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Nogales Arizona-Nogales Sonora Port of Entry Update 2021

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Report Highlights:

About 88 percent of total 2020 U.S. food and agricultural exports to Mexico, valued at \$16.6 billion, crossed overland through one of various ports of entry (POE) along the U.S.-Mexico border. Also in 2020, 6.3 percent of U.S. food and agricultural exports to Mexico passed through the Nogales POE, valued at \$1.05 billion. Last year, Nogales was the fourth-largest crossing point for U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico.

General Information:

U.S. food and agricultural exports to Mexico are regulated by Mexico’s Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER). SADER’s National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) is the regulatory body responsible for inspecting imported agricultural products and ensuring documentary integrity upon entry. SENASICA inspections take place at authorized, privately-owned inspection facilities called Verification and Inspection Points (VIPs).

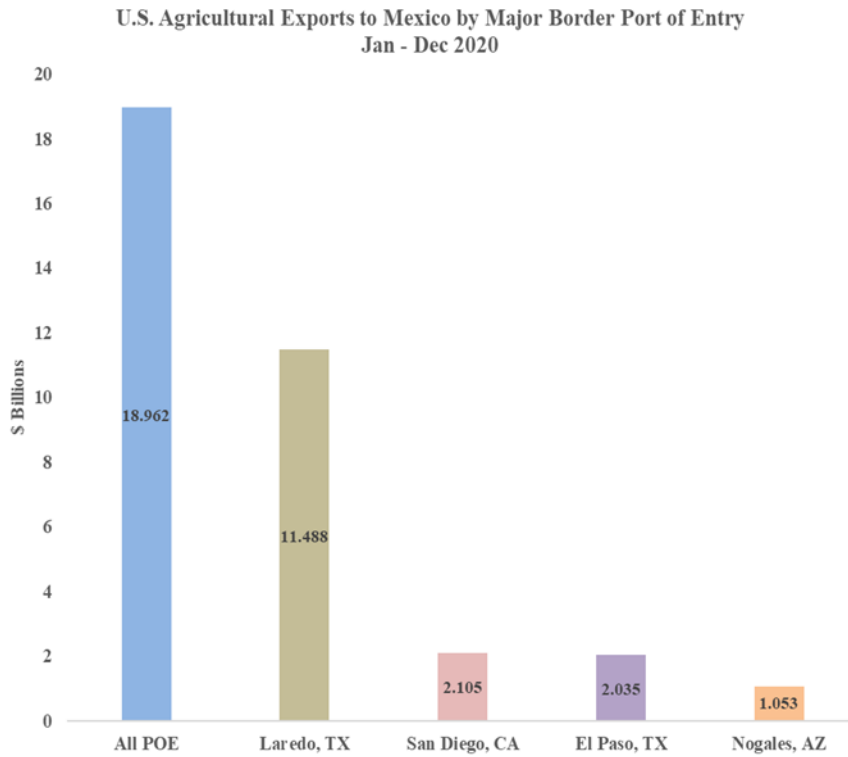
Live-animals bound for Mexico are inspected on the U.S. side of the border by SENASICA officials at SENASICA-authorized livestock pens in the United States. Mexico’s Animal Health Law also requires that imported animal products and by-products for human and animal consumption be inspected upon entry at VIPs located on the Mexican side of the border. Currently, other agricultural products like fresh horticulture, propagating materials, cotton, and grains (not transported by rail) are regularly inspected on the U.S. side, however these products are also subject to further inspection at VIPs after entering Mexico.

Overview of the Nogales, Arizona-Nogales, Sonora Border Port of Entry

Nogales is the fourth-largest overland POE for U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico, following Laredo, TX, San Diego, CA, and El Paso, TX, respectively. In 2020, over \$1.05 billion, or 6.3 percent, of total U.S. food and agricultural land exports passed through the Nogales POE. Total U.S. export data for Nogales includes the following Arizona-based POEs: Nogales, San Luis, Douglas, Naco, and Luke Ville. See Graph 1 for 2020 U.S. exports into Mexico by major POE.

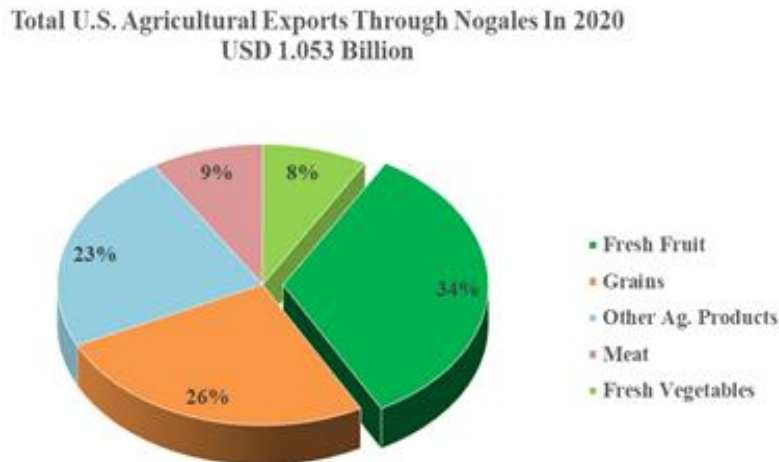
In 2020, the principal U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico through the Nogales POE included fresh fruits (34 percent of total Nogales exports, valued at \$355.5 million), grains (26 percent, valued at \$271.7 million), meat and meat products (nine percent, valued \$93.6 million), and fresh vegetables (eight percent, valued at \$87.55 million). See Graph 2 below.

Graph 1: U.S. Agricultural Exports by Major POEs in 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Graph 2: Principal U.S. Agricultural Exports through Nogales in 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The largest U.S. exports through Nogales in 2020 by volume included soybean oil cake (482,923 metric tons (MT)), apples (165,849 MT), malt (41,769 MT), pears (41,499 MT), poultry meat (19,927 MT), pork meat (14,798 MT), and beef meat (7,108 MT). Slaughter and breeding cattle, working horses, and breeding horses also crossed through the Nogales POE.

Verification and Inspection Points in Nogales

SENASICA authorizes seven VIP facilities for agricultural products, including two VIPs located in Arizona for live animal inspections. On the Mexican side, five additional VIPs are dedicated for animal products and byproducts, as well as plants and plant products. Grain and feed products generally cross by rail from Nogales, Arizona and are inspected on the Mexican side of the border at the Ferromex railyard. Breeding hogs, horses, and cattle are inspected in Nogales, Arizona at private facilities. See Annex I for more information on each of the VIPs in this POE.

SENASICA Inspection Office in Nogales

SENASICA inspection personnel are stationed in the SADER building at the Mariposa International Bridge in Nogales, Sonora. SENASICA's working hours at the main office are from 09:30 to 18:00 hours, Monday through Friday. Working hours at VIP's are Monday and Friday from 10:00 to 20:00, and Tuesday to Thursday from 10:00 to 19:00 hours. SENASICA inspection hours for livestock and rail inspection is from 08:00 to 17:00 hours, Monday to Friday. For additional information on SENASICA's work schedule contact SENASICA's Inspection Office in Nogales, Sonora at 52 (631) 316-2288.

Logistics

Products are transported by truck and rail. Commercial vehicles, crossing from Arizona into Mexico use the Mariposa International Bridge. Rail freight, provided by Union Pacific and Ferromex, is transported at the Dennis DeConcini Port of Entry. According to SENASICA and trade service providers operating on both sides of the border, rail traffic through Nogales experiences bottlenecks on Mondays and Tuesdays due to heavy southbound bulk commodity traffic crossing the border and arriving during afternoons to VIPs for SENASICA inspection.

Annex I

Verification and Inspection Points			
NAME	LOCATION	PHONE	PRODUCT
Grupo Inmobiliario Maymar	Bonded Area	52 (631) 315-9173	Meat, meat products, fruits and vegetables
Servicio de Almacén Fiscalizado de Nogales	Bonded Area	52 (631) 315-9158	Meat, meat products, fruits and vegetables
Ferromex Railyard	Border Zone	52 (631) 31-11800	Grain in bulk, dry animal and animal products in bulk
CAADES Sinaloa, A.C.	Border Zone	NA	Plant and plant products
Mariposa Inspection Terminal	Border Zone	NA	Fruits and vegetables
Elias Livestock	Nogales, AZ	NA	Cattle, horses, and hogs
Triple J. Ranch	Nogales, AZ	NA	Cattle, horses, and hogs

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