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## Midwest Food Manufacturers Praise Signing of Trade Deal Legislation

Midwest Food Products Association ([MWFPA](http://mwfpa.org)) President Jason Culotta today praised President Donald Trump for signing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) into law today.

Culotta said:

“Our members thank President Trump for his action on the USMCA. Trade is vital to the Midwest economy and food manufacturers across the region have long benefited from trade with Canada and Mexico – which totaled more than \$3.6 billion in 2018.

The trade pact will positively impact both the U.S. agriculture and food manufacturing sectors as well as the broader national economy.”

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In 2018, Canada was the top export market for food manufacturers in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin purchasing more than \$2.5 billion in products.

Mexico ranked second for food manufacturing exports purchasing more than \$1.1 billion in products.