

Tariffs Hurt Communities

Free trade is critical to the strength of our economy and the health of our country as a whole.

As the trade war persists, the repercussions will be felt by farmers, factory workers and everyday consumers nationwide.


AGRICULTURE

Retaliatory tariffs imposed by China, Canada, Mexico and the EU make American crops more expensive in foreign markets; as a result, net farm income is forecast to fall 12% in 2018.

\$380 MILLION

 Pistachio growers alone have suffered \$380 million in losses due to tariffs.

270,000 TONS

 In 2017 China bought 270,000 metric tons of wheat from Washington state. A year later it dropped to zero.

MANUFACTURING

Tariffs raise the price of critical inputs and hurt American companies' bottom line. Meanwhile, decreasing incomes reduce demand for manufactured goods.

\$545 MILLION

 Duties on steel and aluminum alone cost U.S. companies \$545 million in September


JOBS AT RISK

 Half of all U.S. manufacturing jobs depend on exports—leaving thousands of Americans without employment.

CONSUMER

Pressure across economic sectors reduces employment, tightening household budgets for many families. Tariffs simultaneously increase prices for everyday staples and other goods.

10% INCREASE ON HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

 Costs that cannot be absorbed by companies will be passed on to consumers. Many household items like shampoo already face 10% tariffs.

\$1.2 BILLION INCREASE

 Tariffs on travel goods will make vacations more expensive. Essentials, such as luggage and handbags, will cost consumers an estimated \$1.2 billion a year.


TECHNOLOGY

Almost every modern industry relies on technology. Tariffs on key components mean higher technology prices, making it harder for businesses to compete in the digital economy. When tech companies have fewer dollars to produce and invest, quality of service will also decline.

COST INCREASES

 Consumers will see increased cost of internet access and cell service as technology sector is unable to invest in infrastructure.

JOBS MOVE ABROAD

 Instead of assembling tech in U.S. facilities, homegrown companies will move production overseas.

Learn more about the impacts of the tariffs: [TariffsHurt.com](https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/farm-economy/farm-sector-income-finances/highlights-from-the-farm-income-forecast/)