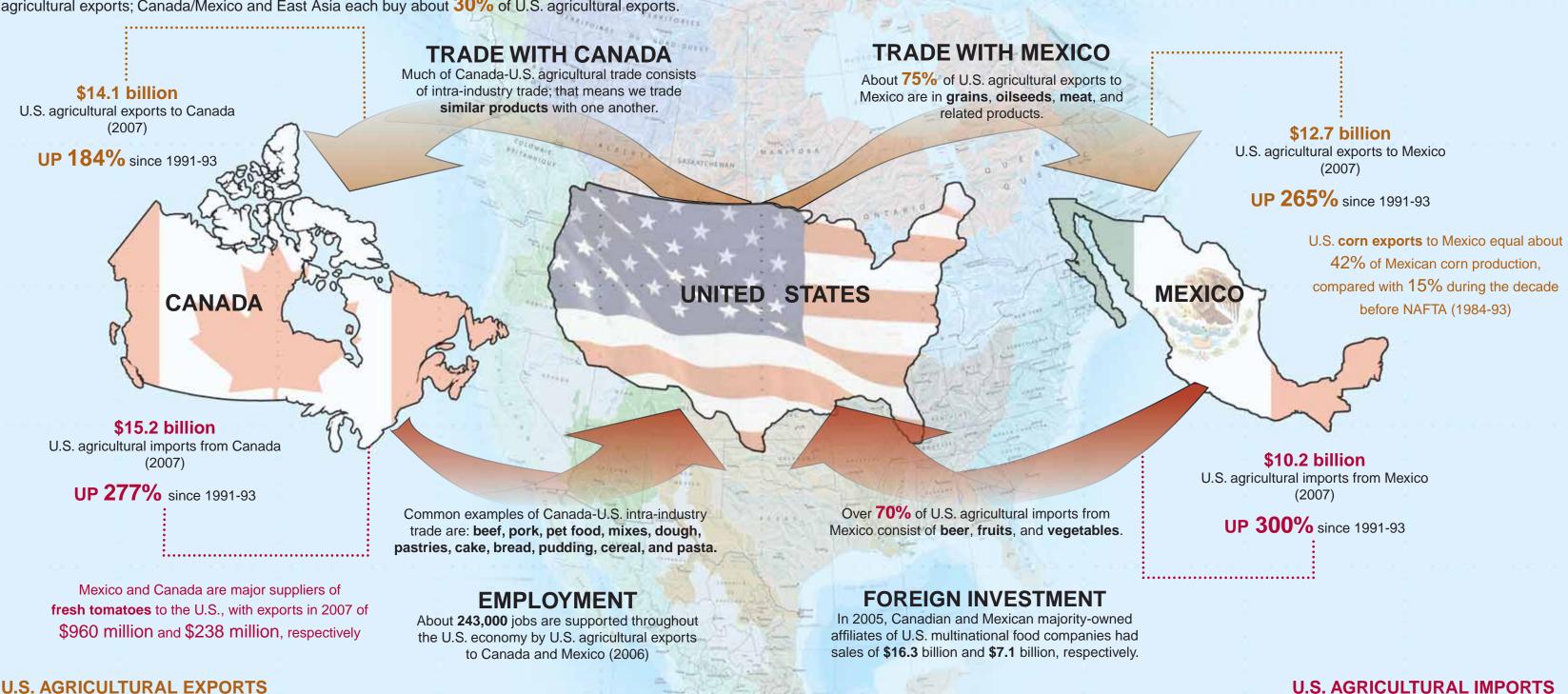
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Today, thanks to the North American Free Trade Agreement, implemented in 1994, almost all agricultural trade within North America is free of tariff and quota barriers. Our NAFTA partners, Canada and Mexico, supply by far the most agricultural imports to the United States, accounting for nearly 30% of U.S. agricultural imports in 2007. In addition, our NAFTA partners rival East Asia as the leading destination of U.S. agricultural exports; Canada/Mexico and East Asia each buy about 30% of U.S. agricultural exports.



U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS Change, 1991-93 to 2007

To Canada/Mexico 217%

286% From Canada/Mexico

To rest of world 89%

163%

From rest of world

Change, 1991-93 to 2007



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