

The International Affairs Budget Working for Iowa

Agriculture

- Iowa is America's second leading exporter of agricultural products, totaling \$4.4 billion and supporting over 49,900 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are feed grains, soybeans, live animals, feeds and hides¹.



Education

- During 2006-2007, 7,799 foreign students were enrolled in Iowa colleges and universities and contributed almost \$168 million to the Iowa economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 348,578 jobs in Iowa, or 18.1 percent of total jobs, up from 10.7 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Iowa exported goods globally to 186 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$9.6 billion. The major exports produced by Iowa are⁴:
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$2.7 billion)
 - Processed Food (\$1.8 billion)
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$842 million)
 - Computer and Electronics (\$683 million)
- In 2006, 2,248 companies exported goods from Iowa. One-sixth (16.2%) of all manufacturing workers in Iowa depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Iowa's combined exports to Canada and Mexico have increased 294 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$110.67 million in exports from 46 companies in 27 communities in Iowa⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 2,006 Peace Corps volunteers from Iowa have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by two Iowa Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) including Hope Haven and Self Help International⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was just over \$10 million from U.S. government grants and contracts, other governments, and international organizations¹⁰.

- ¹ <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>
- ² http://www.nafsa.org/public_policy.sec/international_education_1
- ³ http://trade.businessroundtable.org/trade_2006/doha/mappop.html
- ⁴ http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state_reports/
- ⁵ Ibid
- ⁶ http://www.export.gov/fta/peru/peru_statedata.asp
- ⁷ <https://apps.exim.gov/apps/usmap/usmap.nsf>
- ⁸ http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps_cbj_2009.pdf
- ⁹ <http://www.pvo.net/usaaid/>
- ¹⁰ Ibid