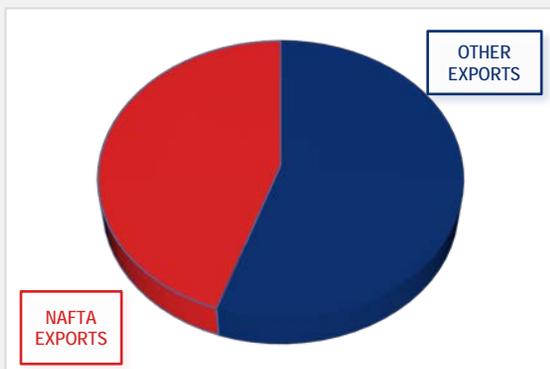




NAFTA'S IMPORTANCE TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

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.

TEXAS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT



TEXAS EXPORTS

\$11.3 Billion in total Food and Ag product exports in 2016.

\$4.7 Billion (42%) went to NAFTA partners.

TOP NAFTA EXPORTS:
Beef, Vegetables, and Cotton.

Food and Agriculture directly and indirectly supports:
3,741,947 Texas jobs, earning
\$160 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;
- **Beef:** In 2016, U.S. beef exports to Mexico and Canada exceeded \$1.7 billion and accounted for 27% of total U.S. beef exports. NAFTA withdrawal would raise tariffs above 20%, reducing beef exports and production, causing fewer jobs and lower returns for U.S. cattlemen, ranchers, and meat packers;
- **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.