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Global demand for protein-rich dairy is rising.

Consequently, U.S. dairy exports have more than quadrupled since 2000, to nearly $5 billion in 2016. Our top five markets are Mexico ($1.2 billion), Southeast Asia ($671 million), Canada ($632 million), China ($384 million) and South America ($280 million).

That's good news because dairy exports create Iowa jobs and lift the state's economy.

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1,265 dairy farms

21 dairy plants

1,393 Iowa jobs created by dairy exports

$115 million in dairy exports

$258 million Iowa economic impact from dairy exports

Sources and methodology: 2016 data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Dairy Export Council, National Milk Producers Federation. Economic impact calculated using multiplier formulas from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. State data based on USDA estimates, not actual counts. National numbers exceed sums of states because interstate activity only appears in the national estimate.

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