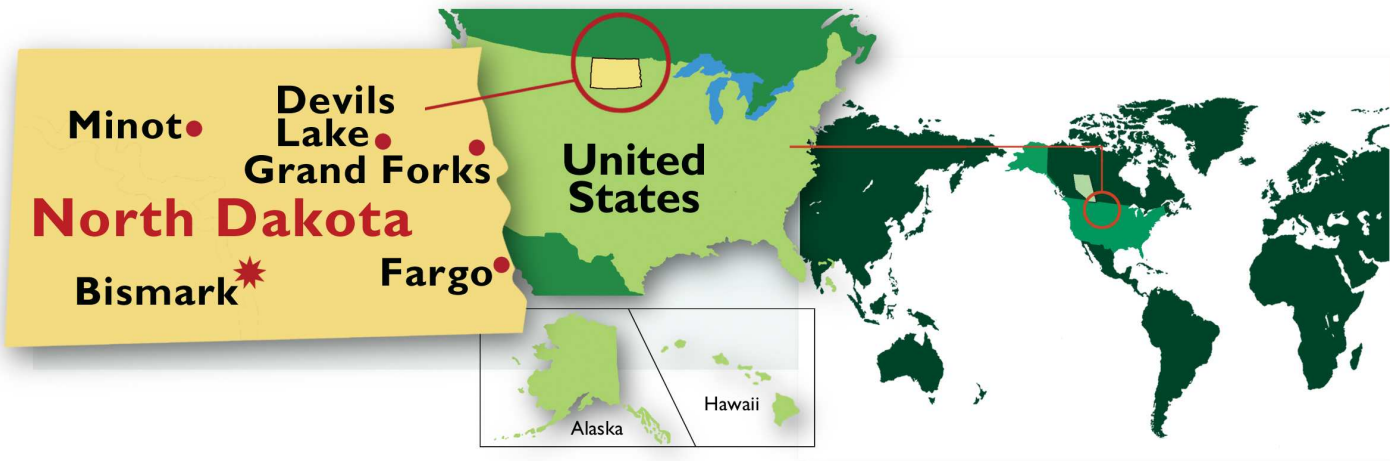


North Dakota – Alberta Relations

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PROFILE

Capital: Bismarck

Population: 641,999 (2008 estimate)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state government

Head of Government: Governor John Hoeven

Currency: \$1 CDN = \$ 0.9967 US (April 2010)

GSP: US \$27.7 billion (2007)

GSP Per Capita: US \$ 34,694 (2007)

Unemployment: 4.0% (March 2010)

Key Industry Sectors: Agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, coal mining and conversion, oil and gas exploration, extraction and refining, and exported services.

Primary Cities (Metro Area):
(2008 estimates)

- Fargo: 192,417
- Bismarck: 103,242
- Grand Forks: 97,691

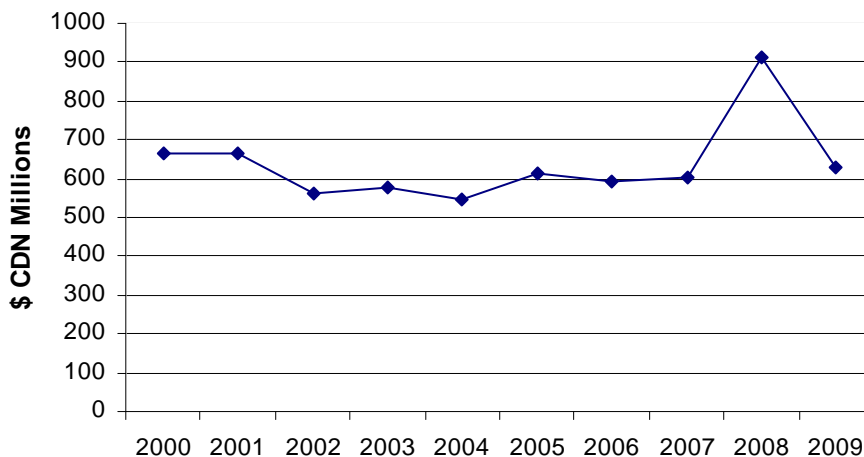
DID YOU KNOW?

- Dakota is a Sioux Indian word which means "friend".
- North Dakota produces much of their power using Lignite, an efficient coal product.
- North Dakota's main agricultural exports include wheat, cattle, soybeans, sugar beets, corn, and other vegetables.

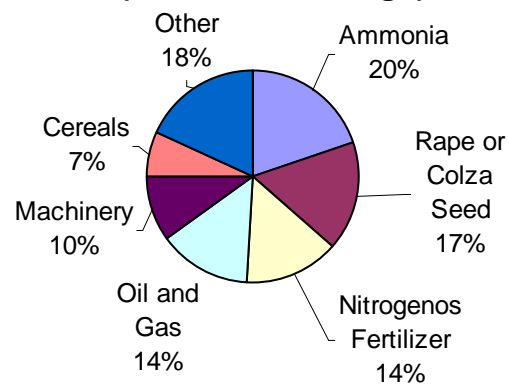
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Alberta's domestic exports to North Dakota have averaged \$669.9 million annually over the last five years.
- In 2009, Alberta exports to North Dakota were \$631.15 million including natural gas liquids, chemicals, canola seeds, and oil.
- North Dakota annually sends corn, sunflower-seeds, barley, canola oil and seeds, and bran to Alberta.
- According to the CERI report, North Dakota's industry output will be increased by an average of \$US 126 million from 2010 to 2025 from economic activity associated with Alberta's oil sands. The GDP of the state will increase on an average of \$US 61 million.
- Alberta's oil sands operations will give North Dakota 800 more jobs between 2011 and 2015.

Alberta's Domestic Exports to North Dakota (2000-2009)



Alberta's Domestic Exports to North Dakota (2005-2009 Average)



AGRICULTURE

- Agriculture is responsible for nearly one fourth of North Dakota's economic base and for almost 25 percent of their jobs. 90% of North Dakota's land area is in farms and ranches.
- North Dakota produces enough wheat annually to produce 16.2 million loaves of bread.
- Cattle production has traditionally ranked second only to wheat farming as the most important sector in North Dakota's economy. Swine and sheep production are also important, and the raising of buffalo and other "exotic" animals is becoming increasingly significant.
- North Dakota produces nearly all of America's flaxseed (96%) and canola (90%).
- Value-added ag-processing and farm input manufacturing generates \$1.7 billion in business activity per year.
- The value of 2008 North Dakota crop production is estimated at \$6.59 billion. This figure does not include sugar beet or livestock production

ENERGY

- Energy is North Dakota's third largest industry.
- North Dakota has approximately 479 billion cubic feet in natural gas reserves.
- There are 13 gas plants in North Dakota.
- In 2008, Alberta exported 0.7 BCF of Natural Gas to North Dakota.
- Among coal-producing states, North Dakota ranks ninth and produces 3 percent of the nation's output. North Dakota has one of the world's largest deposits of lignite coal. 94% of North Dakota's electricity is generated from coal.
- North Dakota is now home to six biofuel production facilities, with more on the way.

TOURISM

- North Dakota's second-largest industry is tourism, generating US \$3.78 billion in 2006.
- 68% of visitors are from out-of-state or out-of-country.
- Tourist highlights include national parks, golf courses, and various museums.

RECENT VISITS

- May 2006: Governor Hoeven attended the Leader's Summit in Gimli, Manitoba as part of the Western Premiers Conference. Premier Klein was also in attendance.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- The U.S. Consul General in Calgary is Laura Lochman.
- Mr. Martin Loken is Canada's Consul General in Minneapolis, whose jurisdiction covers North Dakota.

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