

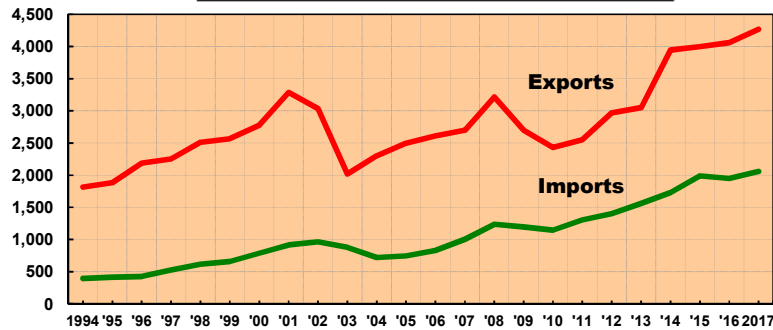
Trends in Alberta Agri-Food Exports

Agri-Food Trade with the United States and Mexico since NAFTA, 1994 - 2017

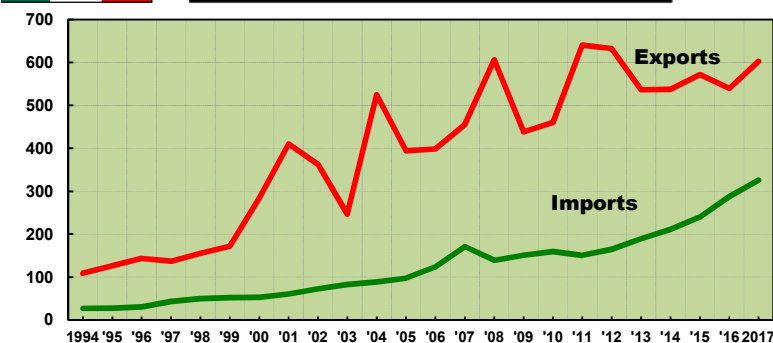
Alberta Years	United States (US)			Mexico			All Countries (Total)		
	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
	\$ Millions			\$ Millions			\$ Millions		
1994 NAFTA*	1,816	395	1,421	109	27	82	3,641	560	3,081
1995	1,882	416	1,467	127	28	99	4,001	578	3,424
1996	2,186	424	1,762	143	30	113	4,691	600	4,091
1997	2,255	526	1,729	137	43	94	4,867	727	4,140
1998	2,511	616	1,895	155	50	105	4,708	854	3,854
1999	2,566	658	1,908	171	52	120	4,545	913	3,632
2000	2,779	788	1,991	284	53	231	5,297	1,065	4,232
2001	3,288	915	2,373	410	60	349	5,987	1,222	4,766
2002	3,035	966	2,069	363	72	291	5,202	1,317	3,884
2003 BSE**	2,019	876	1,143	247	83	164	4,088	1,271	2,816
2004	2,302	722	1,580	525	88	436	5,252	1,164	4,088
2005	2,496	745	1,751	394	97	297	5,336	1,251	4,086
2006	2,607	828	1,779	398	124	275	5,813	1,398	4,415
2007	2,697	1,004	1,693	456	171	285	6,491	1,682	4,809
2008	3,213	1,237	1,976	606	139	467	8,386	1,910	6,476
2009	2,704	1,196	1,508	438	150	288	7,429	1,855	5,574
2010	2,431	1,145	1,286	460	159	301	6,775	1,866	4,910
2011	2,551	1,306	1,245	640	151	490	8,061	2,075	5,986
2012	2,967	1,400	1,567	632	164	468	9,210	2,289	6,921
2013	3,050	1,560	1,490	536	189	347	8,705	2,474	6,231
2014	3,945	1,731	2,214	537	211	326	9,754	2,739	7,015
2015	3,998	1,990	2,009	572	240	332	10,181	3,080	7,102
2016	4,061	1,952	2,110	540	287	252	10,006	3,055	6,952
2017	4,267	2,056	2,211	602	326	277	11,225	3,220	8,005
10-Yr. Average			10-Yr. Average			10-Yr. Average			
2008-2017	3,319	1,557	1,761	556	202	355	8,973	2,456	6,517
% Change			% Change			% Change			
2017/1994	135	420	56	454	1,100	239	208	475	160



Alberta's Agri-Food Trade with the US
- Value (\$ Millions) -



Alberta's Agri-Food Trade with Mexico
- Value (\$ Millions) -



*NAFTA - North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994

**BSE - Bovine spongiform encephalopathy

> The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is an agreement among the United States (US), Canada and Mexico designed to remove tariff barriers between the three countries. The NAFTA was established in 1994 and became the World's largest trade agreement. Since then, trade between the three countries has increased significantly. During the past 24 years (1994-2017), Alberta's agri-food exports to the US more than doubled, while exports to Mexico more than quadrupled. Also, agri-food imports from both countries increased substantially.

> Historically, Alberta has a positive trade balance, exporting more than importing. As an export oriented province, Alberta has recorded surpluses in agri-food trade with the US and Mexico every year.

> The US continues to be Alberta's largest and most important export market for primary agriculture commodities (animals and crops) and value added processed products such as meats and other food products. Historically, the US is the sole export market for Alberta's live cattle (non-purebred) and hogs, and accounts for 70% of all beef exports.

> Also, the US is Alberta's largest market for imported agri-food products, accounting for almost 65% of all imports. These include mainly vegetables and fruits, beverages (wines and other alcoholic beverages), water and various food and food ingredients.

> Over the past 24 years, agri-food exports to the US grew from \$1.8 billion in 1994, to \$4.3 billion in 2017. Despite the increase in value, its share of Alberta's total agri-food exports has been declining, from a record 58% in 2002 to 38% in 2017. The declining share of Alberta's agri-food exports to the US was mainly offset by increased market share in China, Japan and Mexico.

> Mexico is Alberta's fourth largest export market and second largest import market. Agri-food exports to this market grew, from \$109 million in 1994, to \$602 million in 2017. Also, imports increased significantly, from \$27 million to \$326 million. Alberta exports to Mexico included canola seed, beef, wheat and pork. Imports included mainly vegetables and fruits, beer and other alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

> Overall, NAFTA has had a positive impact on Alberta's agri-food trade with the US and Mexico.

Note: Import data are reported by Statistics Canada on a province of clearance basis. The province of clearance is often not the province of final destination of imported goods. Thus, import statistics at the provincial level may not be accurate.

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