



# Canada-Rhode Island Trade



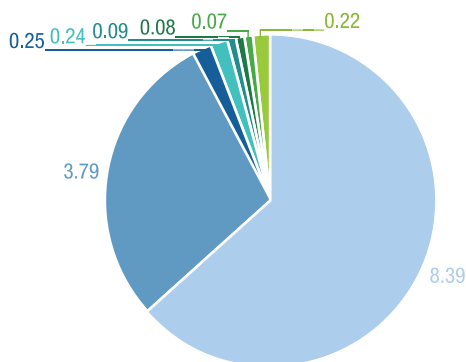
- Total bilateral trade between Rhode Island and Canada was valued at \$1.5 billion in 2006. Over \$255 million of this trade was in precious metals, with Canada supplying raw gold, silver and platinum to Rhode Island and Rhode Island returning to Canada jewelry and other metal scraps and waste in return. Petroleum bitumen, oil and wood from Canada and machinery from Rhode Island were also key items in trade.
- Agriculture and agri-food trade was significant to the economies of each trade partner. Total trade in agriculture and agri-food products between Rhode Island and Canada totaled \$71 million in 2006, and Canada was the destination for nearly 30 percent of the state's exports of these goods. As with many of the North-Eastern U.S. states, Canada was an essential supplier of food items to Rhode Island.
- From Rhode Island's agricultural sector, Canada purchased a range of goods in 2006, which included baked goods, crustaceans, peanut oil, bread, pastry and cakes.
- In 2006, the people of Rhode Island benefited from Canada's extensive agriculture, fish and seafood industry. The states main purchases included \$17.7 million in lobsters, crabs and shrimp; \$4.3 million in fresh or frozen pork cuts; \$5.7 million in canola, soybean and other vegetable oils; as well as \$2.2 million in breads, cakes and pastries.

## 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.

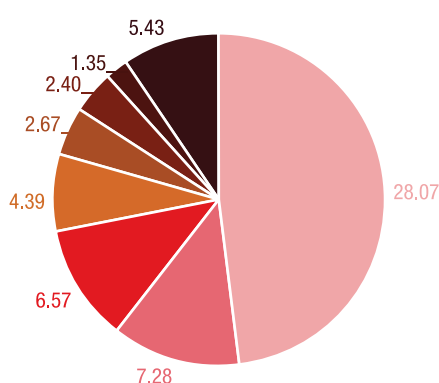
## RHODE ISLAND'S FISH AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

The nickname "Ocean State" not only relates to the beauty of Rhode Island and the importance of tourism. Aquaculture is an increasingly important industry for the state, and fresh fish and seafood now play a greater role in the Canada-Rhode Island relationship than traditional agriculture. From coast to coast, Canada's fish and seafood product exports were valued at \$3.8 billion in 2006. This made Canada the world's fourth largest exporter of fish and seafood products, with exports to more than 130 countries. The United States remains Canada's top customer for our fish and seafood products, representing roughly 63 percent of our exports to the world. Canada has one of the world's most respected fish inspection and control systems, so it's no wonder why our products are so valued among U.S. consumers.



### Exports to Canada \$13.15 million

- Fish and Seafood
- Animal Products Nesoi; Dead Animals, Inedible, Etc.
- Fats Oils
- Baking Related
- Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Prepared Meat and Fish
- Waste of Wool or Fine or Coarse Animal Hair
- Other



### Imports from Canada \$58.17 million

- Fish and Seafood
- Prepared Meat, Fish
- Fats and Oils
- Pork, Fresh or Frozen
- Vegetables
- Baking Related
- Live Trees and Plants
- 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 Oct. 2007.

Additional sources include: [www.georgiaencyclopedia.org](http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org), USDA, AAFC Fish and Seafood.

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



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