

KENTUCKY & CANADA

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Canadian investment strengthens Appalachian agriculture and jobs

Mastronardi Produce, a Canada-based, family-operated leader in high-tech greenhouse farming, has expanded its U.S. presence by acquiring existing facilities in Kentucky. This investment preserved jobs in central Appalachia, ensuring continued economic stability and food production in the region.

By maintaining greenhouse operations, Mastronardi bolsters food security by reducing reliance on imports and ensuring a steady supply of fresh produce. The company's advanced greenhouse technology, including precision climate control, automated irrigation, and AI-driven crop monitoring, enhances sustainability while improving resource efficiency.

This expansion reinforces the strong economic ties between Canada and the U.S., demonstrating how Canadian investment supports American agriculture, job growth, and sustainable farming innovation. Mastronardi's leadership in high-tech agriculture sets the benchmark for modern farming, advancing regional food production and supply chain resilience.

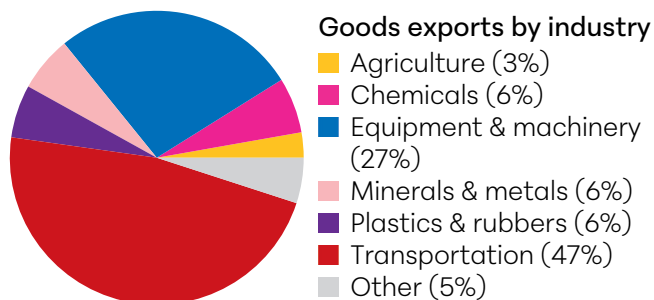


90 Canadian-owned companies employ 7,150 workers in Kentucky



Canada is the #1 export market for Kentucky

Kentucky exports \$8.4 billion in goods to Canada annually

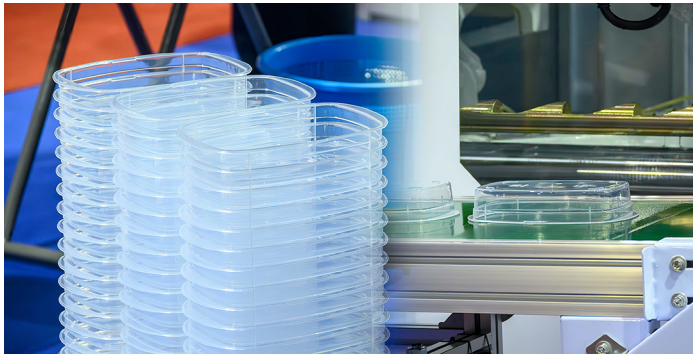


Kentucky exports \$486 million in services to Canada, including

Travel (including for education)	\$219 million
Business services	\$68 million
Transport	\$55 million
Charges for the use of intellectual property	\$44 million
Insurance services	\$38 million

Top Kentucky goods exports to Canada

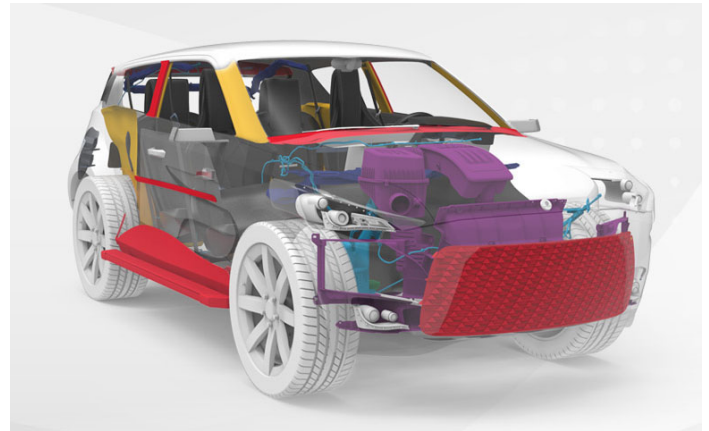
Trucks	\$1.3 billion
Automobiles	\$1.2 billion
Aircraft & parts	\$754 million
Motor vehicle parts	\$621 million
Engines & turbines	\$553 million
Plastics & plastic articles	\$437 million
Computers	\$281 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products	\$187 million
Optical, medical & precision instruments	\$134 million
Telephones & AV recording equipment	\$128 million



Canadian investments strengthens Kentucky's manufacturing

Canadian **E. Hofmann Plastics Inc.** is growing its container business and increasing capacity for customers in industrial, D-I-Y, and food sectors in Kentucky. In 2025, it chose Hopkins County for its first U.S. operation. The plastic packaging manufacturer announced a \$43 million investment in Madisonville to include a new 100,000 square foot production facility. The new plant, expected to be operational in 2026, will augment existing operations in Ontario, and will feature thermoforming and injection molding capabilities.

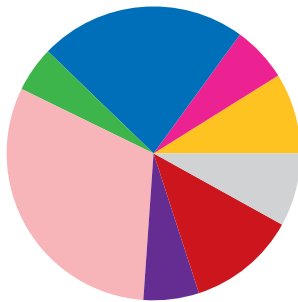
This Canadian investment will create 160 new local jobs. This is an example of how Canadian investments and partnerships with Kentucky are vital for local communities, providing well-paying jobs and supporting regional economies.



As easy as ABC

Toronto-based **ABC Technologies** is a supplier of the plastics systems and components to the automotive industry. In 2004, the company established **ABC Automotive Systems** in London, Kentucky, and has remained a fixture in the local economy ever since. Over 100 people work at the Tier 1 supplier's facility located on the vaunted north-south I-75 corridor that connects Canada to Florida. The company is a long-standing part of the thriving Canada-Kentucky auto-making ecosystem.

Kentucky imports \$4.9 billion in goods from Canada annually



- Agriculture (9%)
- Chemicals (6%)
- Equipment & machinery (23%)
- Forest products (5%)
- Minerals & metals (31%)
- Plastics & rubbers (6%)
- Transportation (12%)
- Other (8%)

Top Kentucky goods imports from Canada

Aluminum & aluminum articles.....	\$1.0 billion
Engines & turbines.....	\$632 million
Motor vehicle parts.....	\$528 million
Plastics & plastic articles.....	\$199 million
Iron & steel alloys & semi-finished products...	\$163 million
Beverages & alcohol.....	\$123 million
Paper & paperboard.....	\$93 million
Pasta, breads & cereal preparations.....	\$93 million
Rubber & rubber articles.....	\$91 million
Softwood lumber.....	\$81 million

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Sources: All figures are in U.S. dollars. Unless otherwise specified, all figures are based on 2025 data. **U.S. Census Bureau:** goods trade, Canada's export ranking (2/2026 release). **Trade Partnership Worldwide:** 2024 services exports (2/2026 release). **Dun & Bradstreet:** Canadian-owned businesses operating in the U.S. (2/2026 release). Figures may not add up due to rounding. Produced by the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C.

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