographic and economic change brought about by the presence of meatpacking plants in two Midwestern U.S. cities. Particular attention paid to immigration and other social factors.


Discussion of issues such as occupational health, housing, and wages/benefits identified by labor advocates as the most important facing Latino workers in the Missouri meatpacking industry. Places information from qualitative interviews in context of globalization of the agri-food system.


Case study of a large and prominent pork processing plant. The author sought employment as a processing worker and describes his experiences on the line and his first-hand observations of plant politics and working conditions.


Profile of the changes in a community when processing plants open, including the impact of the arrival of migrant workers on the schools, health care system, and ethnic composition of the community.


Study of changing employment patterns in the blue crab processing industry in eastern North Carolina. Discusses increasing presence of immigrants in the industry workforce and describes factors that influence the trend toward use of immigrant labor.


Assessment of employment patterns in the seafood and poultry processing industries, including the greater presence of immigrant workers in both fields. Documents industry structure, recruitment practices, and employer-employee relations and compares these factors in the seafood and poultry processing industries.

Description of the high injury rates that characterize processing work, the ways in which plants discourage reporting of these injuries, and how plants are able to exert their considerable influence over workers.


Case study of Londonderry, NH, yogurt processing facility. Includes discussion of employment practices and employee recruitment and retention.


Report on migration of Latino workers to rural areas of the U.S. to work in processing plants. Includes interviews with employees, recruiters, and public officials about the impact of transnational migration on the workers themselves and the small towns in the U.S. where they come to work.


Statistical information about consumption of poultry as compared with meat.


[http://www.nationalchickencouncil.com/aboutIndustry/detail.cfm?id=12](http://www.nationalchickencouncil.com/aboutIndustry/detail.cfm?id=12)

General information on the poultry processing industry, such as employment, contract farming, and history of the industry.


Preliminary report for 2002 on commercial and recreational fisheries in the U.S. Includes data on geographic distribution of processing plants and workers; also summarizes harvest, domestic marketing, and import/export statistics.


Description of a variety of family-owned dairy processing companies. Includes interviews that document hiring practices and employee length of tenure at dairy processing plants.

Discussion of employment prospects for graduates of dairy science bachelor’s degree programs. Includes available programs, technical foundations, and desired internship experience.

Case study of three eastern North Carolina crab processing houses. Structured interviews with crab house owners examine the history of the industry and employment patterns, while attitudes and beliefs of female workers are examined through interviews with crab house employees.

Case study of Brenham, TX, ice cream and frozen food plant. Includes description of employee training and workplace safety operations.

Description of summer internship and post-graduation career opportunities for students participating in South Dakota State University’s Dairy Science program.

Case study of Tyson poultry processing plant in Springdale, AR. Describes the author’s experience as a production line worker and analyzes demographic trends in the poultry processing workforce. Particular attention paid to consequences of international migration and employment of new immigrants.

Analysis of the social consequences of the changing U.S. meat and poultry processing industries. Describes centralization and integration of the industries and documents challenges encountered by meat processing workers.

Collection of essays by various authors on aspects of U.S. meat processing industries. Includes discussions of poultry, livestock, and seafood processing. Describes processing procedures and analyzes socioeconomic impact of industry facilities in small towns throughout the U.S.

Description of Tyson Foods’ company history, products, sales figures, and marketing strategy for potential investors. Also includes description of processing procedures for chicken, beef, and pork, along with state-by-state breakdown of company plant locations and capacities.


Annual report of employment and labor costs, purchased fuels and electric energy used, capital expenditures and equipment, and value of inventories for U.S. manufacturing establishments. Includes breakdowns of statistics by industry group and industry.


Report of industry economic characteristics, production and employment statistics, and geographic distribution of processing establishments for the flour milling industry.


Report of industry economic characteristics, production and employment statistics, and geographic distribution of processing establishments for the frozen fruit and vegetable industry.


Report of industry economic characteristics, production and employment statistics, and geographic distribution of processing establishments for the fruit and vegetable canning industry.


Description of current status of employment in food processing industries in the U.S. Discusses nature of work, working conditions, career development, job outlook, and wages for food processing workers.


Definition of the H-2B visa under which immigrant workers enter the country to work in processing plants.


Ethnographic portrait of the labor force in Santa Clara Valley (CA) canneries. Includes discussions of the relationship between work and family structure, occupational segregation, and cannery work culture. Particular focus on the lives of Mexican-American female workers and their families.