

## The Chicken Industry Creates Jobs in Virginia District 2

Companies that produce and process chicken are an integral part of the economy in Hon. Elaine Luria's District. Producers and processors of chicken, along with the companies that provide supplies and materials to the industry, provide well-paying jobs in the district and pay significant amounts in taxes to state and federal governments.

### Economic Impact of the Chicken Industry in District 2

	Direct	Supplier	Induced	Total
Jobs (FTE)	3,197	813	1,025	5,035
Wages	\$140,279,500	\$48,815,700	\$52,680,900	\$241,776,100
Economic Impact	\$1,075,097,300	\$156,372,500	\$178,926,300	\$1,410,396,100

### The Chicken Industry is an Integral Part of the Economy in the District

- ❖ Companies that produce and process chicken employ as many as 3,197 people in Hon. Elaine Luria's District and generate an additional 1,838 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries. These include jobs in companies supplying goods and services to the industry.
- ❖ These are good jobs paying an average of \$48,000 in wages and benefits. And in today's economy, every job is important. In fact, in Virginia the unemployment rate has reached 6.2 percent. This means that there are 263,900 people trying to find jobs across the state.<sup>2</sup>

### The Economic Benefits of the Industry Spread Throughout the District

- ❖ Not only does the chicken industry create good jobs in the district but the industry also contributes to the economy as a whole. The broader economic impact flows throughout the economy, generating business for firms seemingly unrelated to the chicken industry. Real people, with real jobs, working in industries as varied as banking, real estate, accounting, even printing all depend on the chicken industry for their livelihood.
- ❖ In fact, in 2020, the industry was responsible for as much as \$1.41 billion in total economic activity throughout Virginia District 2, creating or supporting as many as 5,035 total jobs.
- ❖ Not only does the chicken industry create jobs, it also generates sizeable tax revenues. In Virginia, the industry and its employees pay about \$450.44 million in federal taxes, and \$310.03 million in state and local taxes.

<sup>1</sup> John Dunham & Associates. *2020 Economic Impact Study of the Poultry Industry*. New York, November 2020.

<sup>2</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics. Available on-line at: <http://www.bls.gov/bls/unemployment.htm>. Data for Sept.-2020.