Nebraska is rapidly increasing its exports to markets in Asia, with destinations including Japan, South Korea, and China. Overall, Nebraska’s international trade supports more than 275,000 Nebraska jobs, with more than 1,800 companies exporting goods in the state.

In Nebraska, 277,100 jobs were supported by international trade in 2017, representing 21.0% of all jobs in the state.

In 2016, 1,822 companies exported goods from Nebraska of which 80% were small- and medium-sized enterprises. In 2016, 32,100 people were employed by affiliates of companies at least 50% foreign-owned.

Nebraska exported $7.9 billion in goods to foreign markets in 2018. Nebraska’s largest markets in 2018 were:
- Mexico ($1.8 billion)
- Canada ($1.7 billion)
- Japan ($827 million)
- South Korea ($482 million)
- China ($425 million)

Agricultural exports are important to Nebraska’s economy, totaling $6.4 billion in 2017, according to the USDA.

Since 2015, the U.S. Export-Import Bank has financed $313 million in exports from 28 companies in Nebraska.

Since 1971, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation has invested $1.2 billion in Nebraska companies for overseas investment.

Since 1992, the U.S. Trade and Development Agency has helped facilitate $51 million in exports from Nebraska companies, supporting hundreds of jobs in the state.

Since 1961, 1,478 Peace Corps volunteers from Nebraska have served in dozens of countries overseas.

In 2016-2017, 1,972 Nebraska students studied abroad.

During 2018, 6,091 international students were enrolled in Nebraska colleges and universities and contributed $181 million to the Nebraska economy.

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