



# Greater Peoria Agriculture

The future of food, fuel, and fiber is here.

# Join Our Region's Growing Industry.

From our long history as leaders in production, to our food additives and chemical manufacturing, and our successful food and agtech startups—the food and ag industry is ingrained in the economy and communities of Greater Peoria. Your business will thrive here, in the economic hub of Central Illinois.

## Where innovation thrives.

Join our list of companies forging new paths in agriculture. From ag-tech companies creating technologies for improved planting and fertilization methods, to the development of plant-based building materials, Greater Peoria is a great place to get ahead of the curve.



NATURAL FIBER WELDING



## National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research

NCAUR is one of the nation's largest USDA-ARS research facilities. The NCAUR invents new uses of agricultural commodities for industrial and food products, and develops technologies to improve environmental quality. NCAUR is a world-class research facility where the future of agriculture is being created — right here in Peoria, Illinois.



## Illinois Innovation Network

Greater Peoria is part of a new state-wide initiative led by the University of Illinois to develop a network of innovation centers. OSF Healthcare, Greater Peoria EDC, Illinois Central College, and University of Illinois are working together to develop the Peoria Innovation Hub where food and agriculture innovation will be a primary focus. Get in on the ground floor of the next wave of innovation in this critical industry, right here in Central Illinois.

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in Illinois for USDA certified  
organic farm operations

# \$1.1B

in agriculture products  
sold annually

# #1

in the U.S. for pumpkin and  
popcorn production

# 191K

individuals in our  
region's available  
workforce

# 86.61

cost of doing business  
index, lower than many  
midwest metros

# 218

miles of the Illinois  
River open for  
commercial fishing

# The Taproot of Emerging Markets.



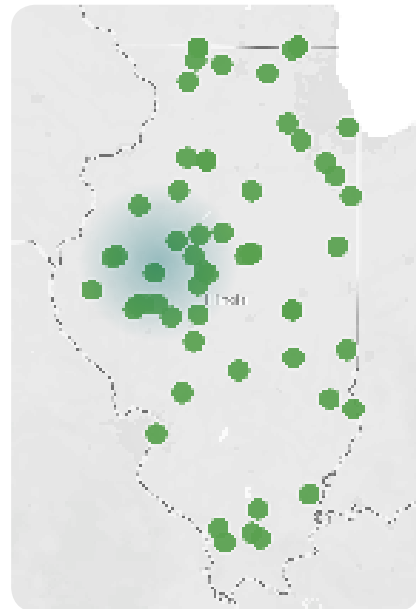
The mitigation of **Asian Carp**, an invasive species of the Illinois River, has been recognized as having economic value. The Greater Peoria EDC and local industry leaders have developed market driven solutions to remove Asian Carp from our regional waterways. There are opportunities to produce high value products in the human and non-human markets creating significant margins for fisherman, production facilities and distribution.

## Industrial Hemp

Greater Peoria is poised to become the Industrial Hemp Hub of the Midwest United States. There is no better place to locate as this emerging industry takes root.

With support from local, regional, and state agencies—as well as a growing list of industry groups and resources—your hemp business can be built to scale right here in Greater Peoria.

From our rich farmland and expert farmers, to companies such as Revolution Enterprises and manufacturing startup Natural Fiber Welding, to our logistically-advantageous location, Greater



## Specialty and Organic Crops

In Greater Peoria, specialty crops are our, well, specialty. With Mason and Tazewell counties as number one producers of pumpkins and popcorn. And a growing network of small diversified farmers are developing new markets and mid-sized processing facilities throughout Central Illinois.

Our region is also home to largest concentration of USDA Organic Certified farm operations in Illinois. Woodford and Tazewell counties are the number 1 and number 2 counties respectively. Combined with our agtech innovators, our region is leading in the design of economically and ecologically sustainable industry.



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# Quickly get your products to market.



You can easily access major U.S. markets from Greater Peoria

Quad Cities	90 mi
Chicago	150 mi
St. Louis	170 mi
Indianapolis	210 mi
New York	928 mi
Houston	946 mi
Los Angeles	1,947 mi

# You have a partner in Greater Peoria.

When you decide to locate your operation in this region, you will have a partner every step of the way. Throughout the process of opening a facility and into the future as your business grows, we have the resources and the experience to help you succeed.