



Canada-Louisiana Trade



- Two-way trade between Louisiana and Canada totaled \$3 billion in 2006. For Canada, Louisiana, also known as the state of "Union, Justice, and Confidence", was a trusted source of plastics, trucks and organic chemicals. While in return, Canada supplied Louisiana with machinery, vehicle parts, oil and petroleum and plastics. Bilateral trade in agriculture and agri-food goods was worth \$127.4 million in 2006.
- In 2006, Louisiana's processed food items represented key exports to Canada. These included sales of \$6 million in frozen prawns and shrimp, \$7.6 million in cane and beet sugars and \$4.3 million in vegetables.
- Louisiana's top three agricultural export commodities in 2006 were cotton, rice and soybeans. Rice is also the third largest rice exporter in the nation. Rice contributed \$210 million, or 10 percent, of the state's farm cash receipt for 2006 and supported about 7,800 jobs, on and off the farm. This makes rice an important contribution to the Louisiana farm economy. In total Canada imported \$513,000 worth of rice from Louisiana in 2006.

HOW IMPORTANT IS AGRICULTURE?

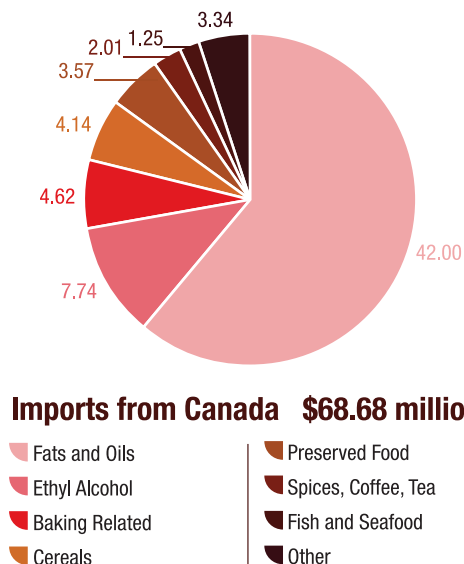
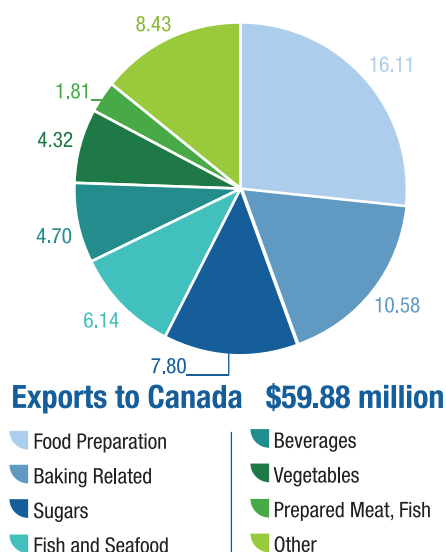
In the U.S., the agriculture and agri-food industry represents roughly five percent of GDP, and is responsible for roughly 24 million jobs when you consider everything from growing the food to selling it at the local supermarket. In Canada, the agriculture and agri-food industry generates eight percent 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.

TRADE SUPPORTS LOUISIANA'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. Louisiana produces agricultural products that are exported worldwide. Louisiana's farm cash receipts were \$2.3 billion in 2006, and its agricultural exports worldwide were estimated at \$641 million in 2006. Agricultural exports help boost farm prices and income, while supporting about 7,600 jobs both on the farm and off the farm in food processing, storage, and transportation. Exports are important to Louisiana's agricultural and statewide economy. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the state's reliance on agricultural exports was 28 percent in 2006.

LENDING A HELPING HAND

The citizens of Canada were enormously moved by the devastation and suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina and did their best to lend a helping hand. In addition to the disaster relief assistance provided by Canada's provincial and federal governments, and the fundraising efforts undertaken all over Canada, Canadian cities made some other special and unique contributions to the efforts. For example, Canada's city of Hamilton provided emergency shelter for a number of household pets that were left stranded. The citizens of Ottawa, the nation's capital, donated over 17,000 kg of food, clothing and other goods, and also provided New Orleans libraries with 20,000 books to replace the children's collections that were damaged. The cooperation between Canada and Louisiana in a time of crisis exemplifies the strong Canada-U.S. relationship.



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