

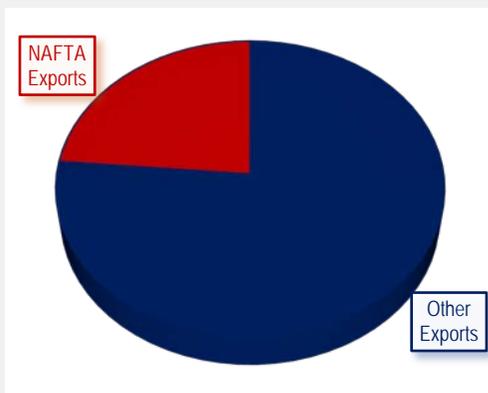


ILLINOIS

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.

ILLINOIS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT



ILLINOIS EXPORTS

\$7.8 Billion in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016.

\$2.1 Billion (27%) went to NAFTA partners.

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Grains, Sweeteners, and Prepared Foods

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
1,848,124 Illinois jobs, earning
\$103 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

- **Corn:** The U.S. exported \$3.2 billion worth of corn to Mexico and Canada last year, supporting 25,000 sector jobs. Without NAFTA, U.S. production would fall by an average of 150 million bushels annually, erasing \$800 million in value and increasing the need for farm program payments by \$1.2 billion
- **High-Fructose Corn Syrup ("HFCS"):** U.S. exports to Mexico would decrease by \$500 million per year, as Mexico would replace U.S. HFCS with sugar and there is no alternative market for that production.
- **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.
- **Confectionary:** Exports to Canada and Mexico have grown over 300% since the implementation of NAFTA. Without NAFTA, sustaining this growth is in jeopardy.