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The horse industry is a growing business—as you can discover in a drive through the countryside. This is true even though you may be close to large cities. Farmers and many people new to farming have horses. The horse industry in the United States contributes \$39 billion in direct economic impact to the country's economy and supports 1.4 million jobs on a full-time basis, according to an American Horse Council study. When indirect and induced spending is included, the industry's economic impact reaches \$102 billion. The study also estimates the horse population in this country has reached 9.2 million. Marti Smith took our cover photo in Knox County, Ohio.