

Delta State

DELTA STATE ECONOMYDelta State is a major oil producing state and ranks second to Rivers State. The State supplies about 35% of Nigeria's crude oil and some considerable amount of natural gas. The oil producing local government areas are Warri North and South, Burutu, Isoko North and South, Ughelli North and South, Okpe, Ethiope East and West, Sapele and Ndokwa East and West. The nation's second refinery as well as petrochemical plant are located in the state at Warri.

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The Delta state government is however making efforts to diversify the state's revenue base from solely oil. Tourism and agricultural development are other areas the government is looking at developing into major revenue earners.

The state government accords various forms of assistance to farmers in the areas of fisheries, agriculture, forestry, veterinary services, produce planning and research. Most local governments in the state boast of fisheries extension units which cater for advisory inputs - nets, engines ropes, lead, floats and others. The state government has invested adequately in fisheries due to the natural resources which Delta State is blessed with. Fresh fish, crabs, shrimps and dried fish abound in almost all the local governments.

Delta State is also rich in major tubers and root crops such as cassava, coco yams, yam and potatoes. There are programmes initiated to encourage agriculture in the state. These include Delta Agricultural Development Programme (DADP), Task Force on communal farming, Agricultural Loan schemes to small scale farmers; Fishermen Farm Settlement Scheme, Tree Crop Unit and Livestock Production are also encouraged.

Industries in Delta State include Glass Factory at Ughelli, the African Timber and Plywood Factory, Sapele and Asaba Textile Mills. There are several industries in the state participating primarily in the processing of raw materials such as rubber and timber, such as the African Timber and Plywood (AT&P) in Sapele, Asaba Textile Mill, Ughelli Glass Factory, Delta Boatyard, and the Delta Steel Company, Ovwian-Aladja