

Free Trade Agreements Benefit Agriculture



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- Exports create American jobs. Ag exports alone support 1 million jobs—on and off

the farm.

- Exports also bring much needed money to our communities—for every \$1 of agricultural goods exported, up to another \$1.54 is added to our economy.
- Workers with jobs that depend on trade earn 13-18% more than the national average.
- 95% of the world's population lives outside our borders. To recharge our economy, we have to reach those consumers.
- Every year we delay action costs American farmers and ranchers billions in tariffs and lack of market access.
- Our competitors are already taking valuable market access: once the FTA between Korea and the European Union (EU) took effect in July, trade between them jumped by 10%.
- That represents lost opportunities for American exporters, which hurts our economic recovery.



Korea

The International Trade Commission estimates that the Korea FTA could

add up to \$12 billion to our economy.

- Korea's current tariffs on ag products average 54%. Our average tariff on similar goods is only 9%.
- Korea's tariffs on all other goods is two times greater than ours—6.6% compared to 3.2%.
- The U.S. trade balance with Korea will improve by \$3.3 billion to \$4 billion under the agreement.
- Agriculture stands to gain \$1.9 billion in new market access.
- The 40% tariff on beef will be eliminated within 15 years, which would total \$90 million in savings annually at current sales levels.
- By 2016, more than 90% of pork will be exported duty-free to Korea.
- Two-thirds of our agricultural exports would gain immediate duty-free access.



Colombia

The International Trade Commission estimates that the Colombia FTA will add

\$2.5 billion to our GDP.

- Colombia's tariffs on our products average between 5 and 20%, but can be raised to 388% under our current agreements.
- Since Colombia began implementing FTAs with other trading partners, U.S. market share fell by half. The FTA would stop that erosion.
- Colombia has met their responsibilities to reform domestic policy. It's time to hold up our end of the bargain.

Panama

- Right now, more than 99% of Panama's exports to the U.S. are duty-free, but more than 60% of our ag exports to Panama face tariffs and quotas.
- Tariffs on meat can be as high as 70%, on grain as high as 90%, and on poultry as high as 260%.
- Under the FTA, more than half of U.S. agricultural exports to Panama would be duty free immediately.