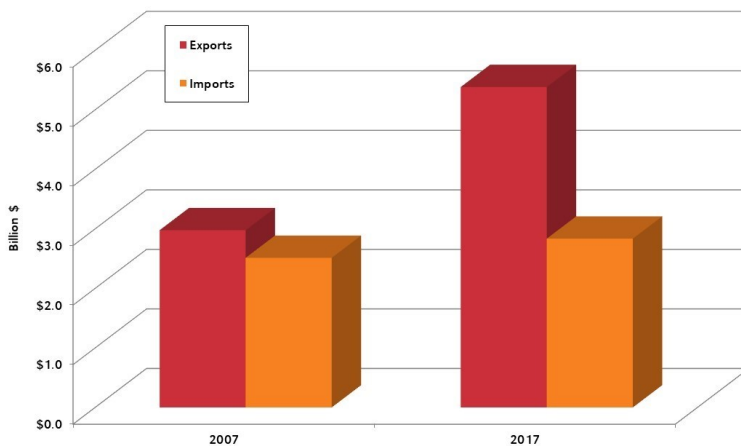


# Trade Agreements Open Dairy Markets and Create American Jobs

Over the past decade, dairy processors have invested billions in new processing plants, **creating tens of thousands of new American jobs**, in large part due to increased export sales. Higher export demand for farm milk has benefited both farmers and processors.

Just a few years ago, the United States was a net importer of dairy products. Since 2007, US dairy exports have risen from \$2.9 billion to \$5.4 billion in 2017. Our nation now benefits from a dairy trade surplus of \$2 billion.

## U.S. Dairy Exports vs. U.S. Dairy Imports



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data

Trade agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) are vitally important if we are to continue this success story. Conversely, trade agreements should not be used by our global competitors to create new barriers to trade, including denying the use of common food names like parmesan and feta.

**Help create more jobs—support free trade agreements.**



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