

ECONOMIC IMPACT
Of the
PORT OF MORROW INDUSTRIAL PARK



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1.0 Executive Summary

Port of Morrow—Economic *Impact\$* Bringing Economic Value to Morrow/Umatilla Counties, and Oregon State

Located at Boardman, Oregon, the Port of Morrow and its industrial operations are home to more than 35 companies involved in frozen-dehydrate vegetable and food processing, ethanol and bio-fuels production, electric power generation, dairy farming and dairy products processing and distribution, vegetable and hay products farming, warehousing and storage, manufacturing of wood products, campers, trailers, and other light manufacturing, and offering water-based and park recreation opportunities. The Port facilitates these economic enterprises through truck, rail, and water-borne transportation services; and supplying land, water, power, fuel, and other industrial process services.



Port of Morrow—Columbia River Transportation Link to the World

The Morrow-Umatilla County Region:

- Morrow and Umatilla counties are linked to the Port of Morrow's broad array of economic activities, with the counties relying on mutual, "basic" economic sectors: **irrigated agriculture, food processing, light manufacturing, and transportation and utility industries.**
- Morrow County is highly dependent on the basic industries, while Umatilla County retains more general service and trade related commerce, and hosts more governmental services. **The Port is a significant economic linkage for the regional and state economies.**
- Combined, **Morrow and Umatilla counties produce about \$6.6 billion annually in goods and services.** Almost \$1.0 billion of product value stems from Morrow County, with **Port businesses and activities contributing about**

\$850 million, or about 15% of Umatilla and Morrow counties' 2006 total economic activity.

- The Port-related businesses directly employ about 2,100 people. These jobs account for about **36% of Morrow County's total jobs in 2006**.
- Regionally, there are a total of about **4,070 jobs directly and indirectly supported by the Port operations**, amounting to about 10% of the combined employment in Morrow and Umatilla Counties.



**Port of Morrow—Pacific Ethanol Production Facility, 40 Million Gallons/Year
(\$120 million Annual Product Value)**

- In 2006, the Port companies paid about **\$86 million into regional payroll** (averaging \$41,500 per worker).
- Regionally, **the Port's economic base creates a "multiplier-effect" of about 2.5 for employment, and almost 2.0 for income generation**. Every (1) direct Port-based job creates a total of about 2.5 jobs in Morrow and Umatilla counties.
- The Port properties directly paid about **\$6.3 million in county property taxes** in 2007. Post 2007 tax revenues will be about **\$9.4 million (about half of the County tax revenues)**.
- The Port's regional contribution to **state income taxes amounted to about \$20 million**.

The Statewide Impact:

- The Port of Morrow's businesses and industrial customers engage in regional, national, and worldwide trade. **Within Oregon, this product development and trade activity generates over \$1.0 billion annually**.

- The Port's Industrial Park and commercial support operations create about **5,360 jobs, statewide.**
- For every direct Port business-related job, about another 2 jobs are created statewide (**3.3 employment multiplier for Oregon.**)
- At the state level, the **Port's business activity accounts for about \$440 million in annual income.**



**Port of Morrow—ConAgra Foods and Watts Bros. Farms
Worldwide Irrigated Agriculture Food Distribution
(\$330 Million Annual Product Value)**

- The effect of the Port's business-related taxes is estimated to account for about **\$41 million statewide.**
- The Port's business-related income generation contributes about **\$28 million annually to state income taxes.**



Port of Morrow—Waste Water Reuse for On-Site Production Agriculture