



SREDA INSIGHTS

▶ A BREAKDOWN OF SASKATCHEWAN-UNITED STATES TRADE

INTRODUCTION

Given Saskatchewan's largest international trading partner is the United States, our growth is closely connected to the quantity of Saskatchewan exports flowing to American markets.

THE DETAILS

In May of 2017, Canadian exports to the U.S. totalled \$38.1 billion. Of this amount, Saskatchewan contributed \$1.49 billion (3.9%), creating a \$626 million trade surplus between Saskatchewan and the U.S. For comparison, Ontario is Canada's largest exporter, totalling \$14.9 billion (39%) in exports during May. Mineral, animal, and chemical products comprise the bulk of Saskatchewan's trade with the U.S., accounting for \$651.5 million, \$117.4 million, and \$416.9 million respectively during the month of May.

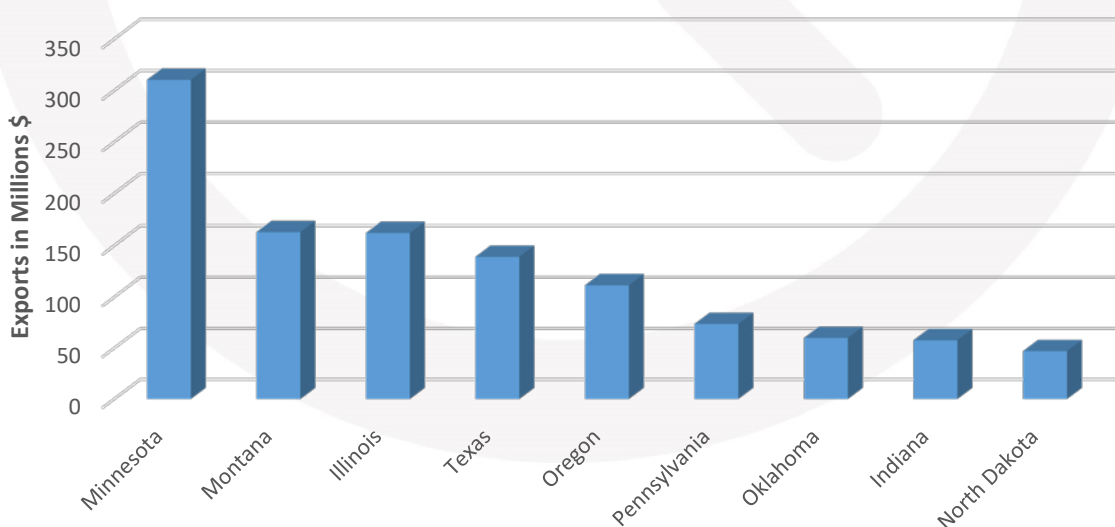
IMPORTANCE

Contributing to roughly 11% of Saskatchewan's total real GDP, wholesale and retail trade is one of the most important drivers of the provincial economy. With NAFTA renegotiations on the horizon, the Saskatchewan-U.S. trade balance becomes vulnerable to shifting in favour of our southern neighbours.

CONTEXT AND OUTLOOK

Saskatchewan-U.S. trade has steadily increased over the past year, with the month of May displaying a \$512 million year-over-year increase. Exports of mineral products alone increased \$250 million during this period. Provided NAFTA renegotiations do not result in protectionist U.S. provisions, Saskatchewan-U.S. trade is expected to continue to increase throughout the remainder of 2017.

Saskatchewan Exports by U.S. State (May 2017)



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