



Canada-Mississippi Trade



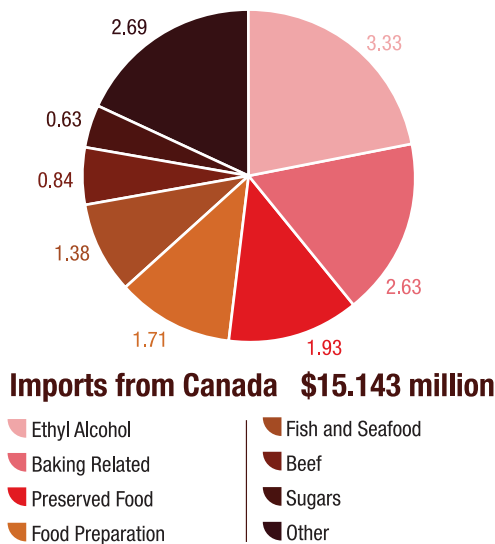
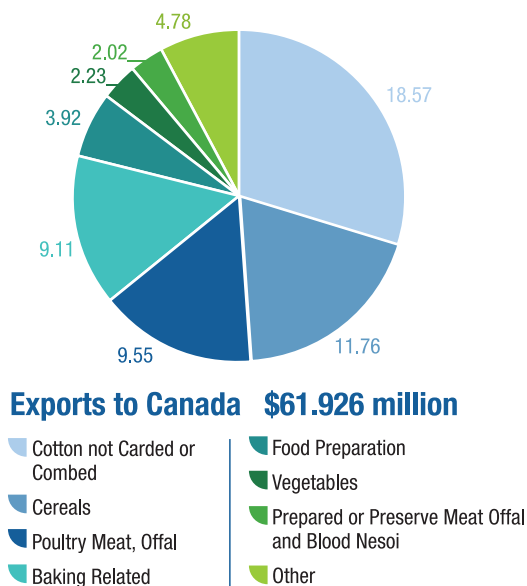
- Overall, bilateral trade between Canada and Mississippi totaled \$1.6 billion in 2006. The major trade between the two parties was in machinery, vehicle parts and plastics, though Canada was also a supplier of wood and paper products to the state. Roughly \$77 million of this total was accounted for by agriculture and agri-food products. Canada is a net importer of agricultural and agri-food goods from Mississippi.
- In 2006, Mississippi harvested 1.2 million acres of cotton. Cotton is one of Mississippi's top five exports to Canada, and in 2006, the state provided Canada with \$18.5 million worth of cotton, and \$943,000 in refined cotton seed oil.
- Mississippi second highest valued export in 2006 was cereals worth \$11.7 million. Chicken and poultry sales were next, worth \$9.5 million. Other exports to Canada included sauces and condiments, cookies, sweet potatoes and soft drinks.
- Canada's major exports to Mississippi were alcohol, breads, pastries, cookies and meat. This included \$3.4 million in whiskeys, vodkas, and liqueurs, \$1.6 million in breads and pastries, and \$1.8 million in prepared potatoes.

TRADE SUPPORTS MISSISSIPPI'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. Mississippi is an important producer of agricultural products and exports worldwide. The state's farm cash receipts totaled \$3.8 billion in 2006. Agricultural sales overseas were estimated at \$950 million in 2006. Agricultural exports help boost farm prices and income, while supporting about 11,200 jobs both on the farm and off the farm in food processing, storage, and transportation. Exports are important to Mississippi's agricultural and statewide economy. Measured as exports divided by farm cash receipts, the State's reliance on agricultural exports was 25 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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**Variations in pie chart data and general trade information may occur due to dates when data was retrieved.

