

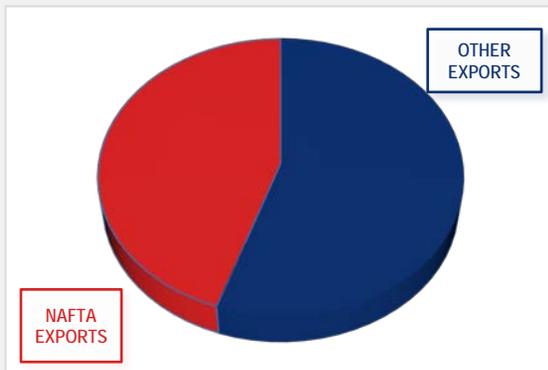


ARKANSAS

NAFTA'S IMPORTANCE TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Food and Agriculture supports more than 43 million jobs. Beginning in the rich soil of America's farms and ranches, and continuing to America's grocers, truck drivers and restaurant workers, we're the economic backbone of rural America—stimulating employment throughout the entire value chain.

ARKANSAS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT



ARKANSAS EXPORTS

\$1.0 Billion in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016.

\$466 Million (45%) went to NAFTA partners.

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Poultry, Rice, Soy, and Cotton.

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
484,797 Arkansas jobs, earning
\$20 Billion in wages.

A Successful NAFTA 2.0...

- ✓ Expands Access for Agricultural Goods
- ✓ Reduces Unnecessary Regulatory and Nontariff Barriers that Block U.S. Agricultural Exports
- ✓ Reduces Bureaucratic Delays and Red Tape
- ✓ Ensures U.S. Agricultural Exporters Receive Fair Treatment in Trade Disputes

U.S. Farmers & Families Win with NAFTA

- **Rice:** U.S. rice competes in a global market distorted by subsidies and government import controls, which artificially increase world rice supplies and restrict U.S. markets. NAFTA is a proven shield against these distortions. Mexico and Canada account for nearly 30 percent of all U.S. rice exports. Exiting NAFTA will open these markets to competitors from Asia and Brazil with no obvious home for displaced U.S. sales;
- **Poultry:** U.S. chicken and turkey products have greatly benefited from NAFTA. In 2016, U.S. poultry exports were 7.95 billion pounds, over 16% of total production. Canada was second largest market for the chicken industry and in the top five for turkey. Mexico proved the largest single customer for U.S. poultry exports and almost 70% of U.S. turkey exports go to Mexico. Combined, they imported almost 30% of all U.S. poultry exports. Mexico and Canada are also the top two markets for combined exports of U.S. eggs and processed egg products. Disruption of this vital link in trade would be devastating.