## Canada-Alabama Trade



- Total trade between Alabama and Canada in 2006 was valued at \$4.1 billion. Agriculture, agri-food and seafood trade accounted for \$90 million, or 2.2 percent of total trade. Canada purchased \$57.8 million, or nearly nine percent of Alabama's agriculture, agri-food and seafood exports in 2006, and was a net importer of the state's agriculture and agri-food goods.
- → Poultry products account for about half of Alabama agricultural exports to the world on a dollar value basis. Alabama's main export to Canada in 2006 was poultry meat and offal, worth \$24.9 million. This accounted for over 35 percent of Alabama's total exports of poultry meat and offal. In the same year, another \$13.8 worth of prepared chicken was exported to Canada. Together, poultry meat and prepared chicken represented 66 percent of Alabama's agriculture, agri-food and seafood exports to Canada in 2006. Related to poultry farming, dairy, eggs and honey exports to Canada were worth almost \$4.5 million.
- Live chicken exports, along with live duck and turkey exports to Canada totaled \$3.1 million in 2006. Other important exports to Canada included raw peanuts, animal feed preparations, and fish and seafood.
- →Alabama imported \$31.4 million worth of agriculture, agri-food and seafood from Canada in 2006. These items ranged from cereals and baking-related goods, both worth approximately \$6.8 million, as well as a variety of grains and seeds worth \$2.5 million. Other imports from Canada included alcoholic beverages, fresh and frozen pork, poultry meat offal, and vegetables.

## TRADE SUPPORTS ALABAMA'S FAMILIES

Canada's population is slightly less than the population of the state of California, but the face of agriculture remains the same for both Canada and the United States. Both in Canada and the United States, 98 percent of farms are family operations. Alabama is an important producer and exporter of agricultural products. In 2006, the state's cash farm receipts totaled \$3.6 billion. As for exports, the state's agricultural sales overseas were estimated at \$572 million in 2006. Agricultural exports help boost farm prices and income, while supporting about 6,800 jobs both on and off the farm in food processing, storage, and transportation, Exports remain important to Alabama's agricultural and statewide economy. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 16 percent in 2006.

## **HOW IMPORTANT IS AGRICULTURE?**

In the U.S., the agriculture and agri-food industry represents roughly 5% of GDP, and is responsible for roughly 24 million jobs when you consider everything from growing the food to selling it at the local supermarket. In Canada, the agriculture and agri-food industry generates 8% of the GDP. It also employs nearly 2.1 million people, or approximately one out of every eight Canadians. Agriculture remains a central component of Canada's economy.

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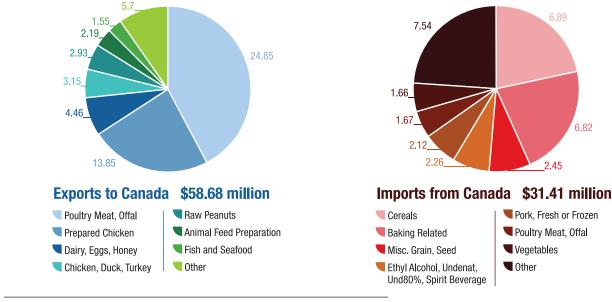
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Pork, Fresh or Frozen

Poultry Meat, Offal

Vegetables

**Other** 



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Pie Chart Data Source: World Trade Atlas (WTA), product group: Agri-food and Seafood, retrieved July 2007. Canada-US state trade data sourced from WTA, product group: Agri-food and Seafood, retrieved Aug. 2007 Additional sources include: USDA, Alabama Farmers Federation.

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