Iowa has long been the heart of America’s food production, and continues to grow its role as a producer for the world, exporting $18.4 billion worth of goods in 2023. Iowa’s exports also benefit many other parts of its economy as well, with international trade supporting more than 379,000 jobs in the state.

Iowa exported $18.4 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2023, a 2% increase compared to 2022. Iowa’s largest markets were:

- Canada ($5.5 billion)
- Mexico ($3.3 billion)
- China ($1.1 billion)
- Brazil ($1.1 billion)
- Japan ($985 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Iowa’s economy, totaling $16.5 billion in 2022, according to the USDA.

Since 2014, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $284 million in exports from 36 companies in Iowa.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $172 million in exports from Iowa companies.

Since 1961, 2,496 Peace Corps volunteers from Iowa have served in dozens of countries overseas.

From 2022-2023, 8,261 international students were enrolled in Iowa colleges and universities and contributed $251 million to the Iowa economy.

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