NAFTA & Illinois Agriculture

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is the most important trade agreement for Illinois farmers.



U.S. ag and food exports to Canada and Mexico have more than quadrupled Created 5-6 million American jobs

2 in every 10 acres on Illinois farms are planted to feed Canada and Mexico



Major Illinois Exports to NAFTA Partners



DDGs (distillers dried grains and solubles)



PORK



Canada and Mexico as Export Markets				
Commodity	Canada (U.S.)	Mexico (U.S.)	Canada (IL)	Mexico (IL)
Corn	#9	#1	#9	#2
DDGs	#7	#2	#6	#2
Soybean products (beans, meal, and oil)	#3 for soy meal #10 for soy oil	#1 for soy meal and soy oil #2 for whole soybeans	#6 soy meal and soy oil	#2 soy meal and soy oil
Pork and pork products	#3	#2	#5	#4
Beef and beef products	#3	#2	#7	#6
Ethanol	#1	#8	#1	#5

Rank for Illinois Exports **

Processed Foods Exports from Illinois

Illinois food processing industry is one of the largest in the nation.

Illinois **exports \$1.8 billion** in consumer oriented agricultural products each year, supporting **13,500 jobs.**

Jobs

In 2016, Illinois agri-food exports to Canada and Mexico supported **34,785 iobs.**

In 2016, Illinois feed grains exports alone to Canada and Mexico supported

more than 5,000 jobs.

Pork and Beef Notes

Combined, Mexico and Canada account for 40% of U.S. pork export volume and 30% of U.S. beef export volume.

Pork exports to Canada and Mexico

add \$18.30 to the value of every U.S. hog

Beef exports to Canada and Mexico

add \$71.65 to the value of every U.S. steer





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