

The International Affairs Budget Working for Maine

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Maine's statewide economy, totaling \$434 million and supporting over 4,900 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are wheat, tobacco leaf, vegetables, fruits and planting seeds¹.

Education

- During 2006-2007, 1,388 foreign students were enrolled in Maine colleges and universities and contributed almost \$33 million to the Maine economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 143,359 jobs in Maine, or 17.6 percent of total jobs, up from only 7.5 percent in 1992³.

- In 2007, Maine exported goods globally to 169 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$2.7 billion. The major exports produced by Maine are⁴:

- Computers and Electronics (\$914 million)
- Paper Products (\$558 million)
- Transportation Equipment (\$186 million)
- Wood Products (\$127 million)



- In 2006, 1,257 companies exported goods from Maine. Nearly one-sixth (15.8%) of all manufacturing workers in Maine depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Maine's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 151 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$283 million in exports from 13 companies in 10 communities in Maine⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 1,631 Peace Corps volunteers from Maine have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by Maine Private Voluntary Organization (PVO) Medical Care Development, Inc⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was approximately \$1.3 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$21 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/usaid/>
- ¹⁰ Ibid