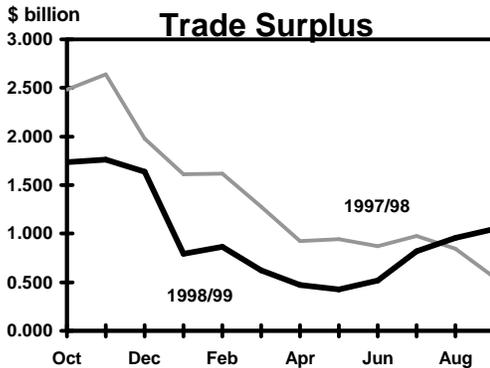


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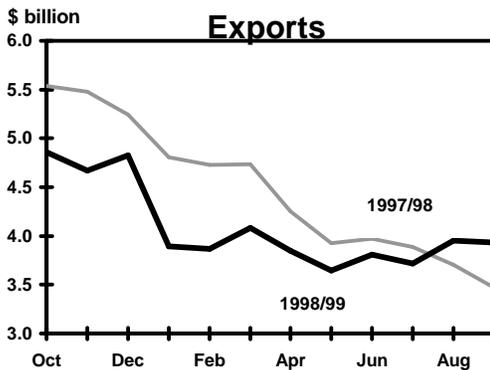
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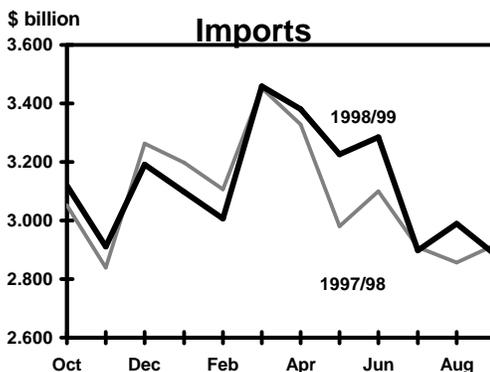
Summary—Fiscal 1999 U.S. agricultural exports of \$49.1 billion were \$4.6 billion less than in 1998, a 9-percent decline. Imports, however, rose slightly to \$37.4 billion. Exports in September 1999 exceeded last year's value for a second month in a row, while September imports fell to the lowest monthly value of the fiscal year. Despite increasing monthly trade surpluses since June 1999, the export surplus of \$11.7 billion was still \$5.1 billion lower than in 1998.

Exports—Bulk commodity export value fell 11 percent in 1999, despite the 23-percent rise in volume shipments. The bulk value of \$17.7 billion was \$2.3 billion below 1998's value, primarily due to the lowest prices since 1987. The dollar's high exchange value over the past 3 years has made U.S. exports more expensive. In value, only corn exports exceeded last year.



Corn export value exceeded \$5 billion, up 18 percent from 1998, while corn volume rose 38 percent. But in spite of this year's gains in sales, corn exports remained 40 percent below 1996's \$8.4 billion. The lowest corn prices since 1987 and 44 percent below 1996 prices were responsible. Volume rose mainly to Latin America, particularly Mexico, and also to Asia and Africa. In Asia, South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan were the prime markets. In Africa, Egypt imported the most.

Wheat exports of \$3.6 billion were 3 percent below the 1998 value, while volume shipments rose 12 percent. This is the third consecutive year that wheat export value has fallen; it is now almost half of 1996's \$6.9 billion. The rise in volume shipments for fiscal 1999 was largest in South America, Southeast Asia, Russia, and Africa. The biggest markets were Colombia, South Korea, Indonesia, Egypt, and Nigeria. Food aid shipments played a large role in exports to Russia and Indonesia. Wheat prices (Gulf port) in 1999 were the lowest since 1986 and almost half of 1996 prices.



Soybean exports posted the largest actual decline in value among the bulk commodities. Exports fell to \$4.7 billion in 1999 from \$6.1 billion in 1998, and were more than 30 percent below 1997's value. Export volume was also down 2 percent as shipments to South America, Eastern Europe, and Africa fell from last year. Soybean export prices in 1999 were the lowest in the past two

decades. The strong dollar helped undermine U.S. price competitiveness in world markets.

The 48 percent decline in *cotton* export value in fiscal 1999 was almost matched by the percentage decline in volume shipments. Exports were less than half of 1997's value. The decline was sharpest in the Middle East and in East Asia, particularly Turkey and China. Cotton prices were the lowest since 1992. Increased cotton exports to world markets from Australia and China displaced some U.S. exports.

High-value products registered another monthly gain in export value in September, yet were down 7 percent for the fiscal year. Of the \$31.4 billion in exports, only vegetables posted a gain over 1998. The sharpest percentage declines in fiscal 1999 were in poultry, hides and skins, and vegetable oils. Markets that shrank the most were countries that suffered recent financial crises—prominently, Russia and South Korea.

Imports—Imports fell by more than \$100 million in September from August, but the value was up by more than \$400 million, or 1.2 percent from 1998. While imports of non-competitive products—coffee, cocoa, rubber—were down sharply, imports of red meat, dairy products, fruits and juices, vegetables, beverages, and wine were up. Imports of fruits and beverages together were up by more than \$1.1 billion in the fiscal year. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323]

Change occurred in fiscal 1999's major U.S. export destinations and import origins. The top seven destinations for U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal 1999 remained unchanged from last year. The United Kingdom (UK) and Germany moved up, while China slipped to 10th (table 5). If the European Union (EU) is considered a single country, exports to it rank third in 1999, dropping the Netherlands, the U.K., and Germany out of the top 10 and raising China, Egypt, and the Philippines to 8th, 9th, and 10th rank.

Canada and Mexico remained the top two sources for U.S. imports in 1999. France and Brazil moved up, while Italy, the Netherlands, and Indonesia slipped. Again, as a single country the EU jumps to second, raising New Zealand, Chile, and Costa Rica to the top 10.

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Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Quantity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	53,730,198	49,102,085	0	0	3,467,258	3,930,569
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	11,067,624	9,951,471	0	0	776,127	821,975
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	537,784	508,565	0	0	19,057	24,224
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	266	257	162,957	132,069	16	19	8,229	10,670
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	59	79	270,688	297,597	3	3	5,739	6,560
Swine - live (NO)	129	279	19,361	24,968	17	10	1,776	1,234
Sheep, live (NO)	1,109	447	47,437	18,162	10	34	450	1,876
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	37,341	35,768	0	0	2,863	3,883
Meats & meat prods (MT)	2,064	2,061	4,507,334	4,459,976	159	176	335,819	392,453
Beef & veal (MT)	708	762	2,380,903	2,511,684	60	63	183,302	224,274
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	691	742	2,310,711	2,438,726	58	61	175,726	218,131
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	17	20	70,193	72,958	2	2	7,576	6,144
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	12	11	38,317	33,807	1	1	3,625	3,029
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	3	6,422	7,639	0	0	293	259
Pork (MT)	395	383	1,066,814	978,824	30	32	73,046	86,244
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	350	344	949,445	881,239	26	28	62,620	76,364
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	45	39	117,369	97,585	4	4	10,426	9,879
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	511	487	671,771	672,494	38	37	54,566	54,307
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	435	416	343,107	255,528	30	44	20,988	24,340
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,707,351	2,049,891	0	0	169,765	179,126
Poultry - live (NA)	58,290	57,729	116,988	112,554	5,442	5,244	8,817	9,888
Baby chicks (NO)	48,316	47,202	100,031	98,060	4,609	4,330	7,513	9,013
Other live poultry (NA)	9,974	10,527	16,958	14,494	833	914	1,304	875
Poultry meats (MT)	2,663	2,377	2,347,147	1,742,988	147	204	140,041	152,595
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	2,343	2,142	1,865,347	1,382,795	121	184	104,414	123,243
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	203	155	226,539	165,667	15	15	17,027	15,935
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	6	6	11,332	10,275	1	0	854	586
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	111	74	243,929	184,251	10	5	17,746	12,830
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	3	4	19,173	15,166	0	0	1,101	1,941
Eggs (NA)	0	0	224,042	179,183	0	0	19,806	14,702
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	925,058	897,498	0	0	79,330	77,395
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	9	4	7,814	3,674	0	0	278	315
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	89	94	152,854	134,229	10	8	17,092	13,709
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	7	2	13,532	3,115	0	0	354	417
Cheese (MT)	37	37	121,318	126,772	3	4	8,795	13,504
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	113,922	121,700	0	0	9,533	10,411
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	515,618	508,008	0	0	43,278	39,038
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,365	1,395	655,206	561,107	124	87	55,161	34,088
Lard (MT)	72	78	36,229	37,029	5	8	2,704	3,483
Tallow - inedible (MT)	993	932	461,011	350,602	95	49	40,750	16,079
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	300	386	157,966	173,477	24	30	11,708	14,525
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,358,335	1,108,454	0	0	87,965	84,328
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	18,992	17,845	969,325	843,721	1,469	1,346	70,972	65,776
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	93,701	50,861	0	0	6,944	4,915
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,844	1,453	36,279	28,149	59	76	1,096	1,277
Horse hides, whole (PC)	101	120	2,633	3,766	3	1	52	36
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	24,289	8,747	0	0	462	1,485
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	12,231	8,272	71,041	49,462	689	577	4,284	3,427
Furskins (NA)	0	0	161,065	123,749	0	0	4,155	7,412
Mink pelts (NO)	2,990	4,172	82,631	97,713	75	200	2,392	5,074
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	78,434	26,036	0	0	1,763	2,338
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	4	11,910	20,536	0	1	605	2,896
Sausage casings (MT)	17	20	61,184	66,262	2	1	5,022	4,302
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	67,555	60,965	0	0	4,860	4,872
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	235,907	218,216	0	0	18,543	18,293
Grains & feeds (MT)	87,289	104,576	13,960,820	14,271,853	7,315	9,295	1,027,436	1,178,446
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	25,791	28,806	3,758,840	3,648,219	2,456	2,476	300,519	302,967
Wheat flour (MT)	465	958	116,782	176,904	58	129	11,325	18,426
Bulqur wheat (MT)	3	15	542	2,577	0	0	11	0
Other wheat prods (MT)	79	88	77,107	85,554	6	10	6,297	9,879
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	3,310	3,076	1,131,632	1,010,457	200	165	69,735	48,607
Feed grains & prods (MT)	44,564	58,398	5,187,463	5,820,825	3,623	5,541	351,966	519,406
Feed grains (MT)	43,960	57,710	4,990,045	5,607,268	3,569	5,483	334,390	501,282
Barley (MT)	1,066	600	141,515	72,539	113	69	11,314	7,703
Corn (MT)	37,697	51,886	4,261,466	5,038,542	3,180	4,838	295,890	441,002
Grain sorghums (MT)	5,164	5,198	582,774	492,893	274	574	26,908	52,320
Oats (MT)	32	24	4,134	3,126	2	1	278	188
Rye (MT)	2	2	157	167	0	1	0	69
Feed grain prods (MT)	604	688	197,418	213,558	54	58	17,575	18,124
Popcorn (MT)	100	94	68,463	59,683	8	6	5,179	4,142
Blended food prods (MT)	287	297	77,581	81,943	26	31	7,365	7,205
Other grain prods (MT)	987	1,043	1,121,206	1,133,711	80	84	95,652	101,222
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	11,704	11,800	2,421,204	2,251,979	858	852	179,387	166,591
Corn by-products (MT)	5,704	5,645	691,437	566,596	427	449	46,947	43,594
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	265	269	43,717	39,504	23	18	3,819	2,800
Beet pulp (MT)	537	526	66,297	60,765	42	10	5,255	1,032
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	663	589	43,487	50,131	1	3	256	467
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	4,534	4,771	1,576,265	1,534,983	365	372	123,110	118,699
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	3,082	2,923	2,564,874	2,546,981	226	220	219,064	219,803
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,580	2,449	1,857,835	1,843,137	178	180	153,436	158,736
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	1,173	827	658,304	488,351	29	18	17,124	11,022
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	387	429	189,788	221,448	3	6	1,870	3,060
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	117	118	86,385	81,309	4	5	3,215	3,789
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	667	278	380,828	183,645	22	7	11,942	4,143

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	2	1,302	1,950	0	0	97	30
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,407	1,622	1,199,531	1,354,786	149	162	136,311	147,715
Apples - fresh (MT)	539	665	327,896	376,090	28	21	17,300	13,181
Berries - fresh (MT)	64	80	118,222	139,532	6	7	12,821	14,457
Cherries - fresh (MT)	38	43	114,035	154,827	1	2	741	1,258
Grapes - fresh (MT)	217	222	279,173	284,637	49	59	57,827	63,175
Melons - fresh (MT)	211	247	80,716	85,800	23	22	8,339	8,048
Peaches - fresh (MT)	80	98	74,540	95,207	17	20	14,925	19,610
Pears - fresh (MT)	157	146	86,973	85,251	11	14	6,700	7,452
Plums - fresh (MT)	49	60	49,164	55,872	11	13	12,206	11,023
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	52	62	68,811	77,569	4	7	5,453	9,509
Fruits - dried (MT)	225	202	390,018	387,580	22	17	35,085	33,479
Raisins - dried (MT)	121	104	200,076	198,508	11	9	17,633	19,015
Prunes - dried (MT)	71	68	133,659	133,777	7	5	12,545	9,946
Other dried fruits (MT)	33	29	56,283	55,295	4	2	4,907	4,517
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	144	151	143,542	145,932	14	13	13,556	11,957
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	50	45	67,020	66,181	5	4	7,418	5,600
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	83	76	106,458	104,151	7	7	9,569	10,030
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	10,658	12,317	652,983	735,030	869	1,192	54,933	64,902
Apple juice (HL)	374	356	46,626	43,698	28	23	3,750	2,375
Grape juice (HL)	811	899	65,693	68,815	72	69	5,492	5,702
Grapefruit juice (HL)	705	921	47,173	52,356	84	97	3,955	3,897
Orange juice (HL)	5,541	5,550	295,715	307,390	449	625	26,616	31,499
Other fruit juices (HL)	3,227	4,591	197,777	262,771	236	378	15,121	21,429
Wine (HL)	2,497	2,568	485,833	515,546	217	289	43,503	59,606
Nuts & prep (MT)	551	516	1,411,661	1,258,309	31	42	94,126	98,205
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	203	200	772,757	694,349	16	25	62,380	67,184
Filberts (MT)	20	8	36,716	15,290	0	0	398	115
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	194	178	198,436	183,503	10	10	10,579	11,050
Pistachios (MT)	34	27	141,566	98,032	1	2	4,130	4,570
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	64	67	153,791	154,350	3	3	7,484	6,716
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	12	9	55,474	53,548	1	1	6,362	4,274
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	24	27	52,921	59,238	1	2	2,794	4,297
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	4,167,912	4,245,193	0	0	295,011	322,067
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,755	1,817	1,050,101	1,044,474	94	115	50,554	65,739
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	15	17	45,435	49,532	0	0	694	641
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	127	154	90,866	100,189	6	9	4,981	7,338
Carrots - fresh (MT)	113	120	58,136	66,276	5	5	2,708	3,054
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	44	42	20,797	16,144	2	2	693	577
Celery - fresh (MT)	122	124	48,460	42,066	5	6	2,052	2,025
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	77	93	55,481	62,470	4	6	2,631	4,662
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	42	42	18,863	17,523	0	0	289	110
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	23	24	12,705	12,726	1	0	405	229
Garlic - fresh (MT)	7	9	10,663	12,484	1	2	1,807	2,400
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	304	313	173,694	157,316	17	20	8,519	10,719
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	6	7	17,971	16,937	0	1	789	2,828
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	219	215	81,042	74,899	21	25	5,827	6,584
Peppers - fresh (MT)	56	65	56,805	55,970	2	2	1,503	1,589
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	296	265	88,267	83,500	11	13	3,155	4,170
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	134	148	122,317	127,132	9	11	7,258	8,787
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	172	180	148,601	149,310	9	13	7,240	10,025
Vegetables - froz (MT)	654	680	503,946	532,748	53	62	41,774	47,397
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	77	73	63,011	61,326	6	6	4,998	5,454
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	460	491	332,103	362,208	37	47	27,529	33,545
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	117	116	108,833	109,214	10	9	9,246	8,399
Vegetables - canned (MT)	437	395	350,964	333,005	32	31	25,221	26,474
Pulses (MT)	616	553	318,994	269,900	52	44	22,218	20,819
Dried beans (MT)	452	388	259,672	209,434	39	29	17,834	15,343
Dried peas (MT)	115	108	38,416	38,121	11	9	3,138	3,223
Dried lentils (MT)	49	58	20,906	22,346	3	6	1,247	2,254
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	10	9	89,133	76,310	0	0	4,166	2,827
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,854,773	1,988,755	0	0	151,078	158,810
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	36,074	33,569	10,983,769	8,606,156	1,369	2,731	439,405	720,669
Oilcake & meal (MT)	8,666	6,726	1,974,755	1,100,772	296	509	51,040	87,171
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	361	475	29,673	36,235	45	38	3,365	3,006
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	35	57	3,855	5,804	1	1	80	100
Soybean meal (MT)	8,103	5,982	1,914,405	1,028,476	229	460	43,725	82,470
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	168	212	26,823	30,258	22	10	3,868	1,595
Oilseeds (MT)	24,358	24,202	6,817,706	5,690,451	879	2,017	240,252	506,686
Rapeseed (MT)	188	204	49,244	49,343	67	19	15,917	4,629
Safflower seeds (MT)	37	35	15,097	11,085	5	0	2,002	69
Soybeans (MT)	23,394	22,974	6,116,765	4,747,528	758	1,919	168,911	375,465
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	141	210	96,342	112,144	8	9	5,913	6,198
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	37	39	32,900	31,867	1	2	1,293	1,734
Other oilseeds (MT)	418	605	117,705	134,873	28	59	7,444	12,495
Protein substances (MT)	144	137	389,654	603,610	12	10	38,772	106,097
Vegetable oils (MT)	3,049	2,642	2,191,308	1,814,934	193	204	148,114	126,811
Soybean oil (MT)	1,396	1,076	881,449	607,505	49	88	31,400	41,000
Cottonseed oil (MT)	94	50	61,554	32,418	4	4	2,546	2,369
Sunflower oil (MT)	370	363	240,626	214,681	10	33	6,251	15,565
Corn oil (MT)	507	449	374,976	334,414	50	22	40,750	15,992
Peanut oil (MT)	5	6	6,008	5,612	0	2	351	1,348
Rapeseed oil (MT)	158	123	99,508	69,814	26	5	14,958	2,018
Safflower oil (MT)	38	41	46,040	42,140	4	3	5,030	3,043

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	481	534	481,146	508,351	50	47	46,828	45,477
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	208	205	1,447,912	1,375,539	10	7	76,961	51,318
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	52	51	423,253	411,761	4	1	29,445	7,277
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	106	104	757,698	715,941	3	3	22,904	21,938
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	50	50	266,961	247,837	3	3	24,612	22,103
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,552	884	2,517,288	1,309,191	61	32	97,135	44,412
Cotton linters (MT)	50	37	20,048	14,165	4	2	1,329	809
Essential oils (MT)	46	47	533,004	507,482	4	3	43,563	36,910
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	816	579	827,255	799,669	25	42	45,346	52,566
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,458,146	1,444,692	0	0	133,075	130,844
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	628,616	589,701	0	0	55,137	52,685
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	123	158	47,827	55,895	11	14	3,750	4,555
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	580,789	533,806	0	0	51,388	48,130
Coffee (MT)	44	51	231,648	238,265	5	4	23,077	21,435
Cocoa (MT)	34	41	73,950	88,449	3	4	6,791	8,789
Chocolate & prep (MT)	108	101	335,835	304,232	11	11	32,065	32,267
Tea & mate (MT)	20	27	84,594	111,563	2	2	7,299	7,424
Spices (MT)	28	31	67,056	69,531	2	2	5,642	4,756
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	21	27	34,776	40,726	2	3	2,904	3,391
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	3	1,671	2,224	0	0	159	98
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	441,363	415,134	0	0	27,844	36,829
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	300,521	298,992	0	0	19,913	17,616
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	889,185	806,684	0	0	72,489	73,594
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	16,411,663	14,790,230	0	0	1,265,963	1,150,044
Fertilizers (MT)	18	11	3,092,418	3,219,167	1	1	229,396	197,986
Nitrogen (MT)	9	5	3,074,800	3,208,126	0	0	228,116	197,268
Phosphate (MT)	9	6	17,618	11,041	1	0	1,279	718
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	2,331,107	2,728,927	0	0	234,794	283,995
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,341,290	1,571,609	0	0	150,763	168,194
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	635,350	721,472	0	0	52,932	78,317
Other fish prods (MT)	253	254	354,468	435,846	24	43	31,099	37,485
Ag chemicals (MT)	330	322	1,936,868	1,762,576	24	26	135,326	134,353
Fungicides (MT)	35	36	217,152	189,070	3	2	21,077	12,676
Herbicides (MT)	167	150	953,279	831,115	12	13	51,675	64,497
Insecticides (MT)	64	71	432,053	456,111	5	6	38,597	33,663
Other pesticides (MT)	63	65	334,384	286,280	4	4	23,977	23,517
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,992,709	3,053,794	0	0	281,304	202,146
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	59	44	1,792,759	1,162,636	3	2	126,201	61,652
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	2,199,950	1,891,158	0	0	155,103	140,495
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	5,058,561	4,025,765	0	0	385,142	331,563

Tables contain preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns indicate none or less than 500 units.

Table 2- Leading markets in fiscal 1998 and 1999 and September 1999

Wheat	metric tons			Corn	metric tons		
	Oct-Sept 1997/1998	Oct-Sept 1998/1999	Sept 1999		Oct-Sept 1997/1998	Oct-Sept 1998/1999	Sept 1999
Egypt	3,894,655	4,269,358	311,222	Japan	14,106,484	15,430,222	1,379,331
Japan	3,113,931	3,263,875	303,156	South Korea	3,504,516	6,782,050	527,485
South Korea	1,366,393	1,731,865	130,271	Mexico	4,372,646	5,590,501	689,379
Mexico	1,495,831	1,663,707	224,674	China (Taiwan)	3,530,686	4,537,507	346,170
Philippines	1,607,375	1,659,178	175,583	Egypt	1,950,940	3,074,481	274,923
European Union	1,205,963	1,320,564	97,723	Colombia	1,210,526	1,497,140	103,554
Nigeria	901,487	1,224,801	129,484	Venezuela	651,172	1,328,561	88,894
Russian Federation	56,780	1,100,802	0	Saudi Arabia	928,078	1,174,823	60,415
China (Taiwan)	968,595	897,589	72,060	Algeria	828,947	946,911	65,340
Banladesh	253,999	797,615	121,002	Canada	1,397,433	902,986	135,386
World	25,791,041	28,806,363	2,475,737	World	37,696,712	51,886,241	4,838,155
Soybeans	Oct-Sept 1997/1998	Oct-Sept 1998/1999	Sept 1999	Cotton	Oct-Sept 1997/1998	Oct-Sept 1998/1999	Sept 1999
European Union	7,720,947	5,990,197	259,050	Mexico	324,260	271,605	12,335
Japan	3,504,843	3,736,964	254,907	Japan	142,351	84,675	2,006
Mexico	3,077,666	3,363,000	346,292	South Korea	161,860	70,322	1,690
China (Taiwan)	1,565,743	2,057,376	169,882	Canada	62,007	57,839	2,638
China (Mainland)	1,675,039	1,910,033	425,355	China (Taiwan)	75,521	57,771	1,853
South Korea	1,184,879	1,354,786	108,224	Hong Kong	32,783	56,628	419
Indonesia	822,617	926,624	85,808	Indonesia	97,841	52,112	2,645
Thailand	453,304	651,505	0	European Union	63,904	34,391	998
Israel	382,795	537,691	41,473	Turkey	133,666	24,398	204
Malaysia	261,087	254,270	0	Guatemala	27,494	21,471	247
World	23,394,201	22,973,527	1,918,539	World	1,551,899	884,318	31,844

Table 3--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Quantity and unit	October-September				September			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	37,007,098	37,446,726	0	0	2,918,865	2,883,468
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	9,228,779	8,080,296	0	0	680,197	573,872
Bananas & plantains (MT)	4,175	4,418	1,213,972	1,212,161	330	386	102,394	97,205
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,155	1,294	3,586,798	2,966,843	88	95	214,128	187,746
Cocoa & prods (MT)	875	865	1,700,812	1,530,822	72	68	143,276	112,893
Tea (MT)	150	152	256,398	240,851	8	9	15,437	15,488
Spices (MT)	150	164	459,270	504,179	13	14	40,957	40,554
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	1,162	1,148	1,027,251	739,280	126	91	92,403	54,404
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	417	527	0	0	10	30
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	13	13	33,008	26,345	1	1	2,261	1,824
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	102	100	44,950	41,600	7	8	3,087	3,164
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	366,197	330,533	0	0	27,357	27,003
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	78	65	539,704	487,155	4	4	38,887	33,562
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	27,778,320	29,366,430	0	0	2,238,668	2,309,597
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	6,813,776	7,052,412	0	0	567,074	600,443
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,669,552	1,438,990	0	0	149,139	119,268
Cattle and calves (NO)	2,043	1,906	1,144,070	1,004,379	146	126	103,227	77,270
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	42	34	178,908	197,537	4	5	24,000	19,947
Swine (NO)	4,040	4,063	316,274	197,574	340	379	19,755	19,351
Sheep, live (NO)	51	51	6,276	4,913	2	4	200	419
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	24,023	34,588	0	0	1,958	2,281
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	2,717,895	3,088,230	0	0	224,370	274,629
Beef & veal (MT)	857	943	1,761,115	2,046,918	70	81	143,518	187,866
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	794	861	1,550,139	1,797,967	64	73	122,814	167,946
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	63	83	210,976	248,952	6	7	20,705	19,919
Pork (MT)	271	337	686,236	721,195	26	29	58,840	63,005
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	202	259	446,960	479,599	19	22	37,409	41,658
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	69	78	239,276	241,596	7	7	21,430	21,347
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	47	50	159,829	180,265	3	3	11,828	11,543
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	3	25	15,469	126,629	1	1	7,713	7,672
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	50	25	0	0	20	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	44	52	64,477	81,376	4	4	5,848	8,012
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	3	17,496	22,054	0	0	2,053	1,527
Other meats & prods (MT)	9	12	28,693	36,398	1	1	2,263	2,676
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	206,912	201,458	0	0	15,419	18,177
Poultry - live (NA)	11,831	11,041	21,614	18,622	995	865	1,866	1,424
Poultry meat (MT)	8	13	25,965	37,014	1	1	2,340	4,556
Eggs (NA)	0	0	14,999	19,214	0	0	1,035	1,676
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	26	25	144,333	126,608	2	2	10,178	10,522
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,368,213	1,571,853	0	0	119,817	132,946
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	31,140	46,911	0	0	2,575	3,264
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	28	32	55,432	61,535	3	2	7,074	4,187
Cheese (MT)	155	197	588,801	718,824	14	20	53,378	64,950
Casein & mixtures (MT)	108	107	453,810	410,353	8	9	31,769	29,864
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	239,030	334,230	0	0	25,021	30,680
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	80	90	59,235	63,394	7	8	4,558	5,134
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	184,293	146,121	0	0	10,822	9,034
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	1	7,970	4,646	0	0	468	440
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	106,490	92,417	0	0	8,684	7,540
Furskins (NA)	5,311	5,326	69,833	49,059	543	199	1,670	1,054
Wool-unmfa, apparel grade(MT)	32	16	118,344	48,810	1	1	2,369	1,476
Sausage casings (MT)	15	14	76,405	70,676	1	1	4,575	4,506
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	11,456	18,839	0	0	1,437	1,237
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	401,470	404,041	0	0	34,568	34,037
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,919,119	2,942,986	0	0	263,772	265,671
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	2,002	2,358	302,330	293,971	130	132	14,964	15,710
Corn, unmilled (MT)	126	388	16,973	38,971	13	13	1,587	1,581
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,942	1,599	204,727	137,213	368	244	31,038	19,906
Barley, unmilled (MT)	748	597	100,590	72,453	25	12	2,990	1,390
Rice (MT)	284	334	186,365	184,056	19	21	11,806	13,226
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	314	365	716,591	825,864	34	41	84,911	99,927
Pasta & noodles (MT)	307	288	283,281	278,631	20	20	18,899	20,521
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	601,979	646,354	0	0	59,577	56,300
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	1,329	1,181	506,283	465,474	94	88	37,999	37,110
Fruits & preps (MT)	3,170	3,524	2,125,375	2,698,798	122	139	95,907	113,864
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,569	2,816	1,525,090	1,999,134	78	90	49,776	60,580
Apples, fresh (MT)	157	159	77,650	110,104	5	6	2,947	3,293
Avocados (MT)	40	60	42,897	66,019	11	8	11,484	10,139
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	57	76	79,078	129,702	4	5	5,980	9,020
Citrus, fresh (MT)	273	348	135,133	211,766	16	24	6,106	11,532
Grapes, fresh (MT)	420	387	440,659	545,770	3	4	1,022	1,226
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	42	44	30,472	39,080	5	1	3,980	1,185
Mangoes (MT)	193	223	128,870	146,939	4	6	2,803	4,338
Melons (MT)	862	876	252,849	280,885	0	1	166	261
Peaches (MT)	34	50	26,643	44,267	0	0	119	290
Pears (MT)	68	87	46,518	73,333	0	1	726	991
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	258	276	86,650	126,057	23	25	8,493	10,858
Plums (MT)	20	28	17,738	26,889	0	0	23	33
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	50	83	87,282	100,295	0	1	281	830
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	95	119	72,652	98,027	7	8	5,647	6,584
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	601	707	600,284	699,664	44	49	46,131	53,284
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	252	329	183,139	242,787	15	24	10,697	16,800
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	349	378	417,145	456,877	29	26	35,434	36,484
Fruit juices (HL)	26,577	31,655	668,841	772,462	1,822	2,616	44,394	63,089
Apple juice (HL)	10,168	11,391	228,735	210,586	816	809	14,659	15,637
Grape juice (HL)	1,280	1,563	57,562	71,208	55	187	2,938	7,637
Grapefruit juice (HL)	8	10	449	560	1	3	33	127

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	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Lemon juice (HL)	424	452	7,939	6,560	32	59	534	764
Lime juice (HL)	160	171	3,438	4,624	4	4	89	148
Orange juice (HL)	10,632	13,261	211,366	285,927	635	1,128	15,532	20,483
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,387	2,909	72,599	86,796	151	275	4,178	7,433
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,518	1,898	86,752	106,201	127	150	6,430	10,860
Nuts & preps (MT)	236	229	642,967	708,173	21	21	55,443	73,531
Brazil nuts (MT)	11	8	25,298	20,040	1	1	2,000	2,510
Cashew nuts (MT)	74	70	339,441	389,349	6	8	29,847	47,369
Chestnuts (MT)	5	5	11,700	12,498	0	0	521	949
Coconut meat (MT)	78	73	65,757	68,596	8	7	7,119	7,405
Filberts (MT)	5	6	20,638	24,655	0	0	1,597	1,330
Macademia nuts (MT)	3	4	31,085	31,630	1	1	5,201	4,073
Pecans (MT)	24	29	71,298	85,077	1	1	4,334	1,934
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,279	2,103	0	0	52	25
Other nuts (MT)	36	34	76,471	74,224	3	2	4,771	7,936
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	4,249,182	4,527,047	0	0	277,349	308,893
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,786	3,733	2,552,127	2,577,770	203	242	133,071	159,015
Tomatoes (MT)	857	723	735,180	713,029	34	43	30,701	38,237
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	48	61	90,522	108,172	4	5	6,421	9,185
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	29	33	32,011	37,613	1	3	1,283	1,975
Cabbage (MT)	50	33	14,171	8,342	4	5	1,212	1,557
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	98	89	26,748	27,534	8	6	2,071	1,496
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	232	259	141,397	169,417	20	22	12,382	14,555
Celery, fresh (MT)	45	43	11,333	10,218	2	2	400	635
Cucumbers (MT)	328	336	154,634	138,231	6	8	3,379	4,006
Eggplant (MT)	38	33	30,088	22,232	0	0	45	110
Endive, fresh (MT)	3	2	5,843	6,144	0	0	376	296
Garlic (MT)	30	45	36,021	50,088	1	0	1,435	536
Lettuce (MT)	26	26	14,793	13,253	3	4	1,087	2,084
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	24	23	11,309	11,904	1	1	435	553
Onions (MT)	261	247	154,363	137,257	10	12	4,668	6,853
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	39	41	45,691	46,116	3	2	2,832	2,142
Peppers (MT)	320	345	343,606	324,863	28	29	20,823	21,137
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	854	851	330,758	363,861	51	69	24,422	32,654
Radishes, fresh (MT)	17	15	12,124	12,639	0	0	318	483
Squash (MT)	158	152	104,933	100,797	2	2	1,056	953
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	330	374	256,601	276,059	25	28	17,726	19,566
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,697,055	1,949,277	0	0	144,279	149,879
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	30	28	23,198	19,648	4	3	2,942	1,676
Bean cake, miso (MT)	7	7	17,446	13,880	0	1	983	1,298
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	39	51	21,655	28,097	2	3	1,658	1,875
Garlic, dried (MT)	13	45	5,734	30,632	3	1	1,309	400
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	84	89	177,029	196,235	6	7	11,778	14,526
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	62	49	105,703	99,611	3	4	6,613	8,012
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	18,469	18,338	0	0	945	823
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	3	3,727	3,830	0	0	117	377
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	5	30,192	29,884	0	0	24	193
Artichokes - prep (MT)	38	37	71,159	78,744	3	3	5,965	6,829
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,990	1,995	0	0	154	175
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	106	166	89,447	154,774	9	5	8,286	5,258
Waterchestnuts (MT)	35	35	20,857	22,632	2	2	1,341	1,259
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	65	70	38,594	41,302	7	6	3,770	2,995
Mustard (MT)	15	16	17,261	18,435	1	1	1,249	1,103
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	20	24	24,017	30,624	2	2	2,531	2,543
Soy sauce (MT)	38	44	39,231	45,092	3	3	3,241	3,027
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	162	152	109,737	91,934	16	13	10,745	8,191
Soups & sauces (MT)	120	166	227,808	273,640	13	16	22,296	25,199
Vinegar (HL)	303	319	38,524	40,860	26	30	3,124	4,244
Yeasts (MT)	53	55	59,407	65,272	4	5	5,349	5,506
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	555,867	643,819	0	0	49,856	54,369
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,674,703	1,577,591	0	0	205,343	160,191
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	2,170	1,692	758,459	606,148	329	167	121,524	72,416
Molasses (HL)	10,478	8,930	80,360	56,344	1,015	589	5,510	2,839
Confectionery prods (MT)	259	299	601,674	684,110	26	29	58,342	65,529
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	427	484	234,210	230,989	40	49	19,966	19,408
Spices (MT)	38	45	52,907	63,604	5	5	4,889	4,855
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	241	217	821,971	741,843	23	20	65,005	67,150
Tobacco - filler (MT)	190	179	758,895	695,676	16	18	60,717	65,002
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	48	34	19,614	16,440	6	1	2,014	444
Other tobacco (MT)	3	4	43,462	29,727	0	0	2,274	1,703
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	3,705,464	4,257,808	0	0	320,245	360,421
Wine (HL)	4,263	4,107	1,824,900	2,130,410	313	342	142,694	190,940
Malt beverages (HL)	18,696	20,724	1,677,002	1,865,087	1,753	1,565	159,080	143,584
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	203,562	262,311	0	0	18,471	25,896
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	4,314	3,899	2,242,597	2,022,114	381	282	200,326	144,206
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	1,028	1,000	370,778	326,076	54	42	17,690	13,647
Flaxseed (MT)	217	171	62,171	40,870	6	6	1,719	1,471
Mustard seeds (MT)	59	49	22,089	17,153	4	3	1,320	1,064
Rapeseed (MT)	362	279	112,703	76,057	6	3	1,413	489
Sesameseed (MT)	45	45	48,524	52,375	3	3	3,087	4,151
Soybeans (MT)	149	84	41,884	21,821	14	2	3,289	441
Sunflower seeds (MT)	29	32	9,441	10,018	1	2	357	529
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	167	340	73,967	107,783	21	24	6,506	5,502
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	2,010	1,769	1,684,285	1,549,182	214	151	167,948	118,175
Castor oil (MT)	54	42	40,039	35,833	10	9	7,418	8,288
Coconut oil (MT)	653	359	361,177	246,926	80	22	51,842	13,839
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	22	56	12,864	0	5	0	2,194

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	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Olive oil (MT)	161	170	355,521	349,568	10	9	20,730	21,853
Palm oil (MT)	128	129	59,440	64,784	23	8	11,928	2,834
Palm kernel oil (MT)	163	181	110,778	131,162	17	30	12,192	20,961
Peanut oil (MT)	20	20	19,700	17,632	12	0	11,349	182
Rapeseed oil (MT)	503	502	336,084	294,009	37	46	23,834	22,470
Soybean oil (MT)	27	37	18,631	22,042	3	3	1,961	1,365
Sesame oil (MT)	7	7	20,128	21,622	1	1	1,790	1,992
Other vegetable oils (MT)	293	299	362,729	352,740	20	18	24,903	22,200
Oilcake & meal (MT)	1,277	1,131	187,534	146,856	113	89	14,688	12,384
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	3	106	3,494	141,863	0	2	211	3,017
Cotton linters (MT)	7	38	7,552	8,052	0	9	131	1,786
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	257	357	422,446	457,272	11	22	24,447	29,132
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	630,067	578,847	0	0	37,123	40,099
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	451,900	497,311	0	0	49,966	49,429
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	345,959	318,247	0	0	27,044	23,820
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	15,797,150	15,184,837	0	0	1,180,510	1,284,863
Fertilizers (MT)	24,941	23,482	2,439,972	2,293,480	2,123	1,891	210,962	187,303
Potassium (MT)	9,925	8,496	783,285	728,561	932	696	83,230	55,765
Nitrogen (MT)	8,346	9,016	1,161,083	1,110,294	719	643	94,873	84,119
Phosphate (MT)	6,660	5,959	491,779	447,563	471	552	32,623	46,688
Fish (MT)	0	0	8,216,490	8,477,750	0	0	670,939	806,395
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	3,340,596	3,650,578	0	0	287,203	310,160
Shellfish (MT)	534	571	4,799,939	4,755,671	44	56	377,700	493,022
Fish prods, other (MT)	65	55	75,954	71,502	6	3	6,036	3,213
Aq chemicals (MT)	119	122	1,102,319	1,007,242	3	6	46,217	53,472
Fungicides (MT)	36	40	147,926	212,858	1	2	4,578	15,384
Herbicides (MT)	22	19	325,085	264,290	0	0	13,653	5,996
Insecticides (MT)	19	23	261,318	207,682	1	2	11,058	17,160
Other pesticides (MT)	42	40	367,989	322,412	1	2	16,928	14,932
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,566,115	3,026,726	0	0	224,211	200,901
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	5,708	8,710	1,953,874	1,479,534	615	735	123,592	82,445
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,612,242	1,547,192	0	0	100,619	118,456
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	14	15	472,255	379,638	1	2	28,181	36,793

Tables contain preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns indicate none or less than 500 units.

Table 4--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ million)

Item	August	Sept	Year to date	% Change
Exports	3,949	3,931	49,102	-9
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,206	3,097	40,342	20
Imports (customs value)	2,990	2,883	37,447	1
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	743	834	8,760	-56
Exports less customs-val. imports	959	1,047	11,655	-30
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	46	34	621	-5
Meat & poultry	559	545	6,203	-10
Dairy prod & eggs	88	92	1,077	-6
Hides & skins	99	84	1,108	-18
Wheat	355	303	3,648	-3
Rice	56	49	1,010	-11
Corn	428	441	5,039	18
Other feed grains	42	60	569	-22
Animal feeds	231	254	3,353	-24
Soybeans	285	375	4,748	-22
Vegetable oils	111	127	1,815	-17
Fruits & nuts	373	383	4,540	-2
Vegetables	319	322	4,245	2
Cotton & linters	76	45	1,323	-48
Tobacco, unmfq.	64	51	1,376	-5
Seeds & nursery	57	70	1,099	-3
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	114	121	1,458	-14
Meat & poultry	278	279	3,125	14
Dairy prod. & eggs	135	135	1,591	15
Grains & feeds	270	278	3,090	-1
Fruits & nuts	382	348	5,392	16
Vegetables	291	309	4,527	7
Vegetable oils	129	118	1,549	-8
Wine	198	191	2,130	17
Malt beverages	164	144	1,865	11
Coffee	226	188	2,967	-17
Cocoa	107	113	1,531	-10
Rubber, natural	69	54	739	-28
Cane & beet sugar	56	72	606	-20
Tobacco, unmfq.	55	67	742	-10
Seeds & flowers	125	119	1,533	2

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports and imports, top 10 destinations and origins

	Fiscal 1998	Fiscal 1999	Percent Change
(billion U.S. \$)			
U.S. EXPORTS			
Japan	9.5	8.9	-5.7
Canada	7.0	7.0	-0.9
Mexico	6.0	5.7	-4.7
S. Korea	2.3	2.5	9.8
Taiwan	2.0	2.0	3.6
Netherlands	1.8	1.6	-12.1
Hong Kong	1.6	1.3	-19.4
U.K.	1.3	1.1	-13.7
Germany	1.3	1.0	-19.3
China	1.5	1.0	-33.8
U.S. IMPORTS			
Canada	7.8	7.9	1.3
Mexico	4.7	4.8	3.4
France	1.3	1.6	22.1
Brazil	1.2	1.4	19.1
Italy	1.4	1.4	5.5
Netherlands	1.3	1.4	3.4
Colombia	1.4	1.2	-12.6
Indonesia	1.4	1.2	-12.9
Australia	1.1	1.1	2.9
N. Zealand	0.9	0.9	4.5

Preliminary data.