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

Agreement Pivotal To Food & Agriculture Sectors Supporting Nearly One Million State Jobs

Missouri's Food & Agriculture Sectors Support More Than 950,000 Jobs & Export \$1.4 Billion To NAFTA Partners:

Dependent On NAFTA, The Food And Agriculture Sectors Support More Than 950,000 Missouri Jobs. (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Missouri," [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

- **Missouri's Top NAFTA Exports Are Rice, Animal Feeds, Meat And Corn.** ("Missouri," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)
- **\$1.4 Billion, Or 64 Percent Of Missouri's \$2.2 Billion In Food And Agriculture Exports In 2016, Went To NAFTA Partners.** ("Missouri," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)

NAFTA Withdrawal Could Cost The State Of Missouri Nearly 70,000 Jobs. ("Terminating NAFTA: The National And State-By-State Impacts On Jobs, Exports And Output," [Business Roundtable](#), 1/2018)

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

U.S. Senator Roy Blunt And 35 GOP Senators To President Trump: "The Next Step To Advance The Economy Requires That We Keep NAFTA In Place, But Modernize It To Better Reflect Our 21st Century Economy. We Look Forward To Working With You And Your Administration To Make That Modernization A Reality And Bring Americans Even Greater Economic Success." (Erica Werner & David Lynch, "GOP Senators Urge Trump To Stay In NAFTA," [The Washington Post](#), 1/30/18)

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill: "Both Republicans And Democrats That Are From States Where Agriculture Is The Foundation Of Our Economies. And, We Want

To Make Sure That While We're Trying To Get More Jobs In America We Don't Do Harm To America's Agricultural Economy." (Julie Harker, "McCaskill 'Very Worried' About NAFTA Renegotiations," [Brownfield Ag News](#), 7/24/17)

- **U.S. Senators Roy Blunt And Claire McCaskill: "U.S. Is The World's Top Exporter Of Food And Agricultural Products And Is An Important Economic Driver That Stimulates Prosperity And Jobs Throughout Rural America. According To USDA, Every \$1 In Agricultural Exports Generates An Additional \$1.27 In Economic Activity, And Every \$1 Billion In Farm Exports Supports 8,000 Jobs."** (Senator Claire McCaskill, "McCaskill Meets With Trump Trade Chief To Urge Missouri Agriculture Protection," [Press Release](#), 12/7/17)

Missouri Agriculture Groups Have Praised NAFTA's Positive Impacts On Their Industries:

Missouri Cattlemen's Association Executive Vice President Mike Deering: "We Strongly Support NAFTA Because It Has Created Billion-Dollar Export Markets For U.S. Beef In Canada And Mexico. We Hope That The Current NAFTA Negotiations Will Focus On Areas That Truly Need Improvement And Will Conclude As Soon As Possible." (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Missouri," [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

Missouri Pork Association Executive Director Don Nikodim: "With Over 25 Percent Of U.S. Pork Finding An Out Of Country Destination, Maintaining And Growing Trade Is Of Utmost Importance. A Sound NAFTA Agreement Is Critical For The U.S. Pork Industry And Agriculture In General." (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Missouri," [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

Missouri Farm Bureau President Blake Hurst: "About 70% Of Missouri Farmers' Exports Go To Either Canada Or Mexico, We Depend On This Trade Agreement." (Julie Harker, "U.S. Agriculture Secretary's NAFTA Concerns Intensify Missouri Farm Organization Leader's Concerns," [Brownfield Ag News](#), 11/24/17)

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