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**STRONG FARMING MEANS JOBS**

## **Wisconsin's Leaders Advocate For NAFTA's Preservation & Modernization**

*Agreement Pivotal To Food & Agriculture Sectors Supporting More Than One Million State Jobs*

### **Wisconsin's Food & Agriculture Industries Support More Than 1 Million Jobs & Export \$1.5 Billion To NAFTA Partners:**

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

- **Wisconsin's Top NAFTA Exports Are Oats, Dairy And Beverages.** ("Wisconsin," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)
- **\$1.5 Billion, Or 54 Percent Of Wisconsin's \$2.7 Billion In Food And Agriculture Exports In 2016, Went To NAFTA Partners.** ("Wisconsin," [Americans For Farmers & Families](#), Accessed 1/31/18)

**NAFTA Withdrawal Could Cost The State Of Wisconsin More Than 67,000 Jobs.** ("Terminating NAFTA: The National And State-By-State Impacts On Jobs, Exports And Output," [Business Roundtable](#), January 2018)

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

**Governor Scott Walker: "For The Businesses In Wisconsin ... We Want To Make Sure That Our Largest Market In The World Is Still Accessible."** (Alex Panetta, "U.S. Governors Tell Trudeau They Want NAFTA To Survive," [Canadian Press](#), 7/14/17)

- **Walker: "I Don't Think You Need To Blow [NAFTA] Up. I Think It Needs To Be Improved. I Think It's (About) Improving. I Mean, You're Talking About Something That's More Than Two Decades Old. No Matter How Good Something Is There's Always Good Ways To Improve It. So, I Think That's Positive."** (Alex Panetta, "U.S. Governors Tell Trudeau They Want NAFTA To Survive,"

Canadian Press, 7/14/17)

**U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan: “I Welcome The Administration’s Effort To Improve And Update NAFTA For The 21st Century Economy. The United States Values Its Strong Economic Ties With Mexico And Canada, And These Negotiations Should Work To Enhance Our Trilateral Trading Relationship. Congress Looks Forward To Working Hand-In-Hand With The Trump Administration To Achieve The Best Deal Possible For American Workers And Our Economy.”** (U.S. Speaker Paul Ryan, “Statement On NAFTA,” [Press Release](#), 5/18/17)

**U.S. Senator Ron Johnson: “I Think NAFTA Has Been Good For North American Markets.”** (Manu Raju, “GOP Leaders Fire Warning Shot To Trump On NAFTA,” [CNN](#), 1/23/17)

- **Johnson: “I Think The Rhetoric Has Not Been Accurate As It Relates To NAFTA In Terms Of Its Impact On Our Economy; It Has Been Positive For All Three Economies, Which Is A Good Thing. Wisconsin By And Large Is A Manufacturing Export State. And So, So Often – And This Gets Missed – An Awful Lot Too Is Imports Provide Components That Help Make Our Products More Competitive.”** (“Sen. Johnson: NAFTA Countries Should ‘Conclude The Bargaining’ And Strike A Deal,” [World Trade Online](#), 12/13/17)

#### **Wisconsin’s Agriculture & Manufacturing Groups Have Praised NAFTA’s Positive Impacts On Their Industries:**

**Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association Executive Director Of The Tom Lochner: “Canada Is The Leading Export Market For Cranberries And Mexican Exports Have Grown By Nearly 40 Percent In The Past Five Years. We Need Those Markets For Our Cranberry Products. Without Them, That Will Make It Even Tougher For Our Growers To Achieve Success And Is A Threat To All Of Wisconsin Agriculture.”** (Americans For Farmers & Families, “New Coalition Advocating For North American Free Trade Agreement Modernization Launches Campaign In Wisconsin,” [Press Release](#), 1/25/18)

**Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Jim Holte: “If We Were To Have To Change Our Production Levels Down To What Only Could Be Consumed In This Country, It’d Be Quite The Disaster For Prices.”** (Hope Kirwan, “2016 Export Numbers Highlight Wisconsin’s Reliance On NAFTA,” [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), 1/16/18)

**Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association Executive Director Tamas Houlihan: “Every Potato That’s Sold Out Of The U.S. Opens Up A Little More Of A Market Within The U.S. For Domestic Trade.”** (Hope Kirwan, “Wisconsin Vegetable, Cranberry Growers Join National Lobby For NAFTA,” [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), 1/22/18)

**Wisconsin Corn Growers Association President Casey Kelleher: “It Is Absolutely Vital For Wisconsin’s Economic Health That Our Community Is Well Represented At The Table As NAFTA Negotiations Proceed. We Owe It To Wisconsin’s Farmers To Do What We Can To Assure They Continue To Play A Major Role In Feeding A Hungry World.”** (Casey Kelleher, “Corn Board Leader Shares Concerns with NAFTA Renegotiation,” [Wisconsin AgConnection](#), 1/23/18)

**Wisconsin Manufacturers And Commerce's Kurt Bauer, Metropolitan Milwaukee Association Of Commerce's Tim Sheehy And Wisconsin Farm Bureau's Jim Holte: "No One Knows The North American Free Trade Agreement Better Than Wisconsin Farmers And Business Owners, And No One Knows Better Than Wisconsin Farmers And Business Owners That A Withdrawal From NAFTA Would Have Devastating Consequences For Our State."** (Kurt Bauer, Jim Holte & Tim Sheehy, "It's Time To Move Forward With NAFTA, Not Backward Without It," [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#), 1/2/18)

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