



Canada-Virginia Trade



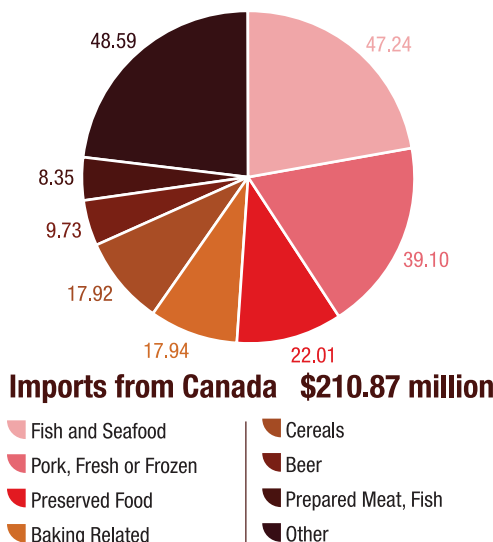
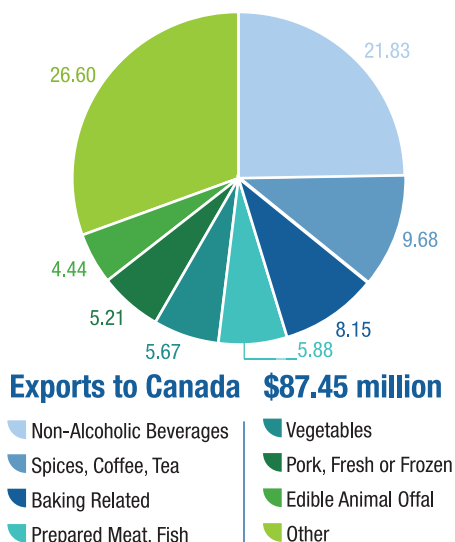
- Total trade between Virginia and Canada in 2006 was worth \$5.3 billion. For Virginia, Canada was the destination for \$183 million worth of trucks, \$301 million in tractors, and \$225 million in machinery. Canada exported \$197.6 million in piston engines, \$332 million in crude oil, and \$303.8 million in paper and paper board. Bilateral exchanges of agricultural and agri-food products were in excess of \$298 million in 2006.
- The top agri-food product exported to Canada from Virginia in 2006 was bottled water, including mineral and aerated waters, valued at \$21.8 million. Canadians also imported \$8.1 million in rice and other baked goods, as well as \$9.6 million in coffees and teas. In 2006, Ontario alone imported over \$4 million in Virginian crustacean and molluscs.
- Chickens, or broilers, and beef cattle are the top two agricultural industries in Virginia, followed closely by milk production. Virginia is also well-known world-wide for the hams and other cuts produced from its hogs. In 2006, Canada imported \$3.4 million in poultry meat and products, and \$5.2 million in pork and pork products from Virginia.
- Virginia was a market for a range of Canadian agricultural and agri-food goods in 2006. That year, Virginia purchased \$39 million in pork and pork products; \$17.9 million in baked goods; \$17.7 million in wheat; over \$13.3 million in beer, whiskies, vodka and mineral water; \$7.3 million in lobsters, crabs and molluscs; \$5.5 million in tobacco and related goods; and \$2.1 million in fresh tomatoes.

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.

INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Without its own expansive farmland, the District of Columbia relies on imports and the agricultural sectors of neighbouring states, such as Maryland and Virginia. Canada has played a valuable role in providing sustenance to the people of D.C., as well as jobs to those in export-oriented food industries. In 2006, Canada provided \$9 million in agri-food products to the Capital region, where the top commodities were fresh beef cuts, vodka, and other vegetables, dried and salted fish, mineral and aerated water, and chocolates.



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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: USDA.

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

