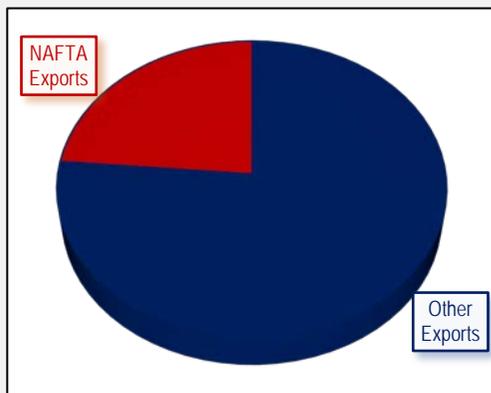# NAFTA'S IMPORTANCE TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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.

FLORIDA FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT

NAFTA Exports

Other Exports

FLORIDA EXPORTS

$3.9 Billion in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016**.**

$916 Million (24%) went to NAFTA partners

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Fruit & Nuts, Fish, and Vegetables

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
2,510,546 Florida jobs, earning
$101 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

- **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables:** Canada and Mexico account for 18% of U.S. fresh fruit exports and 60% of fresh vegetable exports, totaling $7.2 billion. When Mexico applied temporary retaliatory tariffs to apples, cherries, and pears beginning in 2009, losses reached $65 million per crop year, presaging some of the damage that could be done from a full NAFTA withdrawal;

- **Processed Food & Beverages:** The processed food and beverage industry is the largest source of employment in U.S. manufacturing and is highly integrated in North America. NAFTA is critical for the competitiveness of this industry whose inputs, finished goods, and investments cross both northern and southern borders of the U.S., enabling U.S. food and beverage manufacturers to thrive as a key driver the U.S. economy;

- **Peanuts:** Canada and Mexico are the two leading markets for U.S. peanut exports, and accounted for more than $300 million of export sales in 2016. This trade would be jeopardized by any disruptions to NAFTA.