

The International Affairs Budget Working for Virginia

Agriculture

- Agricultural exports are important to Virginia's statewide economy, totaling \$588 million and supporting over 7,000 jobs in 2006. The top five agricultural export goods are wheat, poultry, live animals, tobacco, and soybeans¹.

Education

- During 2006-2007, 11,991 foreign students were enrolled in Virginia colleges and universities and contributed almost \$278 million to the Virginia economy².

Exports

- In 2006, international trade supported 875,750 jobs in Virginia, or 19 percent of total jobs, up from 10 percent in 1992³.
- In 2007, Virginia exported goods globally to 207 foreign markets, generating revenues that totaled \$16.9 billion. The major exports produced by Virginia are⁴:
 - Computers and Electronics (\$3.7 billion)
 - Transportation Equipment (\$2.1 billion)
 - Chemical Manufactures (\$2.1 billion)
 - Machinery Manufactures (\$1.4 billion)
- In 2006, 4,596 companies exported goods from Virginia. Nearly one-sixth (15.1%) of all manufacturing workers in Virginia depend on exports for their jobs⁵.
- Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) entered into force in 1994, Virginia's combined exports to Canada and Mexico increased 154 percent⁶.



Export Assistance

- Since 2004, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed \$457.6 million in exports from Virginia supporting 61 companies in 36 communities⁷.

International Assistance Programs



- Since 1961, over 6,349 Peace Corps volunteers from Virginia have served in dozens of countries overseas⁸.
- USAID has granted millions of dollars in funding to projects administered by numerous Virginia Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs) Air Serv International and the Amazon Conservation Team⁹.
- The Total State Organization Dollar value of support was \$201 million from USAID (through freight, donated food, grants, and contracts) and \$350 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