



# Canada-North Dakota Trade

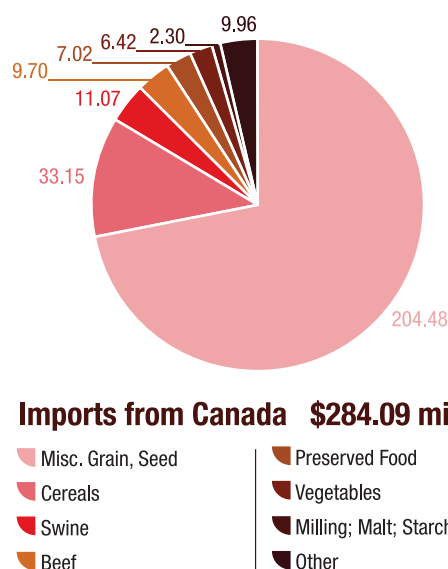
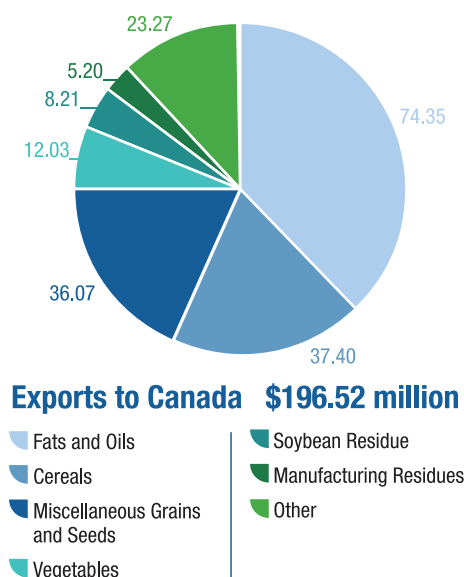


- In 2006, over 20 percent of the \$2.2 billion in total bilateral trade between the border state of North Dakota and Canada was in agricultural and agri-food products. Canada exported \$284 million in agricultural products to North Dakota, and North Dakota shipped \$196.5 million to Canada.
- Agriculture is the largest sector of North Dakota's economy, contributing about 25 percent of the economic base and supporting about 22,300 jobs both on and off the farm. Trade in agriculture and agri-food is vital, and Canada is the major market for North Dakota's products. The North Dakotan and Canadian prairie climates are perfect environments for their vast field crops that play pivotal roles in trade.
- Canada purchased substantial amounts of soybeans and sunflower seed from North Dakota. Top sales from the state included \$38 million in canola oil, \$35.5 million in sunflower oil, \$25.6 million in canola seed and \$8 million in soybean residues. In turn, North Dakota bought more than \$204 million in canola, sunflower, flaxseed, soybeans and oleaginous fruit seeds from Canada.
- Exports of canola are strong on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. Of Canada's agricultural exports to North Dakota in 2006, \$185 million worth was made up of canola seeds. Interestingly, North Dakota sold over \$25.6 million in canola seeds and various other seeds to Canada.

→ Agricultural trade between Canada and North Dakota is not only made up of grains and oilseeds. In each of the past three years, Canada has sold, on average, \$10.9 million worth of live swine to North Dakota, along with an average of \$22.7 million in oats, barley, wheat and other cereals. In 2006, Canada also bought more than \$12 million in vegetables from North Dakota.

## 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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Additional sources include: USDA.

\*\*Variations in pie chart data and general trade information may occur due to dates when data was retrieved.



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