Data Shows the US Trucking Industry is a Large Beneficiary of North American Trade

U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico has surged since the enactment of the North American Free Trade Agreement, according to data from the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Since 1995, the value of goods traveling via truck across both the northern and southern borders jumped 168% and totaled nearly $712 billion in 2015. This increase in trade has created or supported tens of thousands of jobs in the United States, with motor carriers, suppliers and shippers, underscoring the benefits of free trade.

While total trade via truck has increased by 80% since 1995, U.S. exports grew even more, by 93%. Last year, truck exports to Canada, as measured by the value of the goods, was 56% of total truck transported trade with the country. Since 1995, U.S. exports to Mexico via truck have grown an impressive 355%. Last year, truck exports to Mexico, as measured by the value of the goods, was 43% of total truck transported trade across the southern border. The two largest commodities were electrical machinery (like telecommunications equipment) and computers and related equipment equaling 44% of trade going into Mexico via trucks.

The value of goods traded with Canada transported by truck equaled $335.2 billion in 2015, 80% more than in 1995. Today, trucks haul 70% of the value of goods moving across the Canadian border. It required nearly 5.8 million truck movements across the U.S.-Canadian border hauling $335 billion worth of merchandise. The two largest commodities were computers and related equipment and motor vehicles, accounting for 37% of trade into Canada via trucks.

The growth in truck transported trade with Mexico is even more impressive. In 2015, trucks moved $376.6 billion in merchandise across the southern border, 377% more than in 1995. Today, trucks haul 83% of the value of goods moving across the Mexican border. In 2015, it required 5.5 million truck movements across the U.S.-Mexican border to haul all of those goods.

U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico is larger than the economy of Pennsylvania. To move all of that freight, in 2015 there were more than 11.3 million truck crossings combined on the Canadian and Mexican borders.
US Trade by Truck with Mexico

American Trucking Associations

US exports to Mexico are up 355% since 1995.
The value of goods transported totaled $376.6 BILLION in 2015.
That's a 377% increase since 1995.
Trucks haul 83% of goods across the Mexican border.

Truck exports account for 43% of total truck transported trade with Mexico.

Which requires 5.5 MILLION truck movements across the U.S.-Mexican border.

Imports and Exports

US ↔ Mexico

The two largest exported commodities account for 45% of truck transported trade into Mexico.

Top 5 Exports
1. Electrical Machinery (23%)
2. Computer-Related Machinery (22%)
3. Plastics and Articles (9%)
4. Vehicles Other Than Railway (8%)
5. Measuring/Testing Equipment (3%)

Top 5 Imports
1. Electrical Machinery (27%)
2. Computer-Related Machinery (20%)
3. Vehicles Other Than Railway (16%)
4. Measuring and Testing Equipment (6%)
5. Furniture (5%)

Top imports from Mexico include: electric motors, electric generators, and telecommunications equipment.
US Trade by Truck with Canada

American Trucking Associations

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That's a 80% increase since 1995.

Truck exports account for 56% of total truck transported trade with Canada.

Trucks haul 70% of goods across the Mexican border.
Which requires 5.8 MILLION truck movements across the U.S.-Mexican border.

Imports and Exports

US ↔ Canada

Top 5 Exports
1. Computer-Related Machinery (19%)
2. Vehicles [Not Railway (18%)]
3. Electrical Machinery (10%)
4. Plastics and Articles (5%)
5. Measuring/Testing Equipment (3%)

Top 5 Imports
1. Vehicles [Not Railway (19%)]
2. Computer-Related Machinery (12%)
3. Special Classification Provisions (7%)
4. Plastics and Articles (5%)
5. Electrical Machinery (4%)

The two largest exported commodities account for 37% of truck transported trade into Canada.

Top imports from Canada include: tractors, motor vehicles, motorcycles, and related equipment/parts.