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STRONG FARMING MEANS JOBS

Iowa's Leaders Advocate For NAFTA's Preservation & Modernization

Agreement Pivotal To Various Sectors Supporting More Than Three Quarter Million State Jobs

Iowa's Food & Agriculture Sectors Support More Than 750,000 Jobs & Export \$2.5 Billion To NAFTA Partners:

Dependent On NAFTA, The Food And Agriculture Sectors Support 750,000 Iowa Jobs. (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Iowa," [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

- **Iowa's Top NAFTA Exports Are Meat, Corn, Soy & Animal Feed.** ("Iowa," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)
- **\$2.5 Billion, Or 51 Percent Of Iowa's \$5 Billion In Food And Agricultural Exports In 2016, Went To NAFTA Partners.** ("Iowa," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)

NAFTA Withdrawal Could Cost The State Of Iowa More Than 38,000 Jobs. ("Terminating NAFTA: The National And State-By-State Impacts On Jobs, Exports And Output," [Business Roundtable](#), January 2018)

Iowa Leaders Have Underscored The Need For NAFTA's Modernization & Its Importance To The State:

Governor Kim Reynolds: "So While I Think There Is An Opportunity To Modernize [NAFTA], I Don't Believe We Should Pull Out. So, I Think There Is An Opportunity To Modernize It And Address Some Of The Issues." (Angie Holland, "Local Residents Share Their Concerns," [The Oskaloosa Herald](#), 1/22/17)

U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley: "Most Agricultural State Senators Have Made Very Clear How Important NAFTA Is To Prosperity In Agriculture. Just In Iowa's Case, Mexico Would Be The Leading Importer Of Iowa Corn." (Dar Danielson, "Senator Grassley Expresses Support Again For NAFTA," [Radiolowa](#), 1/9/18)

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst: “[Senator Ernst’s Goal Is] To Make Sure [President Trump] Understands How Important [NAFTA] Is Not Just For The Ag Economy, Not Just For The Auto Industry, But This Is A Good Thing Nationwide.” (James Q. Lynch, “Ernst Sees Trump Opposition To NAFTA Softening,” [The Gazette](#), 1/15/18)

Former Iowa Governor & Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack: “I Think The Worst Thing That Can Happen To Ag Is For The United States Or Canada Or Mexico To Make The Decision That They’re Not Going To Continue The Talks And That They’re Going To Walk Away From The Talks. That Would Be Disruptive And Over Time It Would Cause An Increase In Tariffs And Put Our Products At A Competitive Disadvantage Especially In The Mexican Market.” (“Vilsack Says Trump Administration Must Keep U.S. In NAFTA,” [WOI](#), 1/26/18)

Iowa’s Agriculture Groups Have Praised NAFTA’s Positive Impacts On Their Industries:

Iowa Farm Bureau Former President Ed Wiederstein: “NAFTA Has Helped Iowa And Our Farmers Make A Lot Of Progress In Markets In The Past Couple Of Decades. We Should Work To Build On That Success By Modernizing This Agreement.” (Americans For Farmers & Families, “New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Iowa,” [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

Iowa Farm Bureau President Craig Hill: “[NAFTA Withdrawal] Would Desecrate The Trust And Devastate The Marketplace.” (Donelle Eller, “Could NAFTA Withdrawal Push Iowa Into Another Farm Crisis? Ag Leaders Say It’s Possible,” [Des Moines Register](#), 11/10/17)

Iowa Association Of Business And Industry President Mike Ralston: “Trade Is Important, More Trade Is Better, Free Trade Is Best, It Needs To Be Fair And It Needs To Be Negotiated Smartly, But There Ought To Be These Agreements In Place. There Need To Be.” (Matthew Patane, “After Trump’s NAFTA Comments, Iowa Leaders Still Want Talks To Go On,” [The Gazette](#), 08/27/17)

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)

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