

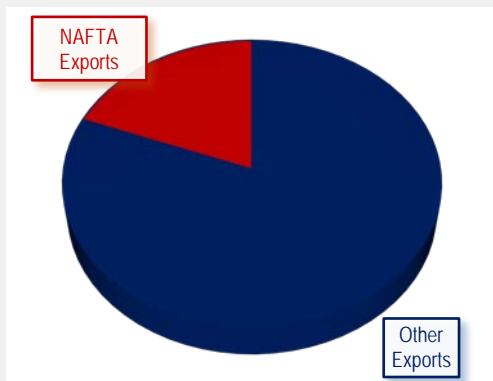


NORTH CAROLINA

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.

NORTH CAROLINA FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT



NORTH CAROLINA EXPORTS

\$2.7 Billion in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016.

\$553 Million (21%) went to NAFTA partners.

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Pork, Cotton, Peanuts and Tobacco.

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
1,258,904 North Carolina jobs, earning **\$52 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

- **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;
- **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;
- **Pork:** Mexico and Canada account for nearly 40% of U.S. pork export volume. An economic analysis by Iowa State University found that NAFTA withdrawal would decrease total U.S. pork production by 5%, resulting in an aggregate industry loss of around \$1.5 billion, jeopardizing more than 16,200 U.S. jobs.