U.S. - Mexico At a Glance

AGRICULTURAL TRADE

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The U.S. is Mexico's largest agricultural market.

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U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico have more than doubled under NAFTA since 1993, reaching $16.6 billion in 2008.

Trade growth has been substantial for both countries, with U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico increasing $11.6 billion and U.S. agricultural imports from Mexico increasing $8.1 billion between 1994 and 2008.

Mexico is our largest market for beef, dairy, swine, turkey, rice, apples, soymeal, sorghum, and dry beans.

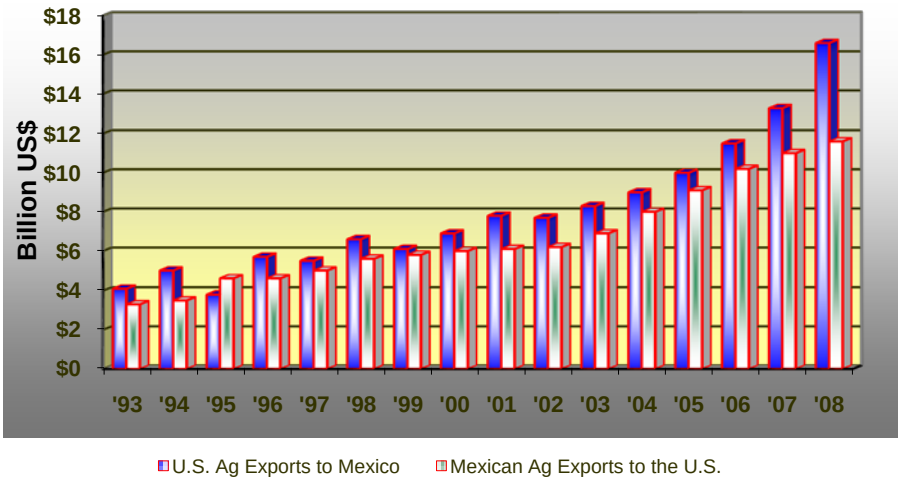
With a growing population, an expanding economy and an increasingly market-oriented agricultural sector, Mexico strengthened its position as the United States' second largest agricultural trading partner in 2008, accounting for about 11% of U.S. agricultural imports and 13% of U.S. exports. The U.S. remains Mexico's principal agricultural trading partner. Nearly 80% of Mexico's agricultural exports go the U.S. Specifically, U.S. imports of Mexican agricultural products in 2008 were valued at a record $11.6 billion, and U.S. exports of agricultural products to Mexico were valued at $16.6 billion.

Since NAFTA was implemented in 1994, agricultural trade between the U.S. and Mexico has risen dramatically. Mexico's agricultural exports to the U.S. have expanded by nearly 9% per year, growing twice as fast as they did before NAFTA. At the same time, U.S. exports to Mexico have grown at nearly the same rate, reflecting the mutually beneficial outcomes NAFTA has provided to the agricultural sectors in both countries.

Technical Cooperation

The importance of the agricultural economies of Mexico and the U.S. to both countries has led to a strong cooperative relationship. Over the last three years, the USG, private sector and university community have invested more than $25 million in over 120 projects to address issues affecting agriculture and agribusiness in Mexico.

U.S.- Mexico Agricultural Trade Under NAFTA



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