Canada purchased $21 billion in U.S. agriculture and agri-food products in 2012. South Carolina benefitted from this strong relationship in 2012 by exporting $119 million in agriculture and agri-food products to Canada. To help reduce barriers to trade, lower costs and create economic opportunities, the Regulatory Cooperation Council and Beyond the Border Action Plans were released in December 2011. Increased regulatory cooperation will support U.S.-Canada trade in agriculture and agri-food products, contribute to job creation, and provide a greater variety of safe, high-quality food products for consumers.

Trade with Canada = Jobs in South Carolina

➔ Approximately 114,000 jobs in South Carolina depend on trade with Canada.

South Carolina exported $119 million to Canada, including:

➔ $26M in animal/pet feed (including $22M in dog and cat food)
➔ $13M in fruits and nuts (including $10M in pecans)
➔ $13M in live chickens
➔ $12M in food preparations
➔ $11M in prepared meats (including $4M in prepared pork)

South Carolina imported $136 million from Canada, including:

➔ $36M in durum wheat
➔ $18M in breads and pastries (including $9M in cookies)
➔ $11M in chocolate products
➔ $10M in frozen fries
➔ $9M in gelatin

All currency is in U.S. dollars and based on 2012 data (as of July 2013). All export figures do not include re-export values. Trade values are approximate and have been rounded where/when appropriate. Fertilizers, farm machinery and seafood are not included in the definition of agriculture and agri-food trade. Commodity categories are based on the internationally standardized Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS codes). Wherein a single commodity is 90 percent or more of an HS group, the specific commodity is named. M = Million.

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