

West Virginia

USMCA
The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement

Canada and Mexico are the United States' top export markets for U.S. agriculture, totaling a combined \$40 billion in 2018. In fact, more than 28 percent of all U.S. farm and food exports went to our North American neighbors last year. The U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA, will make a good trade relationship even better, ensuring preferential market access for U.S. agricultural exporters and solidifying commitments to fair and science-based trade rules.



1,300

West Virginia jobs supported by agricultural exports

\$150 million

Annual value of West Virginia agricultural exports

Source: USDA-ERS 2017 State Export Data

Key Provisions



Biotechnology

For the first time, the agreement specifically addresses agricultural biotechnology – including new technologies such as gene editing – to support innovation and reduce trade-distorting policies.



Geographical Indications

The agreement institutes a more rigorous process for establishing geographical indications (GIs) and lays out additional factors to be considered in determining whether a term is a common name.



Sanitary/Phytosanitary Measures

The agreement strengthens disciplines for science-based measures that protect human, animal, and plant health while improving the flow of trade.



Beef

U.S. beef producers maintain access to a \$1.8 billion market that accounted for nearly 22% of 2018 exports.



Poultry and Eggs

U.S. poultry producers will have new access to Canada for chicken and eggs, and expanded access for turkey.



Soybeans

U.S. soybean growers maintain access to Mexico, their #3 customer, and to a combined market totaling nearly \$2 billion in 2018.



Fruits

The agreement updates origin rules for processed fruits to assure that preferences benefit U.S. producers.



Corn

U.S. corn farmers maintain access to Mexico, their #1 customer, and to a combined market totaling nearly \$3.4 billion (27% of total export sales) last year.

Top U.S. Agricultural Exports to Canada and Mexico, 2018

- 1 Corn (\$3.4 billion)
- 2 Prepared Foods (\$2.6 billion)
- 3 Fresh Fruit (\$2.1 billion)
- 4 Pork & Pork Products (\$2.1 billion)
- 5 Dairy Products (\$2.0 billion)
- 6 Fresh Vegetables (\$2.0 billion)
- 7 Soybeans (\$2.0 billion)
- 8 Beef & Beef Products (\$1.8 billion)
- 9 Snack Foods (\$1.7 billion)
- 10 Poultry & Eggs (\$1.6 billion)