The Importance of Trade for U.S. Agriculture

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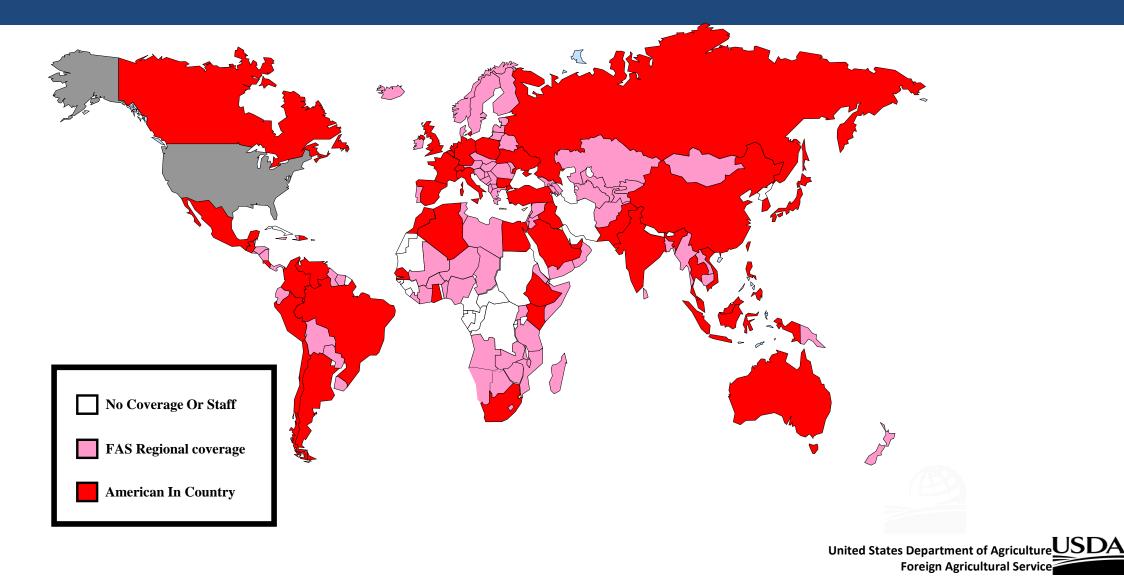
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What is the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)?

FAS Coverage in 171 Countries



What is Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)?

Supports U.S. Farmers & Ranchers to Export their Products

- Trade Policy
- Export Promotion
- Trade Capacity Building
- Market Intelligence



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FAS Market Intelligence

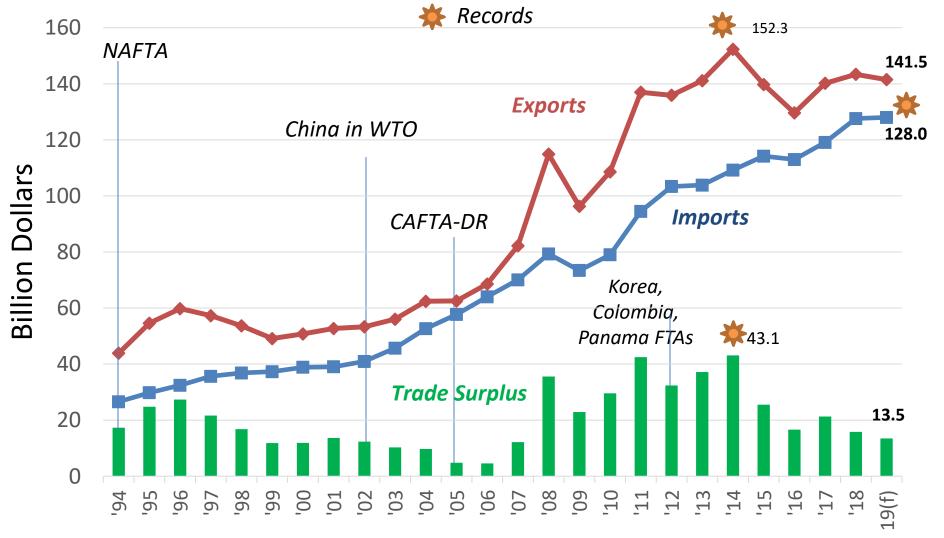
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Assists U.S. Farmers to Export their Products

- GAIN Reports
- PSD Online
- GATS Trade Database
- Export Sales
- > Trade Reports

U.S. Agricultural Trade Situation

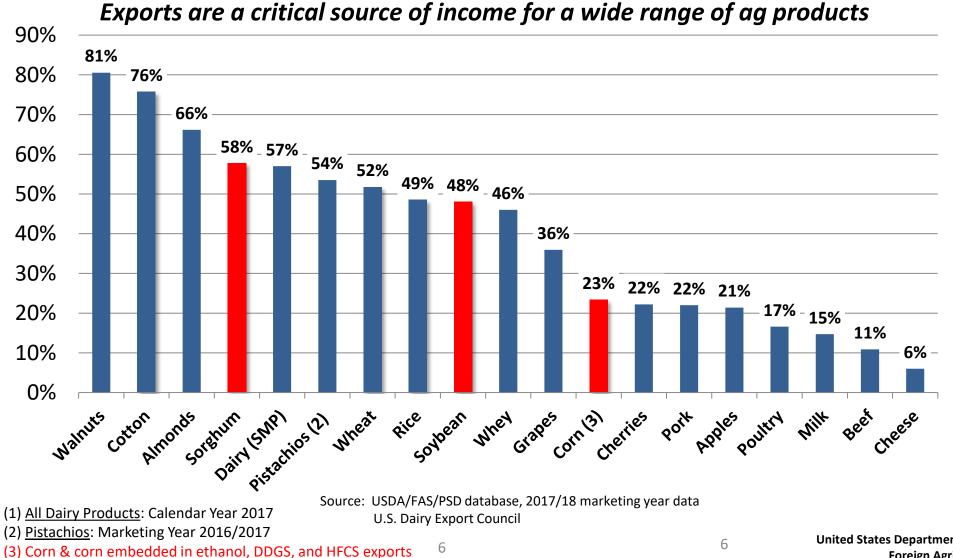
February 2019 Forecast



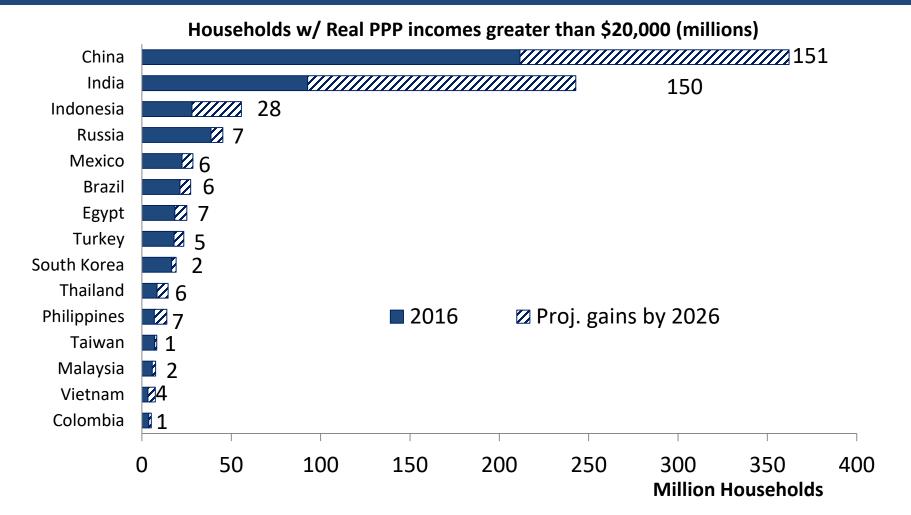
Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System, FATUS

Fiscal Year

More than 20% of U.S. Ag Production is Exported



China and India Drive Potential Growth: "Middle Class" Households, in Middle Income Countries, Up 71% From 2016 Levels

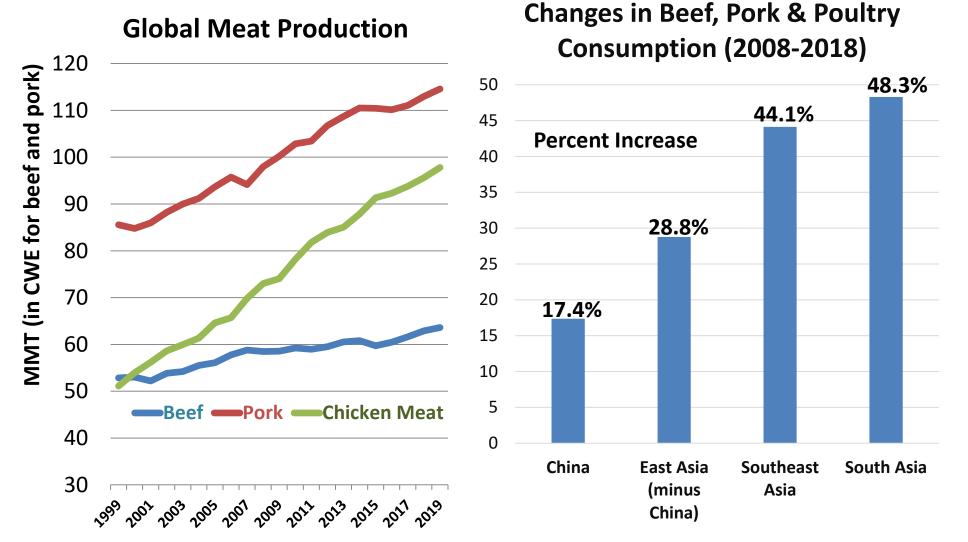


Source: Global Insight's Global Consumer Markets data as analyzed by OGA

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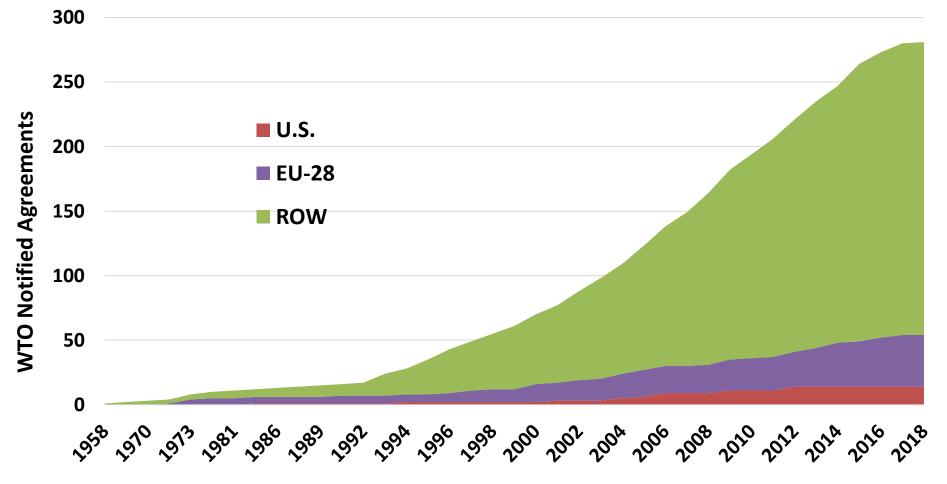


Global Meat Demand Fueling Grain & Feed Production



As WTO Stalls, Countries Turn to FTAs for Market Access, U.S. Falling Behind

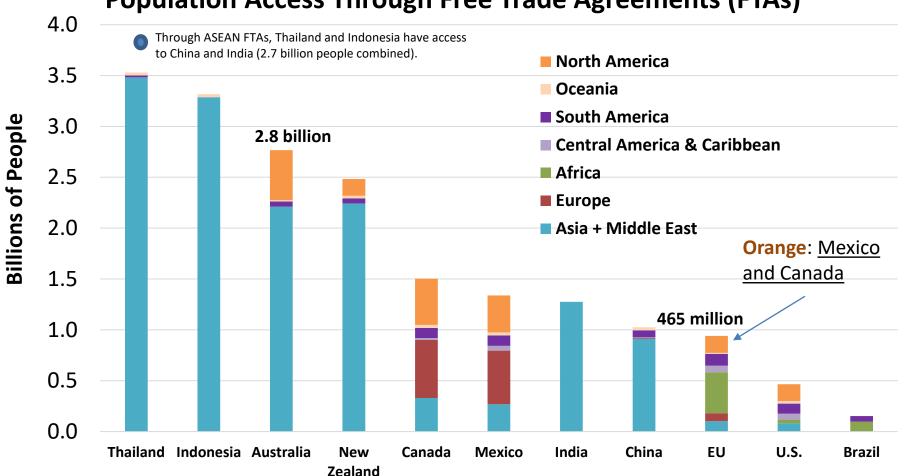
Global Preferential Trade Agreements



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U.S. Competitors Have More Market Access to the World

Canada and Mexico make up most of population access for the United States



Population Access Through Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)

Note: includes only FTAs that were notified to the WTO, as of September 2018, and CPTPP Source: World Trade Organization, World Bank (2017)

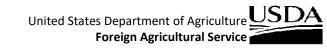
U.S. Trade Agenda

Trade Agreements

- USMCA Improves dairy and poultry access, fair treatment for wheat and other agricultural products, updated SPS rules
- Korea Updated KORUS
- Future potential trade agreements Japan, UK, EU, Kenya

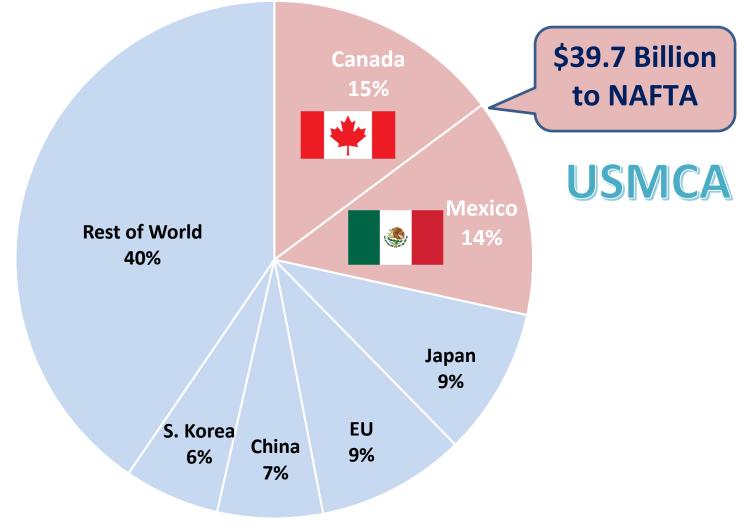
Enforcing Commitments

- China Ongoing negotiations working toward fair trade
- India WTO Counter Notification concerning India's trade-distorting domestic support prices for pulses (02/12/19)



Over 28% of Total U.S. Agricultural Exports are Shipped to Canada and Mexico

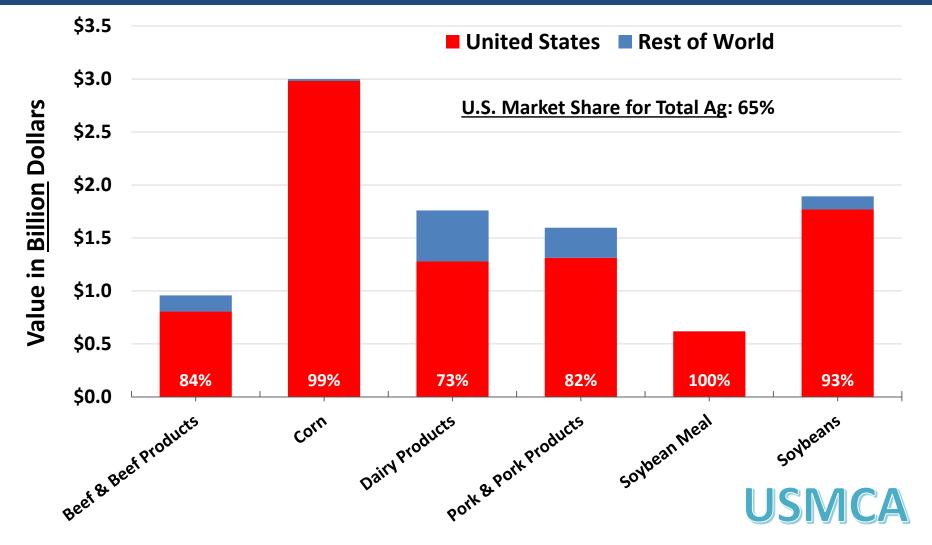
FY 2018 U.S. Ag Exports to World (Total: \$140 B)



Source: USDA FAS/Global Agricultural Trade System (GATS) – BICO-HS10

Mexican Agricultural Imports & U.S. Market Share 2018



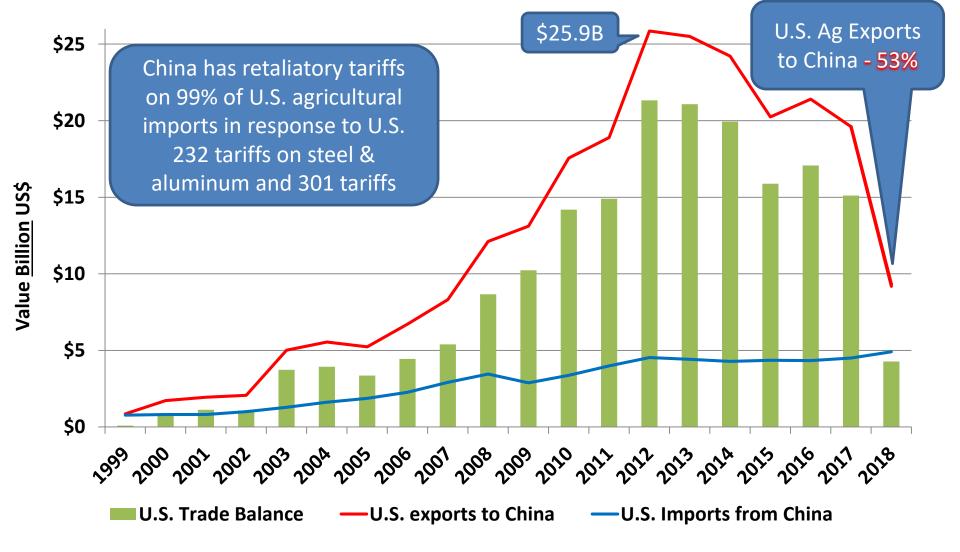




Source: IHS Markit, Global Trade Atlas (GTA), BICO-HS6

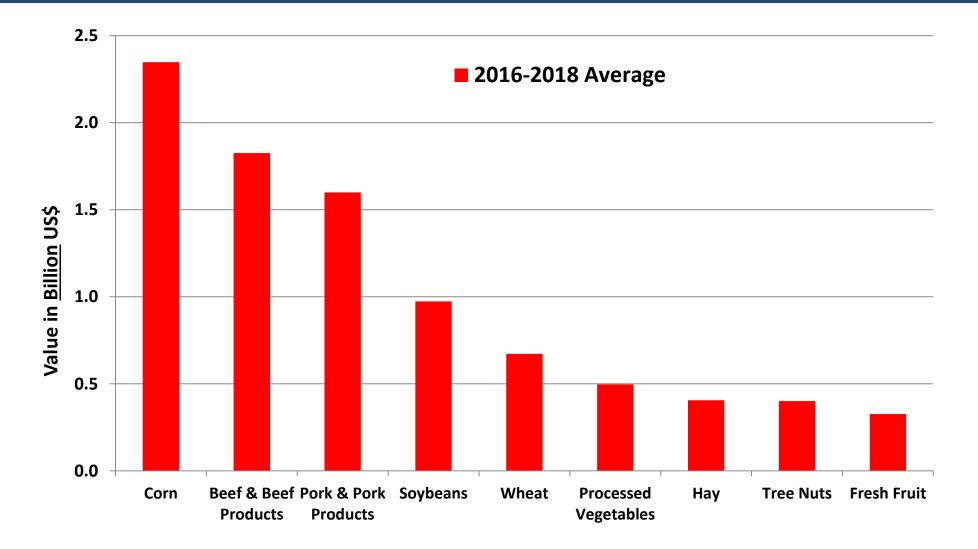
U.S. Agricultural Trade with China (1999 – 2018)





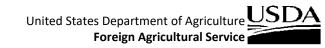
Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System BICO-HS10

Top U.S. Agricultural Exports to JapanTotal U.S. Agricultural Exports to Japan in 2018 = \$12.9 billion



FAS Here to Help: Partnerships Support Continued Export Growth

- Market Access Program (MAP): Marketing and Promotion Program (\$200 million)
- Foreign Market Development Program (FMD): Create, expand and maintain long-term export markets (\$27 million)
- Emerging Markets Program (EMP): Market development in emerging economies
- Agricultural Trade Promotion Program (ATP): Mitigation for retaliatory tariffs: \$200M to develop new markets
- Additional programs: GSM-102, Quality Samples Program, Technical/Scientific support programs



Summary

- Opportunities for U.S. agricultural exports globally, FAS programs can help U.S. producers find and expand those markets
- Retaliatory tariffs hurting U.S. ag exports, which also reduces U.S. ag trade surplus.
- U.S. competitiveness jeopardized by third party agreements that put U.S. products at disadvantage
- U.S. needs FTAs to maintain, if not gain, market share in new trade environment