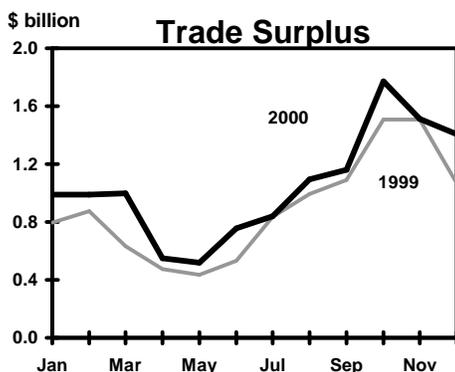


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—The \$51.6 billion of U.S. agricultural exports in calendar year 2000 is \$3.1 billion more than in 1999, a 6.4-percent jump. This increase broke the 3-year string of annual declines starting in 1997. U.S. agricultural imports in 2000, on the other hand, were \$39 billion, up nearly \$1.3-billion from 1999. As a result, the corresponding trade surplus climbed to \$12.6 billion from \$10.8 billion in 1999. However, this surplus is less than half of 1996's record \$26.9 billion.

Exports—Among the bulk commodities, soybeans and cotton accounted for all the gain, rising \$1.6 billion. Other bulk commodities registered offsetting sales declines in 2000, partly due to increased foreign competition and continued low prices.

The largest contributor to U.S. agricultural export earnings in calendar 2000 was *cotton*—up \$915 million. This gain alone more than offset the combined shipment declines in wheat, coarse grains, rice, and tobacco compared with 1999. One reason for cotton's higher foreign sales is a 10-percent average increase in cotton prices from 1999. Volume shipped rose by 784,000 tons, largely to Mexico, Turkey, East Asia, and Southeast Asia.

Exports of *soybeans* were up \$726 million from 1999 as volume shipped and average prices both increased. Export volume rose 3.8 million tons and export prices gained \$11 per ton on average in 2000. In 2000, although Brazil and Argentina significantly increased soybean exports from the 1999/2000 crops, world demand also jumped sharply. By far, the largest U.S. market for soybeans in 2000 was China. China has begun to focus on domestic soybean processing rather than importing soybean meal and oil. As a result, China's imports of U.S. soybean meal and oil fell from 1999. Other large markets for U.S. soybeans were Mexico and South Korea.

Wheat exports of \$3.4 billion in 2000 fell by almost \$200 million from 1999. Volume shipped also fell by close to 700,000 tons. These declines are attributed to continued weak prices for wheat in 2000. Although wheat prices have increased somewhat since September 2000, the average for 2000 is still near 1999's low value. Another important factor was increased export competition from large 1999/2000 crops in Australia, Argentina, and Canada, which were marketed in 2000. Among major markets,

significant volume gains were posted to the Philippines, Indonesia, Egypt, and Venezuela.

Among bulk exports, *corn* registered the biggest sales loss in calendar 2000--\$441 million from 1999, corresponding to a 4-million-ton drop. Although world corn production was down and consumption is expected to be up slightly in 2000, corn prices remained depressed, even lower on average than in 1999. Nevertheless, volume shipped posted gains to Canada, Israel, Turkey, Indonesia, Mexico, the Philippines, Colombia, and Central America.

About \$2.2 billion, or two-thirds, of the \$3.1-billion U.S. total export gain in 2000 was earned from *high-value products* (HVP). The principal HVP exports were red meats at \$5.4 billion followed by vegetables and preparations at \$4.5 billion. The largest gainers from 1999 were red meats, followed by hides and skins, feeds and fodders, and fruits and preparations. Mexico, South Korea, and Japan were the biggest consumers of U.S. red meats in 2000. In addition to these three countries, China and Taiwan imported the most hides and skins.

Imports—U.S. agricultural imports continued to climb as the strong dollar offset the effect of a slower U.S. economy in the second half of 2000. The moderate \$1.3-billion rise from 1999 was largely from imported red meats (up \$542 million), live animals (up \$285 million), malt beverages (up \$287 million) and vegetables (up \$153 million). The major sources for these imports are Canada, Australia, Mexico, New Zealand, Chile, and Thailand. Because of continued low prices, imports of coffee, cocoa, and bananas all slipped from 1999 levels. As a result, imports from South America, notably Brazil, were down sharply. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323; ajerardo@ers.usda.gov]

While U.S. bulk commodity exports of \$17.7 billion in calendar 2000 are lower than in 1990 or 1995, exports of HVPs are now \$34 billion, compared with \$20 and \$31 billion in 1990 and 1995. Japan is still the largest U.S. market for bulk commodities, but Canada has overtaken Japan as the prime destination for HVP. Also, Mexico now imports more U.S. bulk products than the European Union, and imported almost as much HVP as the EU in 2000. South Korea, Taiwan, and China continue to be among the top 10 markets for both product groups (see table 5).

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

Quantity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	48,485,029	51,579,802	0	0	4,422,199	4,612,862
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	10,440,896	11,849,115	0	0	963,359	1,018,103
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	507,918	727,010	0	0	57,063	85,676
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	329	481	173,923	271,336	37	37	20,569	18,066
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	79	77	293,034	422,640	10	16	34,227	65,174
Swine - live (NO)	177	69	18,798	11,922	5	2	529	468
Sheep, live (NO)	445	381	18,964	17,772	34	30	1,514	1,411
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	3,200	3,341	0	0	225	559
Meats & meat prods (MT)	2,222	2,422	4,833,505	5,364,784	218	212	447,411	464,589
Beef & veal (MT)	806	852	2,730,809	3,049,176	72	73	252,006	258,237
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	786	830	2,661,694	2,971,507	70	71	245,656	251,207
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	19	22	69,116	77,668	2	2	6,350	7,030
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	10	10	32,957	30,394	1	1	2,925	3,088
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	2	6,069	5,676	0	0	425	722
Pork (MT)	435	445	1,100,729	1,218,690	47	43	108,294	102,912
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	387	399	988,151	1,099,580	39	38	95,709	90,678
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	48	45	112,578	119,110	8	5	12,585	12,234
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	525	608	702,988	775,537	49	58	59,942	77,524
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	445	505	259,952	285,312	49	36	23,819	22,107
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,118,650	2,261,467	0	0	191,562	184,524
Poultry - live (NA)	53,628	52,868	110,863	97,129	4,625	4,711	10,226	7,507
Baby chicks (NO)	43,153	42,721	96,560	84,028	3,464	4,149	8,515	6,689
Other live poultry (NA)	10,475	10,147	14,303	13,102	1,161	563	1,710	818
Poultry meats (MT)	2,593	2,848	1,822,437	1,969,516	232	216	164,495	158,568
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	2,354	2,557	1,453,522	1,535,389	207	183	126,112	110,954
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	157	195	170,440	208,091	16	22	19,727	26,436
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	6	5	10,610	8,873	1	0	1,273	630
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	75	90	187,865	217,162	8	11	17,383	20,549
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	4	4	16,359	21,119	0	0	1,562	2,590
Eggs (NA)	0	0	168,991	173,703	0	0	15,279	15,859
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	958,786	1,033,802	0	0	87,308	85,237
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	5	5	3,646	4,232	0	0	211	281
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	148	103	205,321	166,950	18	7	22,633	14,885
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	2	2	3,430	3,501	0	0	436	233
Cheese (MT)	38	47	130,075	138,437	3	5	9,574	13,846
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	126,236	170,774	0	0	13,314	10,398
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	490,078	549,909	0	0	41,139	45,593
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,321	1,207	507,306	384,312	119	88	48,055	26,259
Lard (MT)	81	94	38,318	41,814	6	5	3,269	2,718
Tallow - inedible (MT)	877	791	315,725	225,933	82	53	30,076	14,213
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	363	321	153,263	116,564	31	29	14,710	9,328
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,141,127	1,619,848	0	0	96,206	135,194
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	18,268	22,405	879,227	1,249,553	1,563	1,699	80,004	102,773
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	47,429	33,559	0	0	3,460	1,054
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,384	1,455	27,867	55,003	79	169	1,971	6,949
Horse hides, whole (PC)	140	1,827	4,593	61,977	36	392	1,297	13,470
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	10,382	20,939	0	0	1,538	1,259
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	7,755	7,164	46,618	55,431	647	426	4,109	5,302
Furskins (NA)	0	0	125,010	143,386	0	0	3,827	4,387
Mink pelts (NO)	4,209	4,444	97,750	115,818	94	80	2,438	2,565
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	27,260	27,568	0	0	1,390	1,822
Wool & mohair (MT)	4	5	22,351	18,661	0	0	1,504	996
Sausage casings (MT)	20	26	66,162	67,465	2	3	5,115	5,930
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	59,255	55,653	0	0	4,422	4,287
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	225,836	316,112	0	0	24,714	25,409
Grains & feeds (MT)	104,592	102,220	14,000,945	13,700,481	9,018	8,531	1,176,091	1,185,514
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	28,285	27,606	3,554,163	3,359,317	2,290	2,568	283,212	322,986
Wheat flour (MT)	978	740	162,883	134,364	130	54	14,389	11,200
Bulqur wheat (MT)	12	4	2,011	1,091	0	0	0	0
Other wheat prods (MT)	92	101	87,443	87,988	8	8	7,256	7,253
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,938	3,147	944,158	834,551	284	316	82,760	73,936
Feed grains & prods (MT)	58,932	55,716	5,744,921	5,381,602	4,966	4,337	464,829	431,017
Feed grains (MT)	58,282	55,058	5,541,574	5,178,169	4,914	4,295	447,305	415,539
Barley (MT)	693	1,060	83,853	122,163	51	140	6,626	16,122
Corn (MT)	51,774	47,788	4,915,922	4,474,635	4,209	3,604	381,946	343,703
Grain sorghums (MT)	5,790	6,176	538,602	577,453	652	548	58,665	55,394
Oats (MT)	21	23	2,783	2,911	0	2	43	254
Rye (MT)	4	11	414	1,007	0	1	24	66
Feed grain prods (MT)	650	658	203,348	203,433	52	42	17,523	15,478
Popcorn (MT)	93	111	57,995	65,116	9	11	4,677	5,498
Blended food prods (MT)	275	309	74,023	81,000	27	36	7,827	10,920
Other grain prods (MT)	1,041	993	1,129,732	1,182,877	98	88	95,529	102,296
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	11,945	13,491	2,243,615	2,572,576	1,207	1,111	215,613	220,407
Corn by-products (MT)	5,659	5,840	568,689	590,257	578	495	57,453	50,991
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	249	213	36,232	33,865	17	15	2,583	2,298
Beet pulp (MT)	570	605	63,625	76,768	52	51	6,076	6,579
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	625	794	50,926	54,658	106	69	6,674	3,177
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	4,841	6,038	1,524,143	1,817,028	454	481	142,827	157,363
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,828	3,273	2,512,924	2,743,805	242	289	207,302	216,657
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,369	2,800	1,820,641	2,077,274	206	246	150,471	160,429
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	793	1,081	471,366	603,785	89	105	53,844	55,543
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	423	392	219,364	209,419	38	40	19,293	20,244
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	114	111	80,885	74,699	11	10	8,889	6,123
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	252	576	168,483	318,327	37	55	24,369	28,952

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	3	1	2,634	1,340	2	0	1,294	224
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,577	1,719	1,349,275	1,473,489	117	141	96,627	104,886
Apples - fresh (MT)	611	638	347,653	367,468	57	80	33,724	43,140
Berries - fresh (MT)	80	96	141,953	161,713	2	3	4,773	4,338
Cherries - fresh (MT)	42	43	153,533	169,100	0	1	426	690
Grapes - fresh (MT)	239	290	308,596	360,081	30	28	38,235	37,988
Melons - fresh (MT)	245	252	86,428	92,659	6	6	3,287	3,151
Peaches - fresh (MT)	100	116	96,501	105,107	0	1	299	739
Pears - fresh (MT)	143	166	83,208	91,073	17	20	10,554	10,736
Plums - fresh (MT)	56	63	52,978	57,855	0	0	109	432
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	62	57	78,424	68,434	4	3	5,220	3,671
Fruits - dried (MT)	193	197	379,221	342,654	18	18	34,103	30,081
Raisins - dried (MT)	98	92	191,715	145,891	10	7	18,051	10,755
Prunes - dried (MT)	65	73	130,163	140,343	6	8	11,156	14,076
Other dried fruits (MT)	29	32	57,343	56,420	3	3	4,897	5,250
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	143	149	141,357	147,248	10	17	10,468	14,460
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	44	42	62,496	61,758	3	3	3,965	3,762
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	79	85	109,209	114,871	6	6	8,295	7,925
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	12,673	11,665	750,243	711,521	769	906	48,265	55,891
Apple juice (HL)	375	300	46,782	36,111	29	23	3,546	2,759
Grape juice (HL)	855	799	68,050	65,882	43	35	3,691	3,049
Grapefruit juice (HL)	992	1,360	55,003	78,408	53	71	2,953	4,367
Orange juice (HL)	5,681	5,401	308,103	287,741	364	449	21,484	24,483
Other fruit juices (HL)	4,771	3,803	272,305	243,379	280	328	16,591	21,234
Wine (HL)	2,651	2,797	516,768	527,757	176	218	33,779	35,563
Nuts & prep (MT)	531	653	1,183,869	1,329,808	57	48	113,775	120,804
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	208	243	623,758	662,441	22	23	53,978	63,799
Filberts (MT)	8	15	14,753	25,397	2	2	2,715	3,393
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	186	231	191,487	220,998	19	10	19,526	10,870
Pistachios (MT)	24	24	89,374	97,914	2	4	9,291	16,107
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	65	73	147,538	169,344	6	5	14,479	14,974
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	9	12	54,652	59,777	1	1	4,654	3,747
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	32	56	62,306	93,938	5	4	9,130	7,914
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	4,296,929	4,467,086	0	0	404,053	401,439
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,865	2,029	1,053,835	1,206,762	160	178	93,973	113,548
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	17	18	49,947	52,161	0	0	964	1,196
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	149	181	98,634	126,311	11	14	8,156	9,927
Carrots - fresh (MT)	119	125	67,032	69,764	8	10	4,964	6,004
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	41	39	16,143	18,196	3	3	1,500	1,891
Celery - fresh (MT)	123	119	42,771	58,059	12	12	4,862	6,850
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	87	73	58,575	50,732	6	8	4,941	5,387
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	40	46	17,166	19,372	1	2	542	888
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	24	26	13,044	14,510	3	3	1,427	1,446
Garlic - fresh (MT)	9	7	11,439	10,173	1	1	1,320	886
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	314	336	159,423	190,497	28	35	16,123	21,311
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	7	7	16,961	18,564	1	0	1,656	1,740
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	260	295	81,269	85,540	31	35	8,819	10,341
Peppers - fresh (MT)	66	71	59,113	67,613	5	6	4,715	6,755
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	272	307	85,179	89,111	16	15	5,617	4,994
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	152	186	122,675	162,281	13	15	11,469	15,009
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	183	193	154,466	173,877	21	19	16,896	18,923
Vegetables - froz (MT)	678	711	529,611	546,145	56	65	44,409	48,625
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	73	70	61,206	58,929	5	7	4,249	5,613
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	488	523	359,202	378,470	40	49	29,730	34,581
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	117	118	109,203	108,746	11	9	10,430	8,431
Vegetables - canned (MT)	400	406	335,888	334,025	37	35	29,340	27,361
Pulses (MT)	535	497	264,392	233,811	65	50	34,983	22,951
Dried beans (MT)	370	326	202,893	167,878	53	36	30,056	17,421
Dried peas (MT)	99	105	35,883	38,303	6	9	2,125	3,437
Dried lentils (MT)	66	66	25,616	27,631	6	5	2,803	2,094
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	10	10	81,713	94,234	1	1	18,428	13,407
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	2,031,490	2,052,108	0	0	182,921	175,547
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	33,446	36,415	8,171,840	8,565,613	4,063	3,745	868,484	861,181
Oilcake & meal (MT)	6,843	6,438	1,140,205	1,220,099	772	522	137,393	108,356
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	457	343	34,672	24,564	54	13	3,901	964
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	54	39	5,258	3,882	3	1	307	68
Soybean meal (MT)	6,114	5,895	1,069,642	1,163,347	690	494	129,954	104,803
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	218	160	30,633	28,306	25	14	3,232	2,521
Oilseeds (MT)	24,147	27,938	5,403,343	6,086,116	3,073	2,979	601,612	627,449
Rapeseed (MT)	154	168	36,608	39,451	16	21	3,696	4,277
Safflower seeds (MT)	37	37	13,295	11,363	0	6	30	429
Soybeans (MT)	23,058	26,908	4,517,483	5,243,541	2,948	2,873	550,527	563,647
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	164	115	100,330	79,860	37	12	12,387	7,618
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	34	39	28,578	31,530	4	1	3,007	1,347
Other oilseeds (MT)	564	532	123,108	131,707	60	51	13,712	13,374
Protein substances (MT)	136	139	583,942	548,664	8	15	18,252	36,756
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,455	2,040	1,628,291	1,259,398	218	244	129,479	125,377
Soybean oil (MT)	882	594	445,416	253,145	71	116	30,141	40,781
Cottonseed oil (MT)	58	59	35,039	32,597	10	4	5,612	2,077
Sunflower oil (MT)	379	234	209,361	122,900	40	29	19,492	13,271
Corn oil (MT)	420	433	300,170	238,271	35	34	22,281	16,883
Peanut oil (MT)	6	6	4,947	4,548	0	0	126	155
Rapeseed oil (MT)	101	121	50,414	48,902	13	6	6,089	2,112
Safflower oil (MT)	32	17	33,150	18,270	0	0	135	228

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	580	577	549,795	540,766	47	54	45,603	49,872
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	189	183	1,294,410	1,221,837	9	21	61,569	139,327
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	51	39	411,520	325,852	0	1	2,922	10,979
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	86	87	602,424	644,238	5	14	36,846	102,381
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	53	57	280,467	251,747	3	6	21,802	25,967
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	708	1,491	968,220	1,882,750	142	118	168,608	167,920
Cotton linters (MT)	46	61	15,956	21,341	5	5	1,496	1,551
Essential oils (MT)	48	55	531,230	601,230	4	4	37,580	45,351
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	596	720	787,772	758,466	78	57	89,585	80,706
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,498,282	1,661,799	0	0	135,157	160,227
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	594,224	648,356	0	0	52,560	58,784
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	138	97	48,511	34,969	11	7	3,911	2,737
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	545,714	613,387	0	0	48,649	56,046
Coffee (MT)	53	59	243,859	251,485	6	4	24,321	17,580
Cocoa (MT)	49	45	104,414	89,911	3	4	6,169	7,037
Chocolate & prep (MT)	110	154	331,977	444,804	12	18	34,234	56,508
Tea & mate (MT)	26	27	110,322	107,051	2	2	9,183	11,241
Spices (MT)	32	33	71,047	78,673	2	3	5,883	6,046
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	27	25	40,702	39,311	2	2	2,731	2,962
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	3	3	1,737	2,208	0	0	77	70
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	416,947	478,136	0	0	36,762	47,369
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	299,182	278,035	0	0	25,160	23,217
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	798,617	781,024	0	0	51,174	52,043
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	14,405,290	13,893,301	0	0	993,678	1,068,226
Fertilizers (MT)	12	23	2,986,253	2,313,517	1	3	211,658	195,312
Nitrogen (MT)	6	19	2,975,182	2,306,299	0	3	210,947	194,414
Phosphate (MT)	6	3	11,072	7,219	0	0	711	898
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	2,889,204	2,909,134	0	0	168,050	194,396
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,658,732	1,591,949	0	0	68,554	88,753
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	769,475	824,465	0	0	76,358	86,967
Other fish prods (MT)	293	233	460,997	492,720	18	15	23,138	18,676
Aq chemicals (MT)	319	339	1,747,803	1,586,023	17	20	88,561	102,359
Fungicides (MT)	33	30	182,549	148,859	2	2	12,178	9,441
Herbicides (MT)	151	132	833,189	777,476	7	5	34,682	34,187
Insecticides (MT)	69	135	437,713	397,517	4	10	22,873	40,181
Other pesticides (MT)	66	42	294,352	262,170	4	3	18,828	18,550
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	2,899,906	3,068,029	0	0	249,712	249,734
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	39	40	1,033,717	1,078,967	2	3	80,969	67,216
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,866,189	1,989,063	0	0	168,744	182,517
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	3,882,123	4,016,598	0	0	275,697	326,425

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

Table 2- Leading markets in calendar 1999 and 2000 and November 2000 (metric tons)

Wheat	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	December	Corn	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	December
	1999	2000	2000		1999	2000	2000
Egypt	4,444,329	4,531,460	430,098	Japan	15,331,821	14,873,592	1,224,571
Japan	3,207,183	3,164,371	334,438	Mexico	5,051,767	5,194,328	434,551
Philippines	1,766,819	2,066,331	132,107	China (Taiwan)	4,731,010	4,717,391	494,482
Mexico	1,823,970	1,731,678	171,871	Egypt	4,009,539	3,779,808	49,622
South Korea	1,664,205	1,567,292	129,498	South Korea	6,158,596	2,294,259	235,448
European Union	1,365,662	1,301,358	110,028	Colombia	1,585,504	1,711,486	94,541
Nigeria	1,201,009	1,248,749	89,103	Canada	968,971	1,485,964	208,451
China (Taiwan)	908,225	960,793	0	Algeria	919,549	1,188,056	126,864
Israel	828,275	848,258	89,781	Venezuela	1,108,453	1,164,357	51,575
Algeria	536,222	688,967	0	Saudi Arabia	1,174,063	1,122,883	88,792
World	28,285,204	27,606,484	2,568,482	World	51,773,679	47,787,925	3,604,186
Soybeans	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	December	Cotton	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	December
	1999	2000	2000		1999	2000	2000
European Union	6,455,489	6,103,182	1,180,388	Mexico	201,206	372,812	32,898
China (Mainland)	2,029,743	5,230,656	470,377	Turkey	43,308	194,068	19,774
Japan	3,678,204	3,581,659	369,638	Indonesia	57,786	122,037	9,362
Mexico	3,287,211	3,454,992	260,566	Japan	60,290	94,068	7,249
China (Taiwan)	1,945,840	1,931,558	218,157	China (Taiwan)	53,219	87,802	4,977
South Korea	1,171,478	1,336,439	124,222	South Korea	49,542	74,331	10,215
Indonesia	1,129,272	839,086	0	Hong Kong	26,900	69,941	2,802
Thailand	784,514	722,557	0	Canada	40,147	65,092	5,162
Israel	551,428	496,521	60,350	Brazil	6,436	56,911	138
Philippines	281,961	341,389	18,020	Thailand	21,669	54,971	3,524
World	23,058,122	26,907,952	2,873,068	World	707,769	1,491,368	117,788

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

Quantity and unit	January-December				December			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	37,735,170	38,991,355	0	0	3,353,741	3,206,559
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	7,988,910	7,763,085	0	0	697,051	526,410
Bananas & plantains (MT)	4,561	4,288	1,209,302	1,130,120	332	321	82,440	85,603
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,307	1,371	2,898,821	2,701,050	120	92	261,566	146,880
Cocoa & prods (MT)	924	999	1,522,267	1,404,322	102	69	143,911	101,594
Tea (MT)	158	168	244,799	251,143	11	11	20,357	19,870
Spices (MT)	163	163	498,716	513,759	15	13	49,155	41,410
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	1,144	1,232	704,416	841,842	88	91	54,301	58,230
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	499	129	0	0	24	1
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	12	11	24,394	25,336	1	1	1,572	1,710
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	98	81	41,374	38,295	7	7	3,094	2,636
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	330,379	322,167	0	0	26,089	22,480
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	65	70	513,944	534,922	6	5	54,544	45,998
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	29,746,260	31,228,270	0	0	2,656,689	2,680,148
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	7,283,153	8,318,137	0	0	730,330	794,827
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,555,003	1,840,375	0	0	221,756	272,743
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,945	2,187	1,000,424	1,152,105	179	216	71,067	103,387
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	32	233	325,790	385,631	2	2	128,458	145,152
Swine (NO)	4,136	4,359	216,310	290,439	360	366	21,349	23,298
Sheep, live (NO)	52	52	5,011	5,462	3	5	276	518
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	7,468	6,738	0	0	606	388
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	3,230,760	3,773,074	0	0	281,976	291,294
Beef & veal (MT)	964	1,019	2,135,849	2,399,636	75	70	178,182	173,600
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	881	945	1,904,196	2,203,280	69	64	161,622	159,147
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	83	74	231,653	196,357	6	5	16,560	14,454
Pork (MT)	346	410	752,686	996,908	32	35	71,665	84,525
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	266	321	500,480	696,534	24	28	47,812	60,045
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	80	89	252,206	300,374	7	7	23,853	24,480
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	50	60	182,287	214,242	6	5	19,281	18,397
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	20	29	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	52	57	86,948	100,386	4	5	8,000	7,771
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	3	4	18,727	22,750	0	1	2,264	3,496
Other meats & prods (MT)	17	11	54,243	39,124	1	1	2,584	3,505
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	209,806	286,805	0	0	22,816	16,873
Poultry - live (NA)	11,035	11,956	20,092	23,630	906	858	1,726	1,830
Poultry meat (MT)	14	17	39,761	50,917	1	1	3,977	4,647
Eggs (NA)	0	0	20,498	17,697	0	0	1,589	1,274
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	25	26	129,455	194,561	2	2	15,524	9,121
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,556,161	1,650,420	0	0	139,415	147,630
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	43,261	34,660	0	0	2,751	3,771
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	26	20	48,079	30,464	1	1	1,549	2,098
Cheese (MT)	198	189	704,930	685,569	21	18	71,597	64,864
Casein & mixtures (MT)	108	120	403,226	500,286	8	11	32,217	50,309
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	356,665	399,441	0	0	31,302	26,588
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	102	97	64,563	64,796	11	7	6,737	4,127
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	146,645	163,160	0	0	13,978	16,565
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	1	1	4,845	4,287	0	0	346	481
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	93,633	100,850	0	0	7,735	7,356
Furskins (NA)	5,268	6,159	48,167	58,022	329	292	5,897	8,728
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	13	14	36,033	39,691	1	1	2,069	1,669
Sausage casings (MT)	13	13	65,714	60,827	1	1	5,304	5,590
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	19,631	18,761	0	0	1,368	1,187
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	398,836	420,228	0	0	34,908	37,149
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,991,275	3,090,501	0	0	264,298	270,312
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	2,211	1,859	272,144	228,141	128	166	15,327	21,185
Corn, unmilled (MT)	328	190	33,928	21,125	17	7	2,071	1,077
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,653	1,696	144,254	139,837	120	109	12,580	10,233
Barley, unmilled (MT)	619	567	76,641	75,436	115	70	15,088	8,993
Rice (MT)	354	304	187,107	180,418	30	33	17,506	18,604
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	380	427	859,495	952,111	32	35	76,375	78,097
Pasta & noodles (MT)	283	284	277,939	272,919	27	24	26,772	22,328
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	670,337	707,388	0	0	61,001	68,041
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	1,208	1,247	469,429	513,127	112	101	37,578	41,756
Fruits & preps (MT)	3,644	3,801	2,756,299	2,713,561	302	341	237,143	277,845
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,923	3,039	2,047,054	2,035,173	249	276	184,597	219,914
Apples, fresh (MT)	164	164	111,746	92,310	5	4	3,029	2,293
Avocados (MT)	55	79	72,428	107,913	9	11	12,290	12,251
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	79	82	114,015	133,265	2	3	5,402	6,829
Citrus, fresh (MT)	383	362	250,248	224,151	61	53	49,759	46,752
Grapes, fresh (MT)	384	470	538,926	552,054	21	37	40,247	72,493
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	45	52	39,396	36,134	2	2	2,401	1,085
Mangoes (MT)	229	240	150,977	144,927	10	11	8,261	6,658
Melons (MT)	924	895	291,626	260,989	94	95	27,011	27,462
Peaches (MT)	48	44	42,943	39,716	6	7	6,867	7,831
Pears (MT)	90	94	78,183	80,652	1	3	2,167	3,288
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	287	323	125,263	133,993	22	34	7,426	12,574
Plums (MT)	27	24	26,097	23,530	1	2	2,067	2,810
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	84	70	100,433	83,893	3	2	3,532	2,366
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	126	142	104,774	121,647	12	14	14,137	15,222
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	720	762	709,245	678,388	52	65	52,546	57,930
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	344	319	245,864	190,296	23	26	14,233	15,902
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	376	443	463,381	488,093	30	38	38,313	42,028
Fruit juices (HL)	32,549	31,132	784,038	755,793	2,813	1,844	65,763	41,234
Apple juice (HL)	11,656	11,546	227,073	278,111	863	662	19,127	13,398
Grape juice (HL)	1,809	1,625	78,395	65,208	173	103	8,397	3,905
Grapefruit juice (HL)	69	140	1,402	3,998	18	1	404	41
Lemon juice (HL)	490	893	6,121	18,241	36	74	408	1,591

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Lime juice (HL)	197	224	4,365	5,025	7	4	189	129
Orange juice (HL)	13,436	12,126	275,104	226,074	1,419	749	26,478	12,723
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,961	2,550	85,467	59,941	201	164	4,689	4,686
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,932	2,027	106,111	99,195	97	88	6,071	4,761
Nuts & preps (MT)	227	263	759,609	771,398	24	26	85,750	71,237
Brazil nuts (MT)	9	14	21,269	27,499	1	0	2,465	1,131
Cashew nuts (MT)	76	86	447,775	456,764	9	8	54,132	35,449
Chestnuts (MT)	5	4	10,972	9,957	1	1	1,349	1,176
Coconut meat (MT)	73	80	71,780	68,437	7	6	6,259	4,636
Filberts (MT)	6	5	25,261	18,891	1	1	3,041	2,627
Macadamia nuts (MT)	5	6	32,447	36,327	0	1	3,245	3,185
Pecans (MT)	21	30	72,949	78,714	3	8	8,186	18,057
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	2,356	2,060	0	0	210	472
Other nuts (MT)	32	38	74,802	72,749	2	2	6,863	4,503
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	4,582,773	4,735,244	0	0	427,911	441,893
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,782	3,763	2,588,956	2,773,835	358	347	248,249	275,267
Tomatoes (MT)	741	730	689,322	640,281	57	49	50,406	54,543
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	66	74	114,271	119,979	6	8	10,839	15,091
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	34	40	39,703	42,998	6	6	9,808	6,513
Cabbage (MT)	37	41	9,470	10,504	3	8	708	2,141
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	87	80	26,925	23,127	9	10	2,391	2,974
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	257	245	169,619	161,683	23	23	14,717	15,937
Celery, fresh (MT)	38	29	9,348	10,466	2	2	607	921
Cucumbers (MT)	340	346	141,873	177,200	39	47	12,525	21,009
Eggplant (MT)	32	39	21,983	24,084	5	5	3,114	3,435
Endive, fresh (MT)	2	2	5,678	4,146	0	0	436	421
Garlic (MT)	43	29	45,840	27,447	1	2	926	2,750
Lettuce (MT)	26	29	14,107	20,247	2	1	1,298	1,914
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	22	24	11,374	12,263	0	1	314	948
Onions (MT)	262	214	144,311	137,464	24	21	15,407	18,341
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	43	40	47,935	37,318	4	3	4,122	2,732
Peppers (MT)	342	347	328,342	455,687	36	30	43,435	44,260
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	865	888	382,105	435,865	81	65	37,676	33,069
Radishes, fresh (MT)	15	16	11,653	14,923	1	2	1,081	2,267
Squash (MT)	151	152	99,827	112,392	23	25	11,790	15,510
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	378	396	275,272	305,762	35	37	26,649	30,492
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,993,817	1,961,409	0	0	179,663	166,626
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	25	27	16,941	16,834	3	3	1,617	1,836
Bean cake, miso (MT)	7	7	14,328	15,407	1	1	1,514	1,526
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	52	50	29,134	28,878	4	4	2,294	2,415
Garlic, dried (MT)	28	20	20,405	10,919	1	2	802	816
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	91	95	202,551	182,786	8	10	17,678	16,543
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	54	69	106,689	130,601	7	6	12,794	10,717
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	3	19,091	23,135	0	0	2,853	2,031
Onions, preserved (MT)	3	3	4,122	3,994	0	0	352	299
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	5	29,727	28,945	1	1	5,650	5,944
Artichokes - prep (MT)	39	38	84,431	65,978	1	2	2,933	3,794
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	2	1,828	2,657	0	0	234	261
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	137	51	132,245	66,198	8	4	8,090	5,185
Waterchestnuts (MT)	34	37	21,809	20,218	2	2	1,562	737
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	75	78	42,177	44,147	8	7	4,137	4,083
Mustard (MT)	16	18	18,767	16,198	1	1	1,442	1,019
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	26	27	31,167	30,114	2	2	2,411	2,375
Soy sauce (MT)	42	42	42,958	44,045	4	4	3,520	3,740
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	178	181	99,180	91,429	22	15	10,461	6,710
Soups & sauces (MT)	186	226	289,186	321,132	23	22	29,955	31,566
Vinegar (HL)	328	376	41,009	45,024	31	30	3,562	3,382
Yeasts (MT)	55	59	66,432	66,195	5	5	6,036	5,677
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	679,640	706,574	0	0	59,765	55,970
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,589,438	1,573,234	0	0	123,783	107,853
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,612	1,464	587,843	510,575	105	73	42,549	27,611
Molasses (HL)	7,884	8,390	48,988	60,194	734	601	3,177	5,265
Confectionery prods (MT)	311	335	712,332	771,549	24	25	58,733	57,564
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	524	484	240,275	230,917	45	32	19,324	17,412
Spices (MT)	48	48	65,536	66,653	4	4	6,241	5,696
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	222	216	711,185	628,212	29	18	95,880	61,657
Tobacco - filler (MT)	182	176	668,887	575,452	24	16	92,707	52,611
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	36	38	15,325	16,927	5	2	1,994	2,085
Other tobacco (MT)	3	2	26,973	35,833	0	0	1,179	6,962
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	4,357,388	4,766,229	0	0	323,126	348,237
Wine (HL)	4,161	4,585	2,185,724	2,208,673	357	366	172,242	171,933
Malt beverages (HL)	20,877	23,461	1,892,522	2,179,136	1,446	1,631	131,077	150,450
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	279,142	378,420	0	0	19,807	25,854
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,696	4,156	1,849,833	1,855,095	316	300	157,445	133,330
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	948	1,068	304,822	297,485	56	33	18,937	13,295
Flaxseed (MT)	183	122	42,664	25,501	15	1	3,334	523
Mustard seeds (MT)	47	51	16,183	15,220	4	4	1,255	965
Rapeseed (MT)	223	250	57,959	52,616	18	8	4,007	1,482
Sesameseed (MT)	42	49	50,432	54,845	4	4	4,868	4,192
Soybeans (MT)	84	110	19,796	25,555	7	7	1,612	1,770
Sunflower seeds (MT)	29	50	8,781	13,374	4	5	1,025	1,360
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	338	435	109,007	110,373	4	4	2,836	3,004
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,645	1,845	1,401,554	1,398,221	152	156	125,757	104,942
Castor oil (MT)	47	41	40,940	36,897	8	1	7,316	436
Coconut oil (MT)	334	477	234,479	251,930	31	52	21,923	20,900
Cottonseed oil (MT)	10	4	5,383	1,786	0	0	0	0
Olive oil (MT)	163	204	350,169	424,670	15	18	35,869	32,930

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Palm oil (MT)	143	165	65,483	50,915	14	10	4,897	2,359
Palm kernel oil (MT)	208	168	148,410	103,091	16	8	11,127	4,207
Peanut oil (MT)	10	20	8,824	14,009	0	5	197	2,912
Rapeseed oil (MT)	523	531	283,223	228,800	49	47	23,069	17,362
Soybean oil (MT)	37	36	20,469	16,917	3	3	1,626	1,174
Sesame oil (MT)	8	9	23,229	25,196	1	1	2,113	2,085
Other vegetable oils (MT)	163	192	220,945	244,009	15	12	17,618	20,577
Oilcake & meal (MT)	1,103	1,244	143,457	159,389	108	111	12,751	15,094
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	104	10	136,175	20,693	1	0	2,410	141
Cotton linters (MT)	37	28	7,562	6,943	1	1	217	537
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	408	414	459,168	490,534	39	21	26,739	24,364
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	591,593	611,255	0	0	45,525	39,871
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	508,655	549,351	0	0	38,852	42,608
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	312,580	275,438	0	0	25,276	18,505
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	15,676,842	17,840,629	0	0	1,434,920	1,508,907
Fertilizers (MT)	24,176	26,231	2,385,720	3,101,232	2,142	2,358	220,475	305,786
Potassium (MT)	8,924	9,324	746,446	753,108	674	640	51,083	48,291
Nitrogen (MT)	9,185	10,484	1,132,740	1,497,804	936	1,156	111,272	171,735
Phosphate (MT)	6,055	6,410	499,525	842,588	532	561	57,688	85,268
Fish (MT)	0	0	8,832,106	9,845,233	0	0	816,641	840,087
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	3,714,871	3,791,780	0	0	311,261	308,249
Shellfish (MT)	585	618	5,046,285	5,979,793	54	54	498,264	524,778
Fish prods, other (MT)	53	51	70,949	73,660	2	2	7,116	7,060
Ag chemicals (MT)	126	127	977,260	914,327	14	10	68,978	54,116
Fungicides (MT)	38	37	202,967	174,208	2	1	8,734	11,656
Herbicides (MT)	24	27	247,152	286,347	6	3	26,789	17,637
Insecticides (MT)	25	21	204,165	144,601	2	2	6,710	6,514
Other pesticides (MT)	39	42	322,976	309,171	3	3	26,746	18,308
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,069,041	3,477,874	0	0	279,549	254,525
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	8,918	8,254	1,455,865	1,692,422	896	690	140,627	113,996
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,613,175	1,785,451	0	0	138,923	140,529
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	17	18	412,715	501,964	2	2	49,276	54,393

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	Nov.	Dec.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,764	4,613	51,580	6
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,531	3,490	42,300	4
Imports (customs value)	3,251	3,207	38,991	3
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	1,232	1,123	9,280	21
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,513	1,406	12,588	17
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	72	93	824	33
Meat & poultry	641	623	7,334	10
Dairy prod & eggs	133	101	1,208	7
Hides & skins	154	135	1,620	42
Wheat	290	323	3,359	-5
Rice	81	74	835	-12
Corn	336	344	4,475	-9
Other feed grains	73	72	704	12
Animal feeds	347	329	3,793	12
Soybeans	623	564	5,244	16
Vegetable oils	111	125	1,259	-23
Fruits & nuts	461	393	4,785	8
Vegetables	412	401	4,467	4
Cotton & linters	132	169	1,904	93
Tobacco, unmfq.	91	139	1,222	-6
Seeds & nursery	96	104	1,037	-5
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	200	275	1,864	18
Meat & poultry	320	296	3,824	17
Dairy prod. & eggs	156	149	1,668	6
Grains & feeds	308	285	3,250	4
Fruits & nuts	428	476	5,371	-3
Vegetables	409	442	4,735	3
Vegetable oils	109	105	1,398	0
Wine	251	172	2,209	1
Malt beverages	153	150	2,179	15
Coffee	153	147	2,701	-7
Cocoa	106	102	1,404	-8
Rubber, natural	61	58	842	20
Cane & beet sugar	55	28	511	-13
Tobacco, unmfq.	30	62	628	-12
Seeds & flowers	133	107	1,651	6

Preliminary data.

Table 5--U.S. exports of bulk and high-value products

	CY1990	CY1995	CY2000
\$ billion			
Bulk commodities			
<i>World</i>	19.4	25.1	17.7
Japan	4.1	4.4	3.2
Mexico	1.1	1.5	2.4
European Union	3.2	3.8	2.1
China	0.8	2.0	1.1
Taiwan	1.2	1.7	1.1
Egypt	0.5	1.3	0.9
South Korea	1.5	2.1	0.8
Indonesia	0.2	0.7	0.5
Turkey	0.2	0.4	0.5
Canada	0.3	0.3	0.4
Philippines	0.2	0.4	0.4
High-value prods.			
<i>World</i>	20.1	31.2	33.8
Canada	4.0	5.5	7.3
Japan	4.1	6.7	6.2
European Union	3.9	4.9	4.2
Mexico	1.5	2.0	4.1
South Korea	1.1	1.6	1.8
Hong Kong	0.5	1.3	1.2
Taiwan	0.4	0.9	0.9
China	0.0	0.6	0.6
Philippines	0.2	0.3	0.5
Russia	0.0	1.0	0.5