

# Made in the USA Reports

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## How to Have an All-American Fourth of July

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, nearly \$4 million worth of imported American flags are sold in the United States each year. The vast majority of this amount (\$3.6 million) is for U.S. flags made in China. Show your independence on Independence Day: buy American flags, American fireworks, American hamburgers, American paper plates and American barbecue grills.

# American Flags

## **American Flags Express**

Flagexpress.com  
12577 W Custer Ave, Butler, WI 53007  
Phone:(262) 783-4800

**Annin Flagmakers**—Oldest and largest flagmaker in the United States, winner of the Made in the USA Foundation Hall of Fame award. Annin.com  
105 Eisenhower Parkway  
Roseland , NJ 07068  
Phone: 973-228-9400  
Fax: 973-228-4905

## **C.F. Flag**

Cfflag.com  
65 Shields Road  
Huntsville, Alabama 35811  
Phone: 1-800-633-2070  
Fax: 256-851-2898

## **J.C. Schultz Enterprises, Inc.**

(The Flag Source)  
[www.flagsource.com](http://www.flagsource.com)  
951 Swanson Drive  
Batavia , IL 60510  
Phone: 800-323-9127  
Fax: 630-406-5932

## **FlagZone**

[www.flagzone.com](http://www.flagzone.com)  
105A Industrial Drive  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525  
Phone: 610-367-9900

## **Valley Forge Flag**

[www.valleyforgeflag.com](http://www.valleyforgeflag.com)  
875 Berkshire Blvd.  
Suite 101  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
Phone: 616-916-6360  
Fax: 610-376-4943

# Consumer Fireworks Made in USA

## **Black Cat Fireworks**

Blackcatfireworks.com  
5200 W. 94th Terrace, Suite 112  
Prairie Village, KS 66207

## **Diamond Sparklers**

Diamondsparkler.com  
555 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Youngstown, Ohio 44502  
1-800-777-1691

## **Zambelli**

Zambellifireworks.com  
20 South Mercer St.  
New Castle, PA 16101  
(800) 245-0397

# Paper Plates

## **Caspari**

Casparionline.com

## **Dixie**

From cups to plates, Dixie® has been helping make mom's day a little easier for over 90 years. Dixie is one of the largest U.S. manufacturers of paper plates and can be found at Walmart and many other stores.

## **Chinet**

Since the 1930s Chinet has been making high-quality paper plates in the USA.

# Made in the USA Grills

Based in Southern California, **Alfresco** manufactures all of their luxury professional level outdoor cooking systems in the United States.

**Blaz'n Grill Works** pellet grills are 100% American made with components sourced from Nebraska, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Oregon.

**Holland Grills** are made in North Carolina and are designed to prevent flareups.

**Kalamazoo's** high end, handcrafted outdoor grills and pizza ovens are manufactured in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**MAK Grills** pellet grills were the first pellet grills to have a digital control. In 2013 MAK Grill was the first grill manufacturer to be inducted in to the Made in the USA Hall of Fame.

**Portable Kitchen PK Grills** are aluminum grills made in Arkansas and are perfect for tailgating, a day at the beach, camping, as well as back yard cooking.

**Primo Grills** are the only ceramic grills that are made in the USA, Georgia to be exact.

**Sawtooth Pellet Grills** are made in Boise, Idaho.

Some of **Weber's** grills, like the Classic charcoal kettle grill and the Summit and Genesis series of gas grills, are manufactured in Palatine, Illinois.

## **Brexit, Sschmexit**

By Joel D. Joseph, Chairman, Made in the USA Foundation

I am jealous of the British voters because the voters there actually got the chance to vote on a critical decision of the government, whether their nation should stay in the European Union or not. By a slim majority, 52-48, the Brits voted to leave.

Recent public opinion polls conducted by the Gallup organization this year found that U.S. voters want to leave NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Association, by a 58 to 34 landslide majority, with eight percent undecided. Now this is a mandate, not the photo finish that happened in Britain.

### **Sschmexit: Leaving NAFTA**

We should leave NAFTA because it has cost us two million jobs, mostly lost to Mexico, and some to Canada, with nothing gained. In addition, the U.S. companies that moved to Mexico have brought downward pressure on the wages of Americans still working here. The products that our companies make south of the border save the multinational companies money, but they do not pass the

savings on to the consumer.

SSchmexit means Support Sovereignty for us: Canada and Hecho en Mexico -- Exit. Like the United Kingdom, we want our sovereignty back. NAFTA, section 2205, allows the United States to get out of this treaty with six months notice.

Our case for leaving NAFTA is much stronger than the U.K.'s objections to the European Union. The U.K. has to compete with poorer European countries like Portugal and Poland. The U.K. pays wages three times that of Poland and twice that of Portugal. In contrast, the U.S. pays wages of more than five times that of Mexico, a third world country.

Mexico is our primary problem within NAFTA. Within the past two years, eight automakers have opened plants and expansions in Mexico, including the Ford Motor Company. In 2014, Mexico exported 1.7 million vehicles to the U.S., surpassing the 1.5 million vehicles exported here by Japan. Last year Mexico exported 1.9 million vehicles to the U.S., surpassing Canada as the largest exporter of cars and trucks to the U.S.

It is not just General Motors and Ford moving production to Mexico. (They don't charge less for their cars made in Mexico; GM makes Cadillacs there and Ford makes Lincolns south of the border.) Nabisco, maker of Ritz crackers and Oreo cookies, is moving production from Chicago to Mexico, joining such American icons as Levi's, Black and Decker, Hershey's chocolate, Carrier air conditions and hundreds of other companies who formerly made their products in the United States.

Mexico and Canada have fought our Country of Origin for food labeling laws. Canadian and Mexican meat producers challenged our Country of Origin Labeling Act (COOL) claiming that it violates the rules of free trade. Hogwash. Consumers have the right to know where their products are coming from.

In response to a flawed World Trade Organization decision, Congress caved in and took meat labeling out of the law last year. Congress did this even though ninety percent of American consumers want to know where their food comes from. And President Obama falsely proclaimed that we will never change our

consumer laws because of foreign pressure. He signed the Congressional gutting of COOL.

We want our sovereignty back. We want to be able to buy American beef and not have it commingled with Canadian and Mexican meat. On the Fourth of July, Independence Day, do you want to eat a NAFTA burger or an All American Burger?

### **Let's Have a Referendum on NAFTA**

The British referendum was not binding on the U.K. government. We can put a referendum on the ballot across the United States on whether the people, the voters, those who really count and matter (not the corporations who wield all the power) want to stay in NAFTA. The United States will vote against NAFTA quicker than you can say: "Sschmexit."