

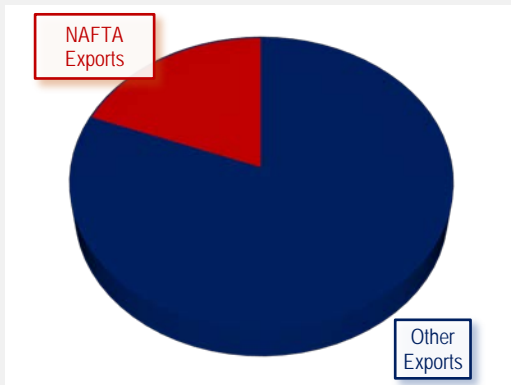


RHODE ISLAND

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.

RHODE ISLAND FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT



RHODE ISLAND EXPORTS

\$91 Million in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016.

\$17 Million (19%) went to NAFTA partners.

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Fish and Prepared Foods

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
122,599 Rhode Island jobs, earning
\$5 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

- **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.
- **Frozen Fruit & Vegetables:** Without NAFTA, tariff costs would likely exceed \$25 million for U.S. exports of frozen fruit and vegetables to Canada and Mexico, which would negatively impact U.S. manufacturing jobs in a sector that directly employs 160,000 U.S. workers.