

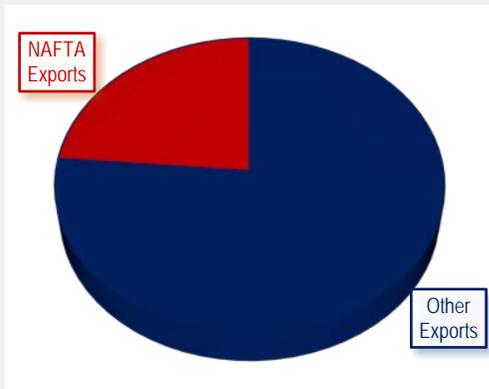


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NAFTA'S IMPORTANCE TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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.

MISSISSIPPI FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT



MISSISSIPPI EXPORTS

\$600 Million in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016.

\$147 Million (25%) went to NAFTA partners

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Cotton, Rice, Peanuts, and Animal Feeds

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
376,752 Mississippi jobs, earning **\$14 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;
- **Animal Feed:** \$2.3 billion in annual exports would be jeopardized without NAFTA. Mexico and Canada are the U.S.'s number 1 and 3 export destinations for feed, respectively;
- **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;
- **Cotton Fiber & Cotton Textiles:** At almost 1 million bales, Mexico is a reliable and important market for U.S. cotton fiber. Mexico also ranks second among U.S. cotton textile and apparel export customers, buying 15% of total U.S. cotton textile and apparel exports.