



Illinois Corn Farmers Need Trade with Mexico and Canada

One of IL Corn’s 2020 legislative priorities is to:

Support implementation of the U.S. Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA) for trade and expanding other trade opportunities

Why does implementation of USMCA and other trade opportunities matter?

In Illinois, 41% of our corn leaves the state for other markets. Including ethanol and Distillers Dried Grain with Solubles (DDGS) exports, well over half of the corn grown in Illinois is leaving the state. All international markets matter to Illinois corn farmers.

Mexico and Canada are now our top markets because of the extreme success of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and corn farmers are looking forward to a smooth and quick implementation of the new USMCA.



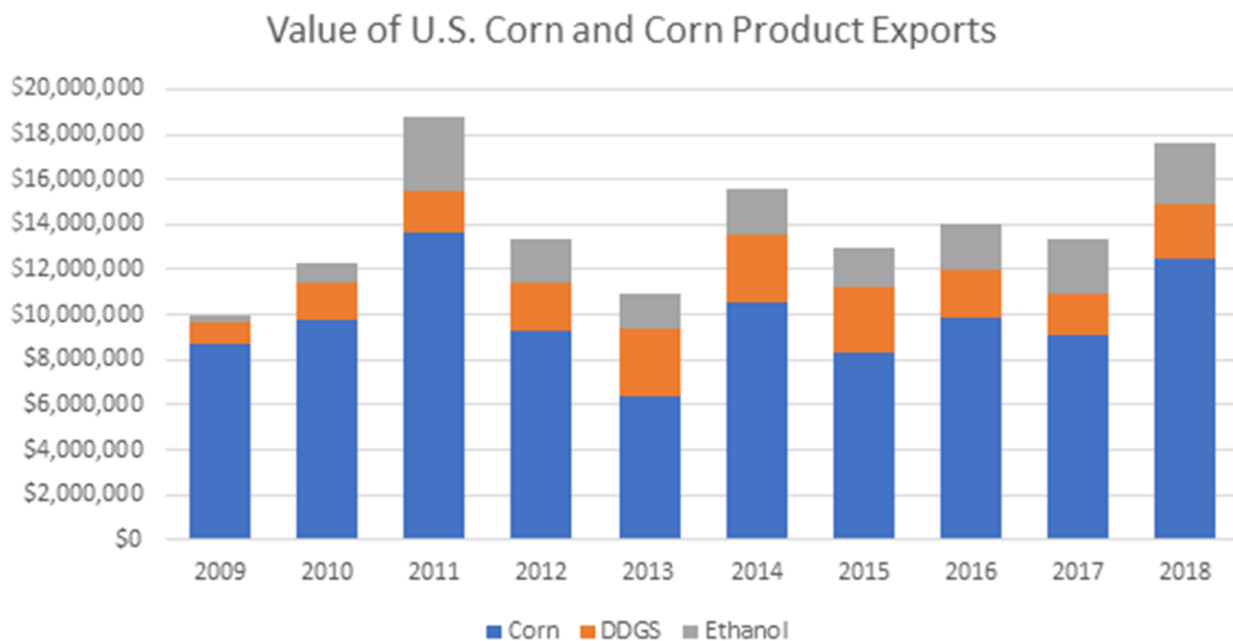
Currently Mexico is our top corn market and Canada is our top ethanol market, but we seek to expand other opportunities for corn and corn products exports in developing markets like China, India and the EU. Expanding new overseas markets will benefit Illinois corn farmers.

US meat and poultry exports indirectly ship corn to other nations through the animal’s consumption of corn used to feed them. This consumption drives demand for corn throughout the state of Illinois.



In addition to meat exports, directly exporting ethanol to nations to help meet their biofuels requirements drives demand for corn. These nations use ethanol to help improve air quality and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Corn's Economic Impact Nationally



As you can see, corn and the products it makes help drive a part of the national economy. This industry relies on other nations to consume the product and utilizes the export market to its advantage.

We are excited for the passage of USMCA and look forward to the implementation process going smoothly and benefitting many people in addition to our corn farmers.