



# AMERICANS FOR FARMERS & FAMILIES

## STRONG FARMING MEANS JOBS

### Ohio's Leaders Advocate For NAFTA's Preservation & Modernization

*Agreement Pivotal To Food & Agriculture Sectors Supporting 1.5 Million Buckeye State Jobs*

#### **Ohio's Food & Agriculture Sectors Support More Than 1.5 Million Jobs & Export \$1.7 Billion To NAFTA Partners:**

**Dependent On NAFTA, The Food And Agriculture Sectors Support Over 1.5 Million Ohio Jobs.** (Americans For Farmers & Families, "New Coalition Advocating For North American Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Ohio," [Press Release](#), 1/30/18)

- **Ohio's Top NAFTA Exports Are Tobacco, Soy, Prepared Foods And Animal Feed.** ("Ohio," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)
- **\$1.7 Billion, Or 42 Percent, Of Ohio's Total \$4.1 Billion Food And Agricultural Exports In 2016 Went To NAFTA Partners.** ("Ohio," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)

**NAFTA Withdrawal Could Cost The State Of Ohio More Than 127,000 Jobs.** ("Terminating NAFTA: The National And State-By-State Impacts On Jobs, Exports And Output," [Business Roundtable](#), January 2018)

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

**Governor John Kasich: "I'm A Free Trader. I Support NAFTA."** (Fox Business Republican Debate, "Transcript: Sixth Republican Top-Tier Debate 2016," [CBS](#), 1/15/16)

- **Kasich: "There's Never Anything Wrong With Taking A Look. But I Hope [NAFTA] Doesn't Just Go Away."** (Sophie Quinton, "Why States Don't Want Trump To Make 'Very Big Changes' To NAFTA," [Huffington Post](#), 8/18/15)

**U.S. Senator Rob Portman: Killing NAFTA "Would Have A Negative Impact On Auto Workers, Farmers And Service Providers In Ohio ... [Instead] We Should Improve The Agreement."** (Jack Torry, "Portman Warns Trump: Killing NAFTA Will Kill Jobs In Ohio,"

Dayton Daily News, 1/23/18)

- **Portman: “Are There Some Things That Should Be Changed In NAFTA? Yes, They Should. And We’ve Got To Make Sure It’s A Better Agreement For America, But If We Go Too Far And Pull Out Of The Agreement, It Would Be Bad For This Plant And Northwest Ohio.”** (Jon Chavez, “Sen. Portman: Retool, Don’t End NAFTA,” [Toledo Blade](#), 9/12/17)

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

**Ohio Pork Council Executive Vice President Bryan Humphreys: “Any Disruption Of Trade With Canada And Mexico, Which Account For Approximately One-Third Of Total U.S. Pork Exports, Would Have Devastating Consequences For Rural Families In Ohio And Around The Country.”** (Americans For Farmers & Families, “New Coalition Advocating For North American Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Ohio,” [Press Release](#), 1/30/18)

**Ohio Farm Bureau, Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association, Ohio Chamber Of Commerce & Ohio State’s College Of Food, Agricultural, And Environmental Sciences: “NAFTA Renegotiations Threaten To Turn Back Trade Gains For Agriculture And Key Ohio Industries.”** (Ohio Farm Bureau, “Farm Bureau Addresses The Importance Of NAFTA,” [Press Release](#), 12/29/17)

**Ohio Corn And Wheat Growers Association Executive Director Tadd Nicholson: “Today, Mexico Is Our Largest Corn Market, I Could Imagine A 20-Year Agreement Could Use Some Modernization, But To Completely Open It Up Makes Us A Little Nervous Because Agriculture Has Been Such A Beneficiary.”** (Jack Tory, “NAFTA Trade War Could Hurt Ohio Farmers,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 6/4/17)

**Ohio Farmers Union President Joe Logan: “When It Comes To Agriculture – As All Ohio Farmers Know – That Has Been One Of The Bright Sides Of International Trade.”** (Jack Tory, “NAFTA Trade War Could Hurt Ohio Farmers,” [Columbus Dispatch](#), 6/4/17)

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