

The International Affairs Budget Working for Mississippi

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Mississippi's statewide economy, totaling \$950 million and supporting over 11,200 jobs in 2006. The top agricultural export goods are cotton, poultry, soybeans, rice, and feed grains¹.



Education

- During 2006-2007, 2,274 foreign students were enrolled in Mississippi colleges and universities and contributed over \$34.5 million to the Mississippi economy².

Exports

- Today, trade supports 263,660 jobs in Mississippi, or 17.7 percent of total jobs, up from only 8.6 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Mississippi exported goods globally to 168 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$5.2 billion. The major exports produced by Mississippi are⁴:
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$1 billion)
 - Computer and Electronics (\$740 million)
 - Paper Products (\$503 million)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$483 million)
- In 2006, 1,111 companies exported goods from Mississippi. Over one-eighth (13.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Mississippi depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed in 1993, Mississippi's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 317 percent⁶.

Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$87.97 million in exports from 22 companies in 13 communities in Mississippi⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, 411 Peace Corps volunteers from Mississippi have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs). In Mississippi, The Center for Health, Education and Economic Research, Inc., is one such organization⁹.

- 1 <http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/WTO/states.html>
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- 8 http://www.peacecorps.gov/multimedia/pdf/policies/peacecorps_cbj_2009.pdf
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