

## Corn & Soybean Industries Advocate For NAFTA's Preservation & Modernization

Exports Increased Substantially Since Trade Agreement's Implementation

NAFTA Has Bolstered Corn & Soybean Farmers, Their Respective Industries & The Economy:

U.S. Corn Exports To Mexico And Canada Have Increased Seven-Fold Since NAFTA's Implementation In 1994. ("NAFTA: A Win For Corn Farmers & The U.S. Economy," National Corn Growers Association, 12/7/17)

The U.S. Exports Billions Of Dollars' Worth Of Corn And Soybeans To Canada And Mexico Each Year. ("U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade: The Importance of North American Trade to the U.S. Food & Agriculture Industry," Corn Refiners Association, Accessed 2/7/18)

- In 2015, The U.S. Exported \$3.7 Billion Of Corn To Canada And Mexico. ("U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade: The Importance of North American Trade to the U.S. Food & Agriculture Industry," Corn Refiners Association, Accessed 2/7/18)
- In 2015, The U.S. Exported \$438 Million And \$2.44 Billion Of Soy Products To Canada And Mexico, Respectively. ("U.S. Food and Agriculture Dialogue for Trade: The Importance of North American Trade to the U.S. Food & Agriculture Industry," Corn Refiners Association, Accessed 2/7/18)

<u>Corn & Soybean Industry Leaders Have Praised NAFTA's Positive Impacts On Their Industries:</u>

Corn Refiners Association CEO John Bode: "It's Not An Exaggeration To Say Many Farmers Are Still Farming Today Because Of NAFTA. We Know That President Trump Has A Lot Of Experience Negotiating Good Deals. We Support Him In Updating And Improving NAFTA." (Stephen Daniells, "Food And Ag Coalition Voices Support For NAFTA Preservation And Modernization," Food-Navigator, 1/22/18)

National Corn Growers Association President Kevin Skunes: "Among NAFTA's Many Accomplishments, It Has Opened Markets In Canada And Mexico To American

Farmers That Would Otherwise Be Closed Completely Or Complicated By Needless Barriers." (Kevin Skunes, "NAFTA Has Helped Grow American Agriculture For Two Decades," The Hill, 1/23/18)

 Skunes: "While Modernizing The Agreement Would Surely Benefit America's Food And Agriculture Industries, Consumers And The Economy, A Withdrawal From NAFTA Would Devastate Communities And Families Across The Heartland." (Kevin Skunes, "Preserving And Updating NAFTA Is Crucial For America's Farmers," AgWeek, 2/5/18)

Iowa Corn Growers Association President Mark Recker: "NAFTA Has Been A Landmark Trade Success Story For U.S. Agriculture For More Than 20 Years, Especially For U.S. Grains." (Mark Recker, "Iowa Corn Farmers Tell Trump: 'Don't Withdraw From NAFTA," Des Moines Register, 1/19/18)

U.S. Soybean Export Council For The Americas Regional Director Kevin Roepke: "NAFTA Is Critically Important To Your Bottom Line As Farmers As Well As The Entire Economy Of Kansas In General." (Samantha Athey, "Kansas Soybean Expo Provides Updates On NAFTA, Export Markets," Farm Talk Newspaper, 1/16/18)

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