



**\* WORLD'S AGRICULTURAL SUPPLIER \***

Illinois is an Agricultural State with 80% of the land being used for agriculture; 28.66 million acres.

The food and the agricultural industries are vital for the State's economy. Illinois ranks highest in processed food sales in the United States. We also rank first and second in soybean and corn production respectively. Illinois is the fourth most swine producing state in the US.



With the high grade improvements that have been made in Illinois' fields, 40 different kinds of crops are produced. The majority of which are dedicated for feed, different types of grains, as well as very high quality soybeans. Also, in Illinois a great variety of food is cultivated such as, seeds, fruits, and vegetables. The cattle production, specially the swine and the cattle that are raised with grains, is one of the most important income sources for the farmers in Illinois.

Illinois has the fortune of having some of the richest natural resources of the nation. The fertile land, the climate, good transportation, and its central location in the country; make Illinois ideal in accessing all of the markets in the country. Chicago is known across the globe because it is a great financial center, for its

transportation system, and for its great diversity of people.



There are approximately 26,000 companies in Chicago alone dedicated to food processing and approximately 1,400 of them have their own processing and packing locations. There is great agricultural efficiency and productivity.

**\*LATIN-AMERICA IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ILLINOIS\***

- In 1989, Illinois was the first non-border State that opened an office in Mexico City. The main goal was and still is to provide service to all the Latin-American countries including the Caribbean in order to facilitate the contacts between the companies from Illinois and its counterparts.
- Mexico is the second largest commercial partner with the State of Illinois.
- The government of Illinois supports and actively promotes its agricultural and processed food in all of Latin America and the Caribbean.

**\* OUR OFFICE IN MEXICO CAN HELP YOU TO: \***

- Locate supply sources for Latin-American buyers interested in agricultural products, other services and materials from Illinois.



- Find information on sellers from Illinois required by the distributors, agents, and retailers on food and agriculture related equipment.
- Connect Illinois and Latin American/Caribbean investors who want to establish agricultural joint ventures.

**\* THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CAN HELP YOU: \***

- Organize commercial missions to the State of Illinois; visits to different international expositions; agricultural shows, companies where you can buy different planting equipments, reproduction, farms, the CBOT, where different grains are purchased and many other interesting places.
- Coordinate agricultural product buyer missions for the dairy, swine, grain industries, and coordinate mini tours with customers from Latin-America, the Caribbean, and Asia.
- Coordinate visits to various institutions in Illinois related with agriculture in its different sectors. Also, coordinate visits to Illinois Universities, where traditional and cutting edge agricultural techniques can be observed. Among these visits include a trip to the University of Illinois in Champaign, where world renowned agricultural research takes place encompassing all aspects of the industry.

## GET IN TOUCH WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN MEXICO

If you want to import products from the State of Illinois to Mexico, contact our office and send us this questionnaire filled out:

NAME OF THE COMPANY-----

ADDRESS-----

TELEPHONE -----

E-MAIL -----

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CHECKING  
OUR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL GUIDE,  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB PAGE:**

[www.agr.state.il.us](http://www.agr.state.il.us)

If you are interested in participating in any of these tours that we coordinate in this office, please let us know:

**>>Pork Tour**

**>>Dairy Tour**

**>>Grain Tour**

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