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# **Proven Location NOBLE COUNTY IS HOME TO:**

- The Ohio State University
  NOVOLEX™, listed Eastern Agricultural Research Station and **Extension Operations** Center.
- Seneca Complex, a wholly owned subsidiary of MPLX (Marathon, Mid-stream operations)
- Magnam Magnetics, the maker of Magnum® flexible magnetic material.
- as one of America's largest private companies by Forbes, an inter-national maker of packaging products.
- Ames True Temper, a subsidiary of Griffon Corp., a manufacturer of wood handled landscaping tools sold through major home improvement retailers.



Noble County, Ohio, is a profitable, low-cost business environment in the heart of the state's shale oil and gas region.



he county boasts available skilled workers, excellent transportation access, sites and buildings, reliable power and other utilities, strong financial incentives, and an excellent quality of life.

Noble County and Caldwell, its county seat, boast a blend of locations with access to a multi-state region and picturesque small town living in the heart of Ohio's Appalachian region. Noble County offers scenic rolling hills and the benefits of rural living and a workforce with an impeccable work ethic that comes from tending the area's nearly 600 farms.



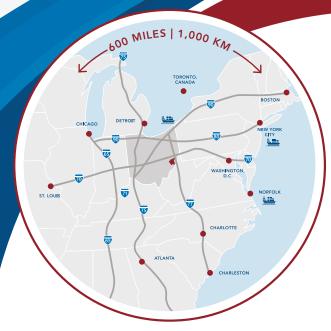
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The Noble County airport serves local needs with a 3,800-foot runway. Commercial airports are also available in: Columbus; Akron/Canton; Cleveland; Parkersburg, WV; and Pittsburgh, PA.

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### PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Noble County is located in the heart of Ohio's Utica Shale oil and gas production region. Two natural gas transmission pipelines bisect the county. MarkWest Energy Partners has three major gas processing plants in Noble County.

Natural gas is readily available, thanks to the statewide deregulation and to the county's major producers Gulfport, Antero and Eclipse, operating over 150 shale wells.

Ohio has attracted \$74 billion in investments along the entire energy value chain, like upstream and midstream investments that result in down-stream accessibility to in-state feedstock.\*

\*Jobsohio.com/industries/ energy-chemicals



Noble County provides residents and the business community with a broad range of education services. Public education includes two local districts (Caldwell Exempted Schools and Noble Local Schools providing College Credit Plus and career apprenticeship options), a pre-school learning center, and a regional career center. Graduates and residents have a variety of options for continuing education at one of the many colleges and universities, including Ohio University (with campuses in Zanesville, Athens or St. Clairsville), Zane State (with campuses in Cambridge and Zanesville), Washington State Community College, Marietta College, Belmont College, or Washington State Career Center.



## WORKFORCE AND LABOR

A workforce of 52,000 people live within a 45-minute radius of Noble County. Approximately 25% of Noble County workers commute out to nearby counties for employment. Noble County's average hourly earnings are 28% lower that the nation and 20% lower than the state (average hourly earnings, all occupations — Noble, \$23.74; Ohio, \$29.72 and US: \$33.24). \* EMSI—2018

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#### LOW-COST BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

Noble County's median annual property tax is \$876 (lower than Ohio's by 39%); there is also no corporate income tax and no inventory tax in Ohio. Noble County also offers property tax abatement on new real estate construction (through the Noble Commissioners & the Ohio Enterprise Zone Program).



The region's scenic rural area is a recreational wonderland, complete with beautiful lakes, parks, camping options, a not-so-far national forest, wildlife preservation center and a state park with 34,000-acres of public recreational area. Hunting, fishing, golfing, boating and hiking also draw many to the region. Caldwell also has 200+ hotel rooms.

Noble County has a rich historical heritage. Community offerings include an active Chamber of Commerce, farmers' markets, a robust 4-H program, historic sites and museums, annual fairs, festivals, car shows, fireworks, parades, a public swimming pool, active area churches and more.