

## The International Affairs Budget Working for Arkansas

### Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Arkansas' statewide economy, totaling \$1.9 billion and supporting over 22,600 jobs in 2006. The top five agricultural export goods are rice, cotton, poultry and products, soybeans and products, and feed grains<sup>1</sup>.



### Education

- During 2006-2007, 2,899 foreign students were enrolled in Arkansas colleges and universities and contributed almost \$54.9 million to the Arkansas economy<sup>2</sup>.

### Exports

- Today, trade supports 261,559 jobs in Arkansas, or 17.1 percent of total jobs, up from only 9.5 percent in 1992<sup>3</sup>.
- In 2007, Arkansas exported goods globally to 159 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$4.9 billion. The major exports produced by Arkansas are<sup>4</sup>:
  - Transportation Equipment (\$1.3 billion)
  - Processed Foods (\$605 million)
  - Chemical Manufactures (\$563 million)
  - Machinery Manufactures (\$509 million)
- In 2006, 1,383 companies exported goods from Arkansas. One-ninth (10.7%) of all manufacturing workers in Arkansas depend on exports for their jobs<sup>5</sup>.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) entered into force in 1994, Arkansas' combined exports to Canada and Mexico have increased 199 percent<sup>6</sup>.

### Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$266.45 million in exports from Arkansas supporting 28 companies in 19 communities<sup>7</sup>.

### International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 840 Peace Corps volunteers from Arkansas have served in dozens of countries overseas<sup>8</sup>.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to numerous Arkansas Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) such as the Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development and Heifer Project International<sup>9</sup>.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$26 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$16.6 million from U.S. government grants and contracts, other governments, and international organizations<sup>10</sup>.

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- <sup>1</sup> <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>
  - <sup>2</sup> [http://www.nafsa.org/public\\_policy.sec/international\\_education\\_1](http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1)
  - <sup>3</sup> [http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade\\_2006/doha/mappop.html](http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html)
  - <sup>4</sup> [http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state\\_reports/](http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/)
  - <sup>5</sup> Ibid
  - <sup>6</sup> [http://www.export.gov/fta/peru/peru\\_statedata.asp](http://www.export.gov/fta/peru/peru_statedata.asp)
  - <sup>7</sup> <https://apps.exim.gov/apps/usmap/usmap.nsf>
  - <sup>8</sup> [http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps\\_cbj\\_2009.pdf](http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps_cbj_2009.pdf)
  - <sup>9</sup> <http://www.pvo.net/usaaid/>
  - <sup>10</sup> Ibid