

As already mentioned, the Prairies stand out with, by far, the best export performance with Mexico. The driving force behind the Prairies' strong export performance was a dramatic growth in Agricultural exports which increased more than 700 percent from \$83.8 million in 1989 to \$677.5 million in 2002. This was partially the result of a general boom in agricultural exports to Mexico, but also driven by the Prairies outperforming the rest of Canada. In 1989, 52.9 percent of Canadian agricultural exports to Mexico came from the Prairies; by 2002, this had increased to 90.4 percent.

The Prairies experienced import patterns similar to those in British Columbia, with Machinery & Electronics and Transportation Equipment increasing rapidly to dominate imports from Mexico.

<b>Table 3.2.2.2</b>									
<b>Merchandise Trade, Prairies – Mexico, by Product</b>									
	Millions of current dollars			CAGR*, %			Share of Canada, %		
	1989	1994	2002	1989-94	1994-02	1989-02	1989	1994	2002
<b>Exports</b>									
Agriculture	83.8	320.7	677.5	30.79	9.80	17.44	52.86	89.02	90.36
Food & Beverage	0.3	0.3	4.3	-4.98	42.08	21.71	22.91	4.41	22.68
Metals & Minerals	30.5	19.5	6.3	-8.51	-13.19	-11.42	20.54	14.42	2.14
Chemicals	0.0	6.2	5.8	N/A	-0.69	N/A	0.67	31.17	5.87
Plastics & Rubber	0.6	4.4	16.2	51.09	17.72	29.58	4.07	22.72	32.95
Apparel & Textiles	0.2	0.0	19.8	-52.65	N/A	44.32	1.64	0.01	48.85
Wood & Paper	2.3	25.2	33.5	61.87	3.63	23.02	6.01	27.70	25.11
Machinery & Electronics	1.3	7.9	47.8	42.66	25.25	31.68	1.14	4.48	11.81
Transportation Equipment	0.0	0.1	4.2	N/A	53.41	N/A	0.02	0.07	0.80
Misc. Manufactures	0.0	0.3	1.9	N/A	26.15	N/A	0.00	2.26	4.32
Special Transactions	7.3	0.1	4.5	-57.42	60.41	-3.69	27.39	0.34	15.33
<b>Imports</b>									
Agriculture	20.5	32.9	64.9	9.87	8.87	9.25	19.30	17.69	18.52
Food & Beverage	4.8	6.8	27.0	7.02	18.85	14.15	20.31	18.86	16.41
Metals & Minerals	2.6	9.5	56.0	29.95	24.90	26.82	1.89	2.90	6.54
Chemicals	0.7	1.1	6.7	9.97	25.27	19.15	5.20	2.27	3.59
Plastics & Rubber	0.6	1.3	9.0	17.42	27.93	23.78	6.83	4.74	5.53
Apparel & Textiles	2.4	6.2	52.0	20.96	30.44	26.71	4.37	8.00	10.90
Wood & Paper	0.1	1.5	11.8	65.79	29.38	42.32	1.85	9.63	15.07
Machinery & Electronics	11.1	23.5	367.1	16.17	40.98	30.87	1.36	1.37	6.35
Transportation Equipment	0.3	3.1	115.6	61.17	57.06	58.63	0.10	0.18	3.11
Misc. Manufactures	0.5	2.7	16.0	38.68	25.09	30.15	1.56	0.81	1.74
Special Transactions	1.8	1.6	4.6	-2.20	14.27	7.63	0.85	10.24	18.45
* Compound annual growth rate									
Source: Statistics Canada, Customs Basis									