

The International Affairs Budget Working for Louisiana

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Louisiana's statewide economy, totaling \$641 million and supporting over 7,600 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are cotton, rice, soybeans, feed grains, feeds and fodders¹.

Education

- During 2006-2007, 5,619 foreign students were enrolled in Louisiana colleges and universities and contributed almost \$106 million to the Louisiana economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 449,147 jobs in Louisiana, or 18.2 percent of total jobs, up from 10.9 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Louisiana exported goods globally to 189 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$30.4 billion. The major exports produced by Louisiana are⁴:
 - Petroleum and Coal (\$5.7 billion)
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$5.6 billion)
 - Processed Foods (\$2.6 billion)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$851 million)
- In 2006, 2,371 companies exported goods from Louisiana. Nearly one-seventh (13.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Louisiana depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Louisiana's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 364 percent⁶.



Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$1.57 billion in exports from 169 companies in 51 communities in Louisiana⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 963 Peace Corps volunteers from Louisiana have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by two Louisiana Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs), the National Cancer Coalition and Children's Cup⁹.

- 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/usaid/>