# Ag Exports from the United States to Mexico Through NAFTA and USMCA <br> CNAS Issue Brief 2023-02 

During 2022, the United States exported 38.9 million metric tons (MMT) of agricultural products to Mexico worth $\$ 28.5$ billion. Since NAFTA took effect in 1994, exports of U.S. ag products to Mexico has grown from 13.4 MMT and $\$ 4.67$ billion. Over the nearly 30 years of free trade agreements between the two countries, starting with NAFTA and now USMCA, of those only ten years have not seen growth in ag export volume. Only eight of the past twenty-nine years have not seen a positive change in value of ag exports.

Value has grown substantially in this time period, while volume of trade has grown at a less dramatic rate as seen in the graphic below. Higher increases of commodity prices are responsible for the different rates of growth. USMCA started in 2020 which coincided with a sudden rise in value of ag exports; however, it is likely that Covid-19 and high inflation caused the steep growth.


Source: GATS, FAS/USDA and USA Trade, US Census Bureau
Texas agricultural exports to Mexico has contribute to the growth of total U.S. exports to Mexico. During 2022, Texas accounting for 19 percent ( $\$ 5.55$ billion) of the total U.S. exports to Mexico. Total export value of ag products from Texas to Mexico has increased 13 of the past 20 years. The United States as a whole has increased 15 of the past 20 years.

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