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CELEBRATING NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY 2022



National Manufacturing Data

National Manufacturing Day (October 7, 2022) is an annual event meant to showcase the advances of modern manufacturing and foster interest in its careers.

It is celebrated every first Friday in October.

It is an opportunity to gain a better appreciation of how things are "Made in America" and highlight the diverse careers and people that make up this industry.

Manufacturing is one of the primary drivers of our national economy.

Contrary to some misconceptions, modern manufacturing is not dangerous or dirty. It is technologically advanced with ample use of automation, 3-D printing, robotics, and touch-screen technology.

In the U.S., manufacturers perform more than three-quarters of all private sector research and development (R&D) in the nation, driving more innovation than any other sector. (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

For every $1.00 spent in manufacturing, another $2.68 is added to the economy. (National Association of Manufacturing)

Manufacturing in the U.S. would be the eighth-largest economy in the world. (National Association of Manufacturing)

Manufacturing in Fayetteville & Cumberland County, NC

Manufacturers make up one of the largest sectors of our local economy. (Data USA)

They provide more than 6,500 jobs in Cumberland County, representing more than $445 million in wages each year. (EMSI)

Many of these jobs are highly technical and require specialized skills and training. They include careers in engineering, computer operations, maintenance, safety, human resources, management, and logistics.

Manufacturers regularly give back to the community through disaster relief and financial support of local, state, and national organizations.

The Fayetteville Area Plant Managers Association annually supports the South-Central Chapter of Professional Engineers of NC's MATHCOUNTS competition, a program preparing students for engineering and technical careers; and STARward competition, an enrichment program featuring spaceflight experiment design challenge for K-12 students.

Fayetteville Technical Community College offers programs to prepare students for careers in manufacturing including engineering, electrical systems, computer-integrated machining, fabrication, welding. They also work with manufacturers to provide specialized training programs to fulfill specific needs.

Local manufacturers vary in size and produce a wide range of products, including:

