



## Benefits of trade

### 01 Trade promotes job growth

Trade-dependent US jobs grew more than **three times** faster than U.S. jobs in general over the past two decades.

### 02 Trade supports small and medium sized companies

Small and medium-sized enterprises accounted for **98%** of goods exported in 2015.

### 03 Trade increases market access



Food and agriculture exports support more than 15 million jobs in the U.S., helping farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

### 04 Trade creates more jobs

About 10.7 million US jobs were supported by exports in 2016, according to US Department of Commerce.



### 05 Trade spurs innovation



Trade leads to new innovations in digital technology and other services which then help create additional value and opportunities for farmers, producers and consumers.

### 06 Trade increases purchasing power

Trade allows consumers to buy a wider variety of goods at lower prices, raising real wages and helping families purchase more with their current incomes.

### 07 Trade leads to higher paying jobs

Exports contribute an additional **18%** to workers' earnings on average in the U.S. manufacturing sector.

### 08 Trade spreads knowledge



Trade provides connections for knowledge to spread among trading partners, helping to raise productivity and benefit economies.

### 09 Trade stimulates related business activities

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has estimated that **every \$1** in agricultural exports stimulates another **\$1.27** in related business activity.



### 10 Trade benefits farmers

U.S. agricultural exports are projected to account for **33%** of farm-sector gross earnings in 2017.