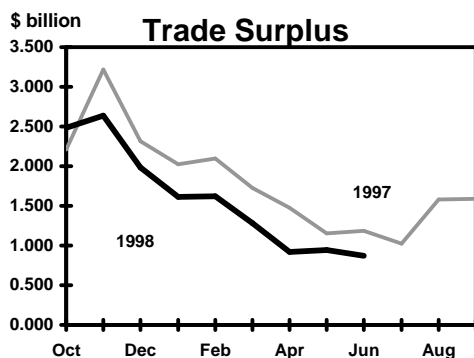


# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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**Summary**--October 1997-June 1998 U.S. agricultural exports of \$42.7 billion remain 4 percent below exports in the first 9 months of fiscal 1997, despite a tiny increase in June 1998 exports over May 1998. June exports, however, are below those of June 1997. The cumulative 1998 agricultural imports of \$28.3 billion remain 5 percent above fiscal 1997. Imports in June rose slightly from both May 1998 and June 1997. With little change in either imports or exports in June, the export surplus of \$14.4 billion is 17 percent below 1997, the same as in May.

**Exports**--Although bulk product exports still are substantially below 1997, the decline slowed in June. Bulk product exports through June equalled \$16.5 billion, 13 percent below 1997.

Sales of *High Value Products (HVP)* through June reached \$26.1 billion, 2 percent above 1997. Vegetable oil continues to lead the gains as it has for most of the season. Vegetable oil exports reached \$1.7 billion, up 41 percent from 1997. At \$1.8 billion, up 20 percent, oil meals and cakes also are showing export strength this season.

Red meats and vegetables continue to be the largest HVP exports. Red meat exports equalled \$3.4 billion through June, while vegetable exports reached \$3.2 billion. Exports of these HVPs are up 6 and 3 percent, respectively, so far this year. With higher prices, lettuce has shown particular strength among the vegetables, while fresh and frozen beef, veal, and pork account for much of the gains in meat exports.

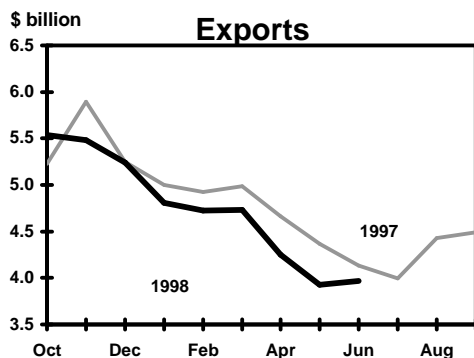
**Imports**--Imports of fruits, vegetables, and meats account for much of the import gain in 1998 to date. At \$3.4 billion, vegetable imports not only are the largest import category, but also have risen 17 percent in 1998. Fruit imports are up 6 percent to \$1.8 billion, and meats have risen 5 percent to \$2 billion for 1998.

Coffee continues to show growth in value as the average price for the fiscal year-to-date remains high; but the quantity of coffee imported so far this season remains 6 percent below 1997 at 887,000 tons.

Imports of other beverages, including cocoa, wine, and malt beverages, also increased in value through June. These beverages each equalled \$1.2-\$1.4 billion, 17-20 percent over 1997. (Carol Whitton 202-694-5287)

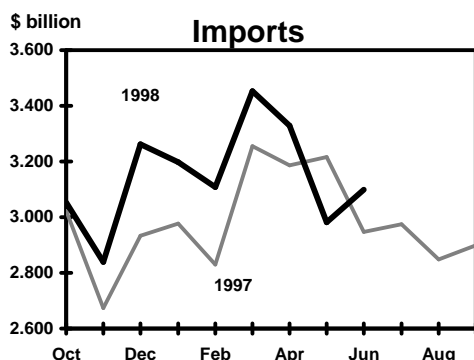
**State export shares in 1997 changed little from 1996**--California continues to be the largest exporting State and leads in exports of four commodity groups. The other top 10 exporting States generally remain the same as in 1996, although their order varies slightly, Arkansas has moved up and North Dakota dropped. With the exception of wheat and hides, States leading exports of particular commodity groups remain unchanged. See special article herein.

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At 1.8 million tons, U.S. *wheat* exports in June 1998 continued the strong levels of the previous month and exceeded June 1997 as well. Year-to-date wheat shipments exceed 1997 by 18 percent in quantity and 3 percent in value and equal \$2.8 billion and 18.4 million tons. Mexico imported 5 percent more U.S. wheat this season, while Central and South America, the European Union (EU), the Middle East, North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa also are importing more.

The \$3.3 billion and 27.8 million tons of U.S. *corn* exports are off 34 percent in value and 24 percent in quantity from 1997. But the June 1998 corn export quantity rose 14 percent from June 1997 and also exceeded May 1998 shipments.



October-June 1998 U.S. *soybean* exports continue to slow as a result of strong South American competition. June exports slipped below both May 1998 and June 1997. The 21 million tons and \$5.6 billion in exports so far this year dropped 9 percent in value and 1 percent in quantity from 1997.

While the 1998 *cotton* export value continues below 1997 by 7 percent, the export volume remains about the same as last year at 1.3 million tons. Demand is strong in Mexico and the Middle East, and the availability of GSM credits is aiding sales to South Korea.

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

Quantity and unit	October-June				June			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	44,450,786	42,675,246	--	--	4,132,131	3,970,761
Animals & animal prods (NA)	--	--	8,343,997	8,518,168	--	--	921,697	914,307
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	--	--	371,810	448,873	--	--	31,676	24,537
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	176	213	109,565	135,712	20	21	11,254	11,432
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	31	47	196,106	225,640	2	3	12,669	7,478
Swine - live (NO)	40	80	7,157	14,444	3	11	470	1,146
Sheep, live (NO)	635	1,042	26,689	44,414	110	22	4,638	1,102
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	32,292	28,662	--	--	2,644	3,379
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,306	1,561	3,215,302	3,437,468	145	174	369,741	365,953
Beef & veal (MT)	460	522	1,710,247	1,806,831	55	59	198,216	188,853
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	449	510	1,665,809	1,756,105	54	57	193,363	182,781
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	11	12	44,439	50,727	1	1	4,853	6,072
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	11	9	37,228	29,087	1	1	3,459	3,054
Lamb, mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(M	2	2	4,827	5,313	0	0	294	359
Pork (MT)	220	303	727,811	833,994	29	36	94,159	93,822
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	193	270	651,318	745,833	26	32	87,242	84,681
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	28	33	76,493	88,161	2	4	6,917	9,141
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	331	391	479,618	500,105	37	44	48,587	56,713
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	282	334	255,569	262,137	23	34	25,026	23,152
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	2,170,888	2,087,479	--	--	233,623	243,917
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	82,544	89,273	--	--	9,688	8,303
Baby chicks (NO)	35,381	36,399	73,253	76,222	3,741	4,430	8,466	7,166
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	9,291	13,051	--	--	1,222	1,137
Poultry meats (MT)	1,872	2,070	1,904,762	1,808,719	219	252	207,074	217,210
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,619	1,824	1,529,709	1,436,462	185	218	162,455	168,722
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	164	156	200,905	173,840	23	20	24,568	20,548
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	3	5	6,336	8,461	0	1	535	1,147
Poultry meats - prep or pres(M	86	85	167,812	189,956	11	14	19,516	26,793
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	19,785	16,212	0	0	2,276	1,201
Eggs (NA)	--	--	163,796	173,274	--	--	14,585	17,203
Dairy prods (NA)	--	--	602,922	712,457	--	--	71,461	69,635
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	7	7	4,635	6,008	1	0	540	259
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	25	67	40,712	114,574	6	4	9,133	7,176
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	7	6	13,105	12,589	1	0	2,010	503
Cheese (MT)	26	29	83,094	93,426	3	3	8,420	9,651
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	99,959	87,169	--	--	9,779	9,492
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	361,418	398,692	--	--	41,579	42,554

Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	768	967	400,812	476,962	72	127	35,044	59,073
Lard (MT)	53	56	30,134	28,141	5	7	3,154	3,132
Tallow - inedible (MT)	520	680	255,258	326,800	42	91	18,226	42,112
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	195	231	115,420	122,021	25	28	13,663	13,828
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,300,116	1,072,815	--	--	148,377	119,254
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	15,572	14,366	938,439	747,629	1,859	1,626	109,989	78,877
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	118,087	72,378	--	--	11,439	6,147
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,645	1,682	35,421	32,783	155	194	3,718	3,551
Horse hides, whole (PC)	113	88	3,301	2,353	12	5	303	119
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	1,761	1,667	19,147	19,471	169	197	2,020	2,972
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	47,476	57,185	--	--	5,402	5,665
Furskins (NA)	--	--	138,244	141,017	--	--	15,505	21,923
Mink pelts (NO)	3,001	2,691	76,112	72,834	352	543	11,059	15,859
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	62,132	68,183	--	--	4,446	6,064
Wool & mohair (MT)	3	2	13,150	8,278	0	0	2,358	548
Sausage casings (MT)	10	12	42,037	46,859	1	1	5,006	4,987
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	49,770	53,052	--	--	5,506	5,169
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	177,191	173,924	--	--	18,906	21,233
Grains & feeds (MT)	70,677	64,967	12,440,191	10,719,188	6,361	6,974	1,128,635	1,089,846
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	15,544	18,391	2,730,899	2,812,713	1,754	1,830	307,618	265,335
Wheat flour (MT)	361	333	101,937	87,706	34	39	9,407	9,418
Bulgur wheat (MT)	6	3	1,524	493	2	0	452	3
Other wheat prods (MT)	46	57	43,221	56,657	6	6	5,912	6,261
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,084	2,684	801,140	918,700	195	394	77,029	115,698
Feed grains & prods (MT)	42,233	33,514	5,787,644	4,041,979	3,261	3,531	421,275	391,543
Feed grains (MT)	41,694	33,075	5,607,983	3,899,695	3,200	3,483	400,294	376,297
Barley (MT)	541	810	87,155	111,105	162	27	20,375	2,944
Corn (MT)	36,944	27,774	4,987,998	3,273,150	2,872	3,263	360,024	351,889
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,189	4,465	530,214	512,041	164	189	19,729	21,015
Oats (MT)	19	25	2,503	3,279	1	4	166	450
Rye (MT)	1	1	113	121	0	0	0	0
Feed grain prods (MT)	539	439	179,661	142,283	61	49	20,981	15,246
Popcorn (MT)	79	75	62,210	52,514	7	6	5,402	4,614
Blended food prods (MT)	228	208	67,644	55,481	18	31	5,597	8,338
Other grain prods (MT)	704	717	797,917	834,462	72	90	84,967	97,108
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	9,391	8,986	2,046,053	1,858,484	1,010	1,046	210,976	191,527
Corn by-products (MT)	4,487	4,315	670,478	537,191	549	559	74,434	57,615
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	203	200	34,684	33,520	11	27	2,176	3,946
Beet pulp (MT)	524	416	69,406	50,872	61	11	8,019	1,289
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	738	644	70,097	41,372	49	92	4,291	6,958
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,440	3,412	1,201,388	1,195,529	340	357	122,055	121,720
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,470	2,366	1,996,259	1,900,343	294	267	266,337	249,527

Fruits - fr (MT)	2,150	2,002	1,506,620	1,382,255	257	229	213,999	195,283
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	1,105	1,051	622,757	587,309	87	87	52,354	51,508
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	456	368	225,906	178,789	17	12	8,173	7,303
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	103	99	92,925	72,280	12	9	11,888	6,620
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (l	544	583	301,947	335,102	58	65	32,163	37,506
Other citrus - fresh (MT)	2	1	1,980	1,138	0	0	130	79
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,045	952	883,863	794,946	170	142	161,645	143,774
Apples - fresh (MT)	562	441	335,993	268,935	49	36	27,283	21,071
Berries - fresh (MT)	50	42	80,189	76,225	7	9	14,539	15,083
Cherries - fresh (MT)	25	21	98,674	67,611	11	12	42,796	44,245
Grapes - fresh (MT)	100	139	151,755	179,789	11	10	17,513	14,914
Melons - fresh (MT)	119	109	46,640	46,383	48	44	15,071	15,039
Peaches - fresh (MT)	36	23	35,286	24,779	21	15	20,944	15,997
Pears - fresh (MT)	94	133	57,709	72,030	3	5	1,660	3,240
Plums - fresh (MT)	17	8	16,006	9,475	13	4	11,207	5,046
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	43	36	61,611	49,718	8	6	10,632	9,139
Fruits - dried (MT)	147	166	280,968	292,194	14	16	27,439	28,203
Raisins - dried (MT)	84	89	146,718	149,826	8	10	14,435	15,628
Prunes - dried (MT)	50	53	103,876	100,490	5	4	9,763	8,029
Other dried fruits (MT)	14	24	30,375	41,877	2	3	3,242	4,546
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	96	109	100,881	107,550	11	11	10,855	11,492
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	28	28	38,753	40,351	5	4	7,043	6,241
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	48	61	69,036	77,993	6	6	7,001	8,309
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	7,794	7,671	498,623	477,829	982	1,370	61,134	75,353
Apple juice (HL)	412	304	48,971	36,901	37	26	4,638	3,771
Grape juice (HL)	644	605	49,420	48,261	77	62	5,664	5,919
Grapefruit juice (HL)	610	491	44,078	34,768	89	62	6,506	4,074
Orange juice (HL)	4,261	3,900	232,929	212,074	533	863	27,326	39,425
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,867	2,371	123,225	145,825	245	356	17,000	22,164
Wine (HL)	1,390	1,826	258,402	351,387	185	224	34,754	44,469
Nuts & prep (MT)	411	442	1,119,140	1,096,308	35	35	76,089	89,111
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	129	151	631,457	567,840	7	14	36,609	51,655
Filberts (MT)	10	18	19,284	33,618	0	0	498	1,067
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	165	158	164,851	159,116	22	14	21,770	14,762
Pistachios (MT)	14	29	62,164	120,804	1	2	4,342	7,785
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	69	57	166,378	134,287	2	3	4,189	6,192
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	8	8	31,086	37,938	1	1	4,273	3,894
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	17	21	43,919	42,705	1	2	4,407	3,756
Vegetables & prep (NA)	--	--	3,110,825	3,244,849	--	--	350,315	371,661
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,366	1,413	782,119	866,859	197	205	97,356	99,980
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	14	15	44,665	42,570	1	1	2,393	2,998
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	106	104	72,944	74,459	13	10	9,477	7,018

Carrots - fresh (MT)	83	95	39,842	47,966	13	15	5,837	7,176
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	38	39	14,824	18,921	6	4	1,831	1,582
Celery - fresh (MT)	96	103	38,542	41,809	12	12	4,403	4,698
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	73	65	47,137	47,275	7	8	4,612	4,962
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	41	36	16,634	16,499	7	10	3,571	3,611
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	26	20	13,017	11,307	4	4	2,015	2,095
Garlic - fresh (MT)	6	5	8,535	7,137	0	0	547	461
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	248	252	119,959	147,122	28	21	13,209	10,598
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	5	5	17,813	16,584	0	0	613	399
Onions and shallots - fresh (MT)	152	164	52,504	61,681	15	15	5,698	6,279
Peppers - fresh (MT)	51	46	42,255	47,336	7	7	5,278	5,693
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	192	218	50,239	68,493	54	71	13,183	19,194
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	103	100	89,315	91,937	15	14	12,348	11,148
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	135	146	113,894	125,763	14	12	12,341	12,069
Vegetables - froz (MT)	435	476	350,441	364,087	51	59	40,213	44,543
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	47	60	41,541	48,538	4	5	4,050	4,492
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	311	330	228,188	232,794	37	44	27,312	30,753
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	77	87	80,712	82,755	9	10	8,851	9,297
Vegetables - canned (MT)	353	341	288,127	273,067	44	38	35,307	30,117
Pulses (MT)	358	476	205,428	252,839	43	68	26,677	41,294
Dried beans (MT)	268	357	163,708	208,603	37	58	23,582	37,146
Dried peas (MT)	51	84	20,815	28,942	4	7	1,740	2,866
Dried lentils (MT)	40	34	20,906	15,294	3	3	1,354	1,282
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	10	9	79,722	74,034	1	1	5,136	6,614
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	1,404,987	1,413,963	--	--	145,626	149,113
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	29,220	31,713	9,440,549	9,588,790	1,473	1,426	574,905	488,461
Oilcake & meal (MT)	5,691	7,555	1,540,943	1,765,685	418	468	119,328	87,104
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	418	246	44,271	21,014	28	28	2,427	2,186
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	89	32	11,911	3,591	9	1	924	104
Soybean meal (MT)	5,032	7,141	1,460,255	1,719,890	366	430	113,722	83,308
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	152	136	24,507	21,189	15	10	2,256	1,506
Oilseeds (MT)	21,769	21,750	6,717,625	6,119,366	927	715	355,370	220,838
Rapeseed (MT)	72	103	23,244	28,585	2	1	610	311
Safflower seeds (MT)	46	32	29,082	13,023	1	11	1,612	4,217
Soybeans (MT)	21,215	21,016	6,111,791	5,579,640	878	631	282,731	162,575
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	80	115	64,156	76,686	8	25	6,369	11,381
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	39	33	33,856	29,457	3	2	2,442	1,905
Other oilseeds (MT)	196	344	62,371	97,192	21	32	6,491	8,166
Protein substances (MT)	121	108	393,125	294,783	14	13	55,115	32,283
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,761	2,407	1,181,981	1,703,739	128	243	100,207	180,519
Soybean oil (MT)	693	1,130	384,151	710,908	20	93	13,194	60,418
Cottonseed oil (MT)	82	77	50,347	50,210	4	10	2,690	7,701

Sunflower oil (MT)	221	341	120,006	218,666	23	27	13,181	19,139
Corn oil (MT)	321	376	206,531	267,426	28	48	18,713	37,197
Peanut oil (MT)	5	5	5,015	5,035	0	0	470	277
Rapeseed oil (MT)	95	107	53,894	67,380	11	16	6,442	10,381
Safflower oil (MT)	29	25	35,005	30,186	5	2	6,386	2,520
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	315	347	327,032	353,931	36	46	39,130	42,885
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	211	177	1,391,327	1,212,752	19	14	139,669	108,730
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	58	43	441,192	343,797	8	5	67,830	40,988
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	107	93	766,719	658,170	7	6	54,022	50,973
Other tobacco - unmfng (MT)	46	41	183,416	210,786	3	3	17,817	16,769
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,293	1,279	2,246,946	2,088,560	131	125	218,029	192,760
Cotton linters (MT)	64	40	20,727	16,634	7	4	2,164	1,241
Essential oils (MT)	35	35	478,071	401,186	4	5	49,309	50,733
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	1,016	715	744,799	707,616	57	37	36,439	33,557
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	--	--	1,076,862	1,089,554	--	--	116,945	120,997
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	456,378	464,720	--	--	49,241	53,872
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	107	92	46,985	35,955	10	6	3,790	2,368
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	409,393	428,765	--	--	45,450	51,504
Coffee (MT)	32	31	155,203	169,387	4	4	21,641	19,794
Cocoa (MT)	27	26	58,298	55,685	3	3	6,300	6,245
Chocolate & prep (MT)	79	82	264,769	259,077	7	9	22,627	26,007
Tea & mate (MT)	14	15	67,096	63,259	2	2	6,884	6,230
Spices (MT)	20	21	42,805	50,701	2	3	4,612	5,922
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	16	15	31,013	25,443	3	2	5,416	2,861
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	2	1	1,300	1,281	1	0	226	65
Other misc veg prods (MT)	48	48	369,584	355,903	7	5	34,031	27,845
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	210,671	245,275	--	--	16,629	17,898
Beverages ex juices (NA)	--	--	703,812	660,904	--	--	105,051	94,267
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	12,621,107	12,323,469	--	--	1,494,049	1,532,351
Fertilizers (MT)	--	--	2,374,041	2,247,970	--	--	310,614	406,983
Nitrogen (MT)	--	--	2,358,465	2,234,095	--	--	309,630	404,885
Phosphate (MT)	8	7	15,576	13,874	0	1	984	2,097
Fish & shellfish (MT)	827	671	2,061,896	1,641,118	86	72	211,559	151,263
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	496	410	1,112,578	886,498	57	36	146,736	88,525
Shellfish (MT)	153	79	619,389	496,425	12	6	42,070	32,485
Other fish prods (MT)	178	182	329,929	258,196	17	30	22,753	30,254
Ag chemicals (MT)	239	244	1,337,559	1,491,295	28	27	171,539	154,714
Fungicides (MT)	22	26	131,192	161,661	3	3	18,028	18,895
Herbicides (MT)	119	121	675,119	747,623	13	13	89,159	70,593
Insecticides (MT)	52	48	297,404	322,501	6	6	37,056	39,948
Other pesticides (MT)	46	49	233,843	259,510	6	5	27,297	25,278
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	3,104,214	3,106,585	--	--	417,158	380,318

Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	49	48	1,453,185	1,382,140	7	6	216,572	194,381
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	1,651,029	1,724,446	--	--	200,586	185,937
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	3,743,396	3,836,501	--	--	383,178	439,073

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

Table 2- Leading markets in fiscal 1997 and 1998 and June 1998

	metric tons				metric tons		
	Oct-Jun 1997	Oct-Jun 1998	Jun 1998		Oct-Jun 1997	Oct-Jun 1998	Jun 1998
<b>Wheat</b>				<b>Corn</b>			
Egypt	841,611	2,759,849	173,983	Japan	11,682,094	10,774,578	1,210,255
Japan	2,281,397	2,484,032	168,379	Mexico	2,526,111	3,158,953	404,020
Pakistan	1,679,012	1,301,750	0	Taiwan	4,291,844	2,810,448	201,370
South Korea	1,074,393	1,065,565	111,711	South Korea	4,780,043	2,444,426	462,212
Philippines	1,331,417	1,036,220	185,189	Canada	701,843	1,111,979	167,247
Mexico	915,847	957,632	168,140	Egypt	1,743,042	1,073,945	111,810
European Union	692,371	782,504	133,762	Colombia	962,708	753,084	70,786
Taiwan	697,385	772,584	84,878	Saudi Arabia	773,491	743,371	92,936
Iraq	15,933	565,127	47,186	Algeria	656,616	607,395	75,794
Nigeria	338,091	563,995	127,790	Venezuela	574,823	444,221	33,149
World	15,544,060	18,390,565	1,830,390	World	36,943,880	27,773,667	3,263,315
<b>Soybeans</b>				<b>Cotton</b>			
European Union	7,663,389	7,812,683	62,836	Mexico	215,319	123,290	29,726
Japan	2,920,055	3,126,932	191,629	China	138,986	335,678	2,221
Mexico	2,357,049	2,150,623	219,232	South Korea	134,609	111,004	12,222
Taiwan	1,509,946	1,765,425	1,652	Japan	118,309	122,359	10,125
China	1,432,414	1,471,638	0	Turkey	115,901	77,147	21,075
South Korea	925,645	1,228,928	1,652	Indonesia	83,357	113,060	7,202
Brazil	807,638	190,698	0	Taiwan	70,719	48,565	5,852
Indonesia	572,507	625,922	69,650	European Union	57,210	46,469	3,200
Argentina	511,617	0	0	Canada	47,444	40,865	6,775
Thailand	409,309	433,716	0	Thailand	43,803	38,405	3,106
World	21,215,140	21,015,915	630,704	World	1,279,019	1,292,534	124,864

## California Continues as Lead Exporting State in Fiscal 1997

U.S. agricultural exports in fiscal year 1997 equalled \$57.4 billion, down 4.2 percent from the fiscal 1996 record \$59.9 billion. Most of the drop resulted from lower prices of bulk commodities, particularly grains, as the tight market situation of the previous year eased. The export value of wheat, rice, and feed grains fell sharply from the high levels of 1996. At \$9.3 billion, a 17-percent gain, exports of soybeans and products surpassed feed grains and products during 1997 to become the leading export item. Big gains also occurred in some of the smaller commodities, as exports of seeds rose 28 percent, dairy and products 18 percent, and tobacco 16 percent from 1996.

Nine of the top 10 leading agricultural export States were the same in 1997 as in 1996-- California, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Minnesota, Washington, and Indiana. However, Nebraska moved ahead of Texas in 1997. And Arkansas moved up from 11th place in 1996 into 8th place in 1997, as a poor wheat crop pulled down exports of several States, including last year's 10th exporter, North Dakota. As in the last 2 years, the top 10 leading States accounted for 58 percent of total U.S. agricultural export value. But as the total value of agricultural exports declined, only 19 States exported more than \$1 billion worth of agricultural products in 1997, compared with the 21 States with over \$1 billion in 1996. And exports from most of the major exporting States, with the exception of California and Arkansas, decreased in 1997.

The fiscal 1997 value of California's estimated agricultural exports reached \$7.7 billion, a 7-percent gain over 1996's \$7.2 billion. California's growth occurred in fruits and vegetables, two commodities for which it is the leading export State. Vegetable exports increased to an estimated \$2 billion, up 14 percent from 1996, while fruit exports rose 9 percent to \$1.8 billion. Fruits and vegetables accounted for nearly half of California's 1997 exports and half of all U.S. exports of fruits and vegetables. California also led in exports of seeds and tree nuts, accounting for 93 percent of all U.S. tree nut exports.

Iowa again ranked second among States in agricultural exports in 1997 with exports of \$4.1 billion. It also was the leading exporter of soybeans and products and feed grains and products. Its soybean exports rose to \$1.6 billion, 9 percent above 1996. But its exports of feed grains slipped 25 percent to only \$1.5 billion in fiscal 1997 as corn prices declined. Feed grains and soybeans account for 75 percent of all exports from Iowa. Estimated 1997 exports from Illinois ranked third in the United States again, at \$3.7 billion. As in Iowa, soybeans and feed grains account for three-fourths of all Illinois' exports and Illinois ranks just behind Iowa in exporting these products. Each of these States accounts for about a 17-percent share of total U.S. soybean exports, while Iowa has an 18-percent share of U.S. feed grain exports and Illinois a 15-percent share.

In fiscal 1997, Nebraska moved up to fourth position among exporting States, shipping \$3.3 billion worth of agricultural goods. Nebraska was the leading exporter of live animals and meat, \$737 million; feeds & fodders, \$249.2 million; hides and skins, \$304.1 million; and animal fats, \$95.8 million. These products from Nebraska accounted for 15, 14, 18, and 18-percent shares, respectively, of total U.S. exports of these products. Texas' share of U.S. exports dropped to \$3.1 billion in 1997 and ranked fifth behind Nebraska. Texas was the leading 1997 exporter of cotton and cottonseed. Its exports of cotton equalled \$564.2 million and of cottonseed were \$27.6 million. And, this was despite a decline of about 15 percent in its cotton exports in 1997 as overall U.S. cotton exports fell due to foreign competition and higher domestic consumption.



Exports from Kansas, the sixth-ranked exporting State, declined by 15 percent in 1997 to \$2.7 billion. Despite a sharp drop in wheat exports, Kansas still was the leading exporter of wheat, at \$498.2 million. Kansas' wheat exports accounted for an 11-percent share of total U.S. wheat exports, about the same as in 1996, despite significantly smaller shares for the other large producing States.

Minnesota's exports of \$2.6 billion placed it seventh in rank in 1997. Although Minnesota exports a number of the products listed, it was not a top-ranked exporter of any commodity group in 1997. At \$1.9 billion, Arkansas moved up to 8th ranked exporter in 1997, as its exports of poultry and products rose 8 percent to \$413 million. In addition to poultry and products, Arkansas also is the largest U.S. exporter of rice, even though its 1997 rice exports dipped 4 percent from 1996 to \$411 million.

The States of Washington and Indiana rounded out the top 10, with total agricultural exports of just under \$1.9 billion each in 1997; but they did not lead the United States in exporting any commodity. Of States not among the top 10, North Carolina led in unmanufactured tobacco exports, Wisconsin led in dairy products, Georgia in peanuts and products, and North Dakota in sunflowerseed and oil.

## **Methodology**

The Economic Research Service (ERS) estimates export shares based primarily on a State's production share of exported commodities. The estimated export value for each State should not be interpreted as actual measurements of a State's exports. ERS uses the Bureau of Census merchandise export data which are reported on a free along ship (f.a.s.) basis. The Census export data are reported by customs district and country of destination, but no State of origin is reported in the data set. An agricultural commodity is likely to pass through several States before being exported, and the State of origin is lost as commodities move from farmgate to port.

The export estimates are based on the National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) crop and livestock production and slaughter estimates. In some cases, supplemental data such as the Census of Agriculture, 1992, and the Department of Commerce's estimates for Exports from Manufacturing Establishments: 1990 and 1991 were used to estimate export shares. The data for previous years was revised to reflect production data revisions. (Carolyn L. Whitton, 202-694-5287)

The detailed commodity breakdown by state is available on ERS's Autofax System at 202-694-5700. Request document number 16010.

U.S. agricultural exports, by leading States: Estimated value by commodity group, FY 1997

Commodity group	United States	Leading 10 States, by value										
		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	
Million dollars												
Total	57,365.1	CA	IA	IL	NE	TX	KS	MN	AR	WA	IN	1,852.7
		IA	IL	MN	IN	OH	MO	NE	AR	SD	KS	
Soybeans and products	9,253.6	1,615.0	1,549.5	870.8	791.1	610.4	582.0	526.1	435.0	352.6	287.4	
		IA	IL	NE	MN	KS	IN	MO	SD	TX	WI	
Feed grains and products	8,447.6	1,504.0	1,300.4	1,120.5	783.5	607.5	587.2	354.4	336.9	329.5	296.9	
		NE	TX	KS	IA	CO	IL	MN	KY	CA	WI	
Live animals and meat	4,893.4	737.0	654.9	628.1	482.1	249.5	213.3	202.9	189.1	159.4	150.7	
		KS	ND	WA	AR	MT	ID	OH	MO	SD	OK	
Wheat and products	4,331.1	498.2	458.7	380.1	238.1	234.9	233.1	192.9	177.2	174.6	162.8	
		CA	WA	ID	WI	MN	OR	MI	FL	ND	CO	
Vegetables and preparations	4,088.6	1,977.4	416.8	253.8	205.7	168.6	161.8	136.4	111.5	102.2	80.5	
		CA	FL	WA	OR	NY	MI	HI	TX	AZ	PA	
Fruit and preparations	3,418.2	1,757.0	615.0	538.2	80.7	80.2	75.4	62.8	43.2	39.5	30.1	
		AR	GA	NC	AL	MS	CA	TX	VA	MO	DE	
Poultry and products	2,832.3	413.0	387.0	327.3	281.4	205.7	141.4	140.3	109.6	108.7	89.9	
		TX	CA	GA	MS	AR	LA	NC	AZ	AL	TN	
Cotton and linters	2,441.4	564.2	373.9	264.6	238.8	208.2	163.7	127.5	112.8	100.4	85.9	
		NE	TX	KS	IA	MN	IL	CO	ND	FL	WI	
Feeds and fodders	1,811.2	249.2	199.8	188.9	126.8	118.6	89.6	75.5	70.1	66.1	62.2	
		NE	KS	TX	CO	WI	IA	MN	IL	CA	PA	
Hides and skins	1,693.2	304.1	282.7	258.2	120.1	93.8	72.5	63.4	50.1	48.8	48.8	
		NC	KY	SC	GA	VA	TN	CT	MA	FL	IN	
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,611.6	598.6	387.5	120.5	116.7	110.0	108.2	70.6	25.2	20.9	14.9	
		CA	GA	OR	HI	TX	NM	LA	AL	MS	SC	
Tree nuts	1,280.0	1,190.8	22.4	21.3	13.2	8.9	4.9	3.6	3.1	0.6	0.6	
		AR	CA	LA	TX	MS	MO	na	na	na	na	
Rice	961.8	411.0	185.2	151.5	109.7	74.6	29.7	na	na	na	na	
		CA	OR	IA	IL	MN	ND	NE	KS	FL	MO	
Seeds	912.9	148.4	140.5	64.0	57.6	44.6	44.4	44.3	38.5	29.3	28.2	
		WI	CA	MN	PA	NY	ID	WA	IA	OH	TX	
Dairy products	868.7	204.3	152.1	74.6	46.8	45.8	39.7	31.7	24.9	23.6	23.5	
		NE	KS	TX	IA	CO	MN	IL	WI	PA	CA	
Animal fats	523.4	95.8	85.0	77.4	41.4	32.1	21.4	21.3	20.3	15.6	14.6	
		GA	TX	AL	NC	FL	VA	OK	NM	SC	na	
Peanuts and products	274.2	107.4	51.6	33.7	27.5	17.7	16.4	14.6	2.8	2.4	na	
		ND	SD	KS	MN	CO	NE	TX	na	na	na	
Sunflowerseed and oil	260.4	127.7	77.8	26.1	13.6	9.3	3.6	2.4	na	na	na	
		TX	CA	MS	GA	AR	LA	NC	AZ	AL	TN	
Cottonseed and products	110.4	27.6	15.8	11.4	10.5	9.8	7.7	5.3	5.0	4.2	4.1	
		CA	TX	IL	FL	WA	LA	IA	OR	GA	AR	
Other	7,350.9	1,376.0	317.0	265.0	240.0	238.3	216.7	167.1	145.8	145.1	133.5	

na = not applicable.

State agricultural exports: Estimated value, million dollars, FY 1993-97

	FY 1993	FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997
United States	42,879.2	43,959.5	54,725.1	59,890.5	57,365.1
California	5,522.5	6,433.6	6,967.7	7,208.3	7,694.4
Iowa	3,058.5	2,392.8	4,015.6	4,639.8	4,145.9
Illinois	2,923.5	3,060.7	3,457.9	3,973.9	3,748.1
Nebraska	2,463.2	2,497.0	3,223.4	3,510.4	3,308.1
Texas	2,519.3	3,041.3	3,378.6	3,477.0	3,053.6
Kansas	2,314.3	2,317.6	3,073.8	3,111.8	2,650.3
Minnesota	1,941.3	1,412.3	2,440.4	3,030.9	2,610.5
Arkansas	1,221.5	1,229.9	1,630.5	1,686.3	1,918.1
Washington	1,407.5	1,686.3	1,823.6	1,940.8	1,857.0
Indiana	1,463.7	1,669.1	1,756.0	2,049.0	1,852.7
Missouri	1,122.0	923.8	1,260.6	1,314.4	1,543.3
North Carolina	1,084.6	1,075.1	1,355.0	1,399.8	1,515.3
Ohio	1,112.8	1,124.2	1,320.4	1,601.8	1,360.8
Georgia	711.5	777.2	1,125.8	1,224.3	1,272.6
Wisconsin	944.4	932.4	1,267.5	1,370.7	1,218.6
Florida	1,025.4	1,075.9	1,200.6	1,229.8	1,212.0
South Dakota	830.4	688.2	1,120.1	1,162.8	1,163.1
Kentucky	810.7	807.7	894.1	1,045.5	1,109.8
North Dakota	1,421.5	1,125.4	1,507.4	1,734.4	1,083.4
Michigan	742.6	836.5	919.6	1,185.9	886.3
Colorado	753.3	815.3	945.3	1,099.5	871.9
Idaho	709.1	749.7	929.6	934.7	840.7
Mississippi	581.9	584.1	836.0	776.5	821.2
Oregon	583.2	611.1	720.1	749.4	729.4
Louisiana	516.5	593.7	690.0	662.1	704.4
Pennsylvania	440.8	473.6	534.5	544.1	542.3
Tennessee	404.7	425.4	516.4	499.7	540.1
Alabama	287.2	341.4	467.4	493.7	534.9
Virginia	342.5	327.7	435.5	486.4	520.3
New York	296.1	328.6	363.5	400.3	395.5
Oklahoma	408.0	380.6	448.6	517.4	384.7
Arizona	284.6	345.6	420.2	408.8	369.8
South Carolina	239.0	219.3	320.9	340.2	353.6
Montana	360.4	448.1	471.3	895.8	327.1
Maryland	175.6	176.7	216.6	246.5	270.7
New Jersey	114.9	134.8	150.1	148.7	168.0
Delaware	66.7	78.8	107.6	133.4	147.0
Hawaii	91.2	96.1	108.7	114.7	125.9
Utah	116.2	127.4	153.2	145.4	124.5
Connecticut	38.5	42.0	46.8	43.1	80.4
New Mexico	68.9	73.1	77.2	75.1	69.6
Massachusetts	31.4	28.6	30.0	29.2	48.1
Wyoming	30.8	31.4	32.2	51.8	40.1
Maine	48.9	42.5	36.4	40.0	38.6
West Virginia	10.3	18.5	26.5	33.8	30.7
Vermont	9.5	10.7	11.0	8.4	11.0
Nevada	2.1	2.2	2.0	4.9	5.9
Rhode Island	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
New Hampshire	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Alaska	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Unallocated	1,223.6	1,343.4	1,886.8	2,107.4	3,062.3

Order based on fiscal 1997 rank.

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

Quantity and unit	October-June				June			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	27,074,136	28,323,443	--	--	2,946,457	3,098,959
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	6,775,427	7,177,971	--	--	790,311	717,250
Bananas & plantains (MT)	2,953	3,152	921,590	901,403	352	357	112,117	104,116
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	941	887	2,690,615	2,902,277	98	90	372,747	268,718
Cocoa & prods (MT)	597	676	1,061,758	1,310,830	54	65	102,863	117,989
Tea (MT)	104	112	151,706	194,439	13	14	17,096	22,727
Spices (MT)	119	112	294,773	342,593	13	13	33,520	42,843
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	815	834	1,022,598	773,391	68	95	81,942	79,600
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	3,198	406	0	0	207	56
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	10	10	28,147	24,616	1	1	2,080	3,009
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	79	75	35,649	33,655	7	8	3,530	3,333
Essential oils (NA)	--	--	256,985	278,826	--	--	27,876	28,249
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	48	58	308,408	415,536	7	5	36,334	46,609
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	20,298,709	21,145,472	--	--	2,156,146	2,381,709
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	4,849,516	5,085,284	--	--	531,962	596,878
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	3,841	4,756	1,138,887	1,285,046	354	492	103,878	120,491
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,496	1,669	782,806	878,436	122	124	72,216	79,956
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	18	35	109,376	136,016	2	3	7,054	10,029
Swine (NO)	2,265	2,985	223,572	246,679	227	362	22,472	28,833
Sheep, live (NO)	38	45	5,224	5,643	1	1	147	77
Other live animals (NO)	24	22	17,910	18,272	2	3	1,988	1,595
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	858	900	1,939,260	2,013,456	110	125	241,253	264,531
Beef & veal (MT)	591	627	1,160,085	1,297,623	82	93	161,099	184,652
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	542	581	1,009,646	1,147,211	76	87	143,009	164,087
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	49	46	150,439	150,412	6	6	18,091	20,565
Pork (MT)	195	195	575,402	508,868	19	23	57,191	56,855
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	142	146	370,803	332,241	15	18	39,170	38,780
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	53	50	204,599	176,627	4	5	18,021	18,076
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	30	37	111,741	124,668	3	4	13,206	13,558
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	17
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	31	32	54,782	46,896	4	4	6,795	5,590
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	2	15,385	13,663	0	0	983	1,360
Other meats & prods (MT)	8	7	21,865	21,715	1	1	1,978	2,498
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	137,994	153,533	--	--	14,742	17,397
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	16,361	15,802	--	--	2,615	2,340
Poultry meat (MT)	4	6	14,812	19,559	0	1	1,229	2,026
Eggs (NA)	--	--	15,472	11,579	--	--	1,387	1,265

Feathers & down - crude (MT)	15	19	91,349	106,593	2	2	9,511	11,767
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	960,590	968,303	--	--	103,717	126,631
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	93	78	17,755	23,297	9	7	2,359	2,703
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	8	10	12,725	20,815	2	3	3,191	6,516
Cheese (MT)	113	111	440,922	426,454	11	13	41,855	47,995
Casein & mixtures (MT)	77	78	340,102	328,817	10	11	40,300	46,999
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	149,085	168,920	--	--	16,013	22,418
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	55	60	41,937	45,394	7	7	4,773	5,217
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	174,227	151,811	--	--	16,486	14,353
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	2	9,200	6,106	0	0	1,264	595
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	94,211	82,050	--	--	9,700	8,219
Furskins (NA)	--	--	70,815	63,655	--	--	5,522	5,539
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	20	28	76,128	106,763	2	2	6,045	6,266
Sausage casings (MT)	11	11	51,894	58,148	1	1	4,997	7,250
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	7,415	8,257	--	--	276	952
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	321,185	294,574	--	--	35,795	33,789
Grains & feeds (MT)	6,474	5,828	2,201,415	2,196,222	685	636	236,342	234,990
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,765	1,523	287,923	244,621	180	147	28,754	21,205
Corn, unmilled (MT)	192	81	26,172	11,613	36	14	4,597	1,699
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,475	1,230	194,650	143,160	106	132	13,808	13,403
Barley, unmilled (MT)	695	661	105,334	89,981	108	94	15,410	11,957
Rice (MT)	261	225	149,249	147,118	28	17	15,869	11,756
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	199	228	451,550	513,520	22	25	48,192	53,830
Pasta & noodles (MT)	204	234	195,852	216,359	21	25	20,157	23,079
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	424,793	441,529	--	--	48,777	52,520
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	1,085	1,018	365,891	388,322	115	106	40,776	45,542
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,501	2,697	1,672,594	1,755,694	233	295	177,036	235,046
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,033	2,227	1,203,113	1,287,609	178	245	122,006	186,459
Apples, fresh (MT)	128	127	62,211	62,325	22	27	12,051	13,993
Avocados (MT)	21	23	19,311	25,793	0	0	240	465
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	44	39	61,203	51,675	2	2	3,558	3,081
Citrus, fresh (MT)	164	186	69,997	82,517	16	19	3,086	4,845
Grapes, fresh (MT)	350	402	384,710	416,984	44	64	54,296	96,965
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	30	25	19,275	17,419	5	6	2,356	3,853
Mangoes (MT)	137	131	100,594	90,794	41	46	26,050	24,882
Melons (MT)	775	858	227,075	251,219	17	32	3,681	8,736
Peaches (MT)	41	34	32,599	26,360	0	0	0	0
Pears (MT)	78	67	49,734	45,698	4	6	1,601	3,442
Pineapples, fresh or frozen (MT)	124	198	57,923	65,142	15	26	6,646	7,223
Plums (MT)	23	19	20,893	17,672	0	0	10	0
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	41	46	45,173	83,300	3	8	2,459	10,786
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	77	71	52,415	50,710	9	10	5,971	8,190

Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	468	470	469,481	468,085	55	50	55,030	48,587
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	206	202	143,768	147,217	23	20	16,713	13,922
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	262	268	325,713	320,869	31	30	38,317	34,665
Fruit juices (HL)	23,671	20,809	731,658	525,517	2,638	3,117	79,739	69,329
Apple juice (HL)	8,978	7,788	299,087	184,980	1,184	1,699	34,370	31,548
Grape juice (HL)	1,514	1,079	60,623	47,127	406	87	15,907	4,038
Grapefruit juice (HL)	8	6	316	336	1	1	22	40
Lemon juice (HL)	220	299	5,930	5,471	67	50	1,597	958
Lime juice (HL)	92	116	1,954	2,251	23	27	361	613
Orange juice (HL)	9,105	8,476	199,986	161,555	592	840	11,959	18,393
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,308	1,891	68,078	58,515	195	207	6,061	6,171
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,446	1,152	95,684	65,281	169	205	9,461	7,568
Nuts & preps (MT)	155	176	407,877	473,886	16	17	44,858	49,061
Brazil nuts (MT)	7	8	15,423	19,530	1	1	2,967	2,518
Cashew nuts (MT)	46	52	212,816	234,924	5	7	24,508	29,270
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	10,217	11,031	0	0	77	23
Coconut meat (MT)	51	55	52,276	45,869	6	6	5,822	5,308
Filberts (MT)	3	4	13,282	16,586	0	0	1,156	1,846
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	2	13,620	19,851	0	0	1,997	1,583
Pecans (MT)	19	21	34,167	60,738	0	1	2,259	4,590
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	2,429	1,193	0	0	353	146
Other nuts (MT)	24	29	53,648	64,163	3	2	5,719	3,777
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	2,890,080	3,408,013	--	--	260,804	329,436
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	2,755	3,204	1,686,773	2,131,865	185	234	126,556	176,842
Tomatoes (MT)	646	717	529,119	611,032	54	63	46,790	55,868
Asparagus, fresh or frozen (MT)	28	37	50,897	73,414	1	1	1,449	2,074
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	25	24	29,820	27,629	1	1	905	1,066
Cabbage (MT)	20	38	3,883	10,147	1	2	172	833
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	77	81	18,102	21,699	7	6	1,115	1,408
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz (MT)	171	180	101,423	107,933	13	14	7,556	9,219
Celery, fresh (MT)	24	42	6,432	10,607	0	2	64	530
Cucumbers (MT)	284	305	91,167	142,082	9	14	4,417	8,404
Eggplant (MT)	28	37	19,215	29,810	0	1	325	561
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	3	3,287	4,698	0	0	380	402
Garlic (MT)	15	24	17,645	28,094	4	6	3,859	7,896
Lettuce (MT)	10	17	5,948	11,279	1	2	325	1,089
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	14	19	7,141	9,410	4	8	1,648	2,654
Onions (MT)	244	234	113,160	139,125	14	15	6,824	8,319
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	30	30	28,662	36,285	2	2	1,842	2,722
Peppers (MT)	232	255	216,337	281,157	14	16	14,598	25,174
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	509	733	182,567	270,366	38	51	17,710	26,564
Radishes, fresh (MT)	12	15	5,517	11,144	0	1	119	455

Squash (MT)	136	151	85,630	101,929	3	3	1,610	2,173
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	247	260	170,821	204,025	21	24	14,848	19,431
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	1,203,308	1,276,148	--	--	134,248	152,594
Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT)	20	21	18,760	16,027	1	1	894	1,144
Bean cake, miso (MT)	8	5	18,865	14,131	1	1	1,988	1,348
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	29	31	15,199	16,357	2	2	1,045	1,663
Garlic, dried (MT)	6	8	2,671	3,504	0	1	157	460
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	56	64	136,701	135,963	7	8	15,277	15,418
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	52	52	90,531	85,092	6	4	11,044	7,680
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	15,425	15,213	0	0	1,777	1,405
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	2	2,376	2,968	0	0	331	297
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	5	38,898	29,851	1	1	5,333	3,988
Artichokes - prep (MT)	20	27	31,094	48,095	4	7	5,263	13,162
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,175	1,311	0	0	77	373
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	84	80	75,982	66,210	6	8	6,291	8,149
Waterchestnuts (MT)	26	26	20,826	15,572	4	2	2,560	1,395
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	55	49	34,086	29,180	6	4	3,395	2,703
Mustard (MT)	11	11	13,561	12,285	1	2	1,352	1,485
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	12	14	13,853	16,894	1	2	1,543	2,662
Soy sauce (MT)	28	29	28,158	29,770	3	3	2,821	2,685
Starches, excl wheat & corn (MT)	111	122	69,978	81,509	12	15	7,645	10,279
Soups & sauces (MT)	72	90	148,002	170,470	8	9	15,254	18,838
Vinegar (HL)	285	339	27,713	27,999	39	45	3,781	3,474
Yeasts (MT)	41	40	46,920	43,827	5	5	5,216	5,553
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	352,534	413,920	--	--	41,203	48,434
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	1,285,599	1,160,705	--	--	132,457	173,193
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,895	1,435	665,177	492,172	175	277	63,702	91,404
Molasses (HL)	7,890	8,575	69,968	66,307	589	885	4,326	6,928
Confectionery prods (MT)	163	182	366,026	427,705	20	23	45,002	54,509
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	225	315	184,427	174,522	27	37	19,427	20,350
Spices (MT)	23	26	40,220	39,300	3	5	5,552	5,567
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	249	169	871,757	590,853	19	11	63,284	17,593
Tobacco - filler (MT)	210	137	818,793	545,010	14	4	53,938	12,585
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	37	31	25,115	12,841	4	6	2,080	1,934
Other tobacco (MT)	2	2	27,849	33,002	0	0	7,266	3,074
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	16,949	18,742	2,359,101	2,718,502	2,304	2,718	300,135	351,001
Wine (HL)	3,141	3,303	1,206,005	1,394,699	416	334	145,567	146,769
Malt beverages (HL)	11,446	13,112	1,022,154	1,179,037	1,575	2,076	137,249	184,183
Other beverages (HL)	2,361	2,327	130,943	144,765	313	307	17,319	20,049
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	2,775	3,333	1,711,417	1,711,549	403	368	212,910	192,480
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	724	846	288,174	307,789	174	114	57,452	40,741
Flaxseed (MT)	187	188	53,464	53,446	28	14	7,806	4,482

Mustard seeds (MT)	50	48	20,902	17,860	4	4	2,122	1,646
Rapeseed (MT)	230	325	76,709	102,122	24	47	7,710	13,933
Sesameseed (MT)	30	35	34,212	37,368	4	5	3,728	5,092
Soybeans (MT)	149	108	47,647	30,618	109	14	33,925	4,753
Sunflower seeds (MT)	14	26	4,547	8,107	3	3	842	1,004
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	65	117	50,694	58,267	2	27	1,318	9,831
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,362	1,514	1,293,574	1,257,948	145	152	139,528	137,155
Castor oil (MT)	25	36	18,198	26,780	7	8	5,253	6,264
Coconut oil (MT)	385	509	284,689	269,257	26	42	18,555	24,990
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	0	49	56	0	0	4	0
Olive oil (MT)	106	121	336,338	275,714	16	17	38,862	35,996
Palm oil (MT)	113	97	49,808	43,595	9	6	3,941	3,287
Palm kernel oil (MT)	145	124	110,219	83,714	20	14	15,127	9,405
Peanut oil (MT)	5	2	5,128	2,608	4	0	3,254	152
Rapeseed oil (MT)	373	382	232,452	254,846	42	39	25,259	26,562
Soybean oil (MT)	18	20	12,064	13,768	3	3	1,689	1,806
Sesame oil (MT)	5	5	15,565	15,282	1	1	2,028	1,589
Other vegetable oils (MT)	187	217	229,062	272,328	20	23	25,556	27,104
Oilcake & meal (MT)	688	972	129,670	145,812	84	102	15,930	14,584
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	11	2	16,570	3,213	0	0	127	50
Cotton linters (MT)	12	7	13,012	7,254	1	0	1,441	32
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	193	225	291,705	353,120	10	10	22,826	23,919
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	458,182	528,667	--	--	40,911	44,362
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	285,491	326,585	--	--	17,835	19,998
Other vegetable prods (MT)	1,151	82	212,514	261,108	9	14	27,927	38,775
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	10,641,959	12,099,316	--	--	1,149,862	1,309,757
Fertilizers (MT)	17,232	19,516	1,890,214	1,893,196	1,316	1,703	150,232	180,243
Potassium (MT)	6,723	7,703	440,458	592,141	331	438	22,505	43,151
Nitrogen (MT)	6,192	6,539	1,101,158	903,806	479	705	82,775	98,808
Phosphate (MT)	4,301	5,266	345,692	394,354	506	559	44,602	37,908
Fish (MT)	1,120	1,204	5,231,847	6,101,218	132	152	607,195	726,726
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	730	765	2,289,016	2,476,867	82	93	257,323	285,556
Shellfish (MT)	330	393	2,879,259	3,565,178	38	50	340,606	432,957
Fish prods, other (MT)	61	46	63,572	59,173	12	9	9,266	8,213
Ag chemicals (MT)	89	101	886,545	941,705	7	8	76,495	70,940
Fungicides (MT)	28	28	110,490	123,936	2	4	15,027	21,671
Herbicides (MT)	22	20	302,549	285,366	1	1	17,411	16,063
Insecticides (MT)	10	16	153,635	216,788	1	2	13,482	18,618
Other pesticides (MT)	28	36	319,870	315,615	2	2	30,575	14,587
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,348,477	2,798,941	--	--	276,273	290,167
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	2,657	3,919	1,231,384	1,554,090	301	528	150,263	158,866
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,117,093	1,244,851	--	--	126,010	131,300



Tobacco - mfg (NA)

-- -- 284,876 364,256 -- -- 39,667 41,680

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

Item	Apr	May	Jun	YTD	% chng 1997/98
Agricultural exports	4,249	3,928	3,971	42,675	-4
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,609	3,209	3,327	30,527	5
Imports (Customs value)	3,328	2,981	3,099	28,323	5
Trade Balance:					
Exports less c.i.f. imports	641	718	644	12,148	-20
Exports less Customs valued imports	922	946	872	14,352	-17
Preliminary data.					

Commodity group	Apr	May	Jun	YTD	% chng
Total	4,249	3,928	3,971	42,675	-4
Live animals	55	40	33	538	18
Meat & poultry	586	600	583	5,246	2
Dairy prod & eqqs	101	87	87	886	16
Animal fats	57	48	59	477	19
Hides & skins	118	109	119	1,073	-17
Wheat	262	269	265	2,813	3
Rice	92	71	116	919	15
Corn	316	326	352	3,273	-34
Other feed grains	49	46	24	627	1
Animal feeds	378	307	279	3,624	1
Soybeans	251	194	163	5,580	-9
Vegetable oils	174	149	181	1,704	44
Fruits & nuts	349	365	414	3,474	-4
Vegetables	376	383	372	3,245	4
Cotton & linters	234	161	194	2,105	-7
Tobacco, unmf.	199	149	109	1,213	-13
Seeds & nursery	91	76	51	953	0
Preliminary data.					

Commodity group	Apr	May	Jun	YTD	% chng
Total	3,328	2,981	3,099	28,323	5
Live animals	152	134	123	1,301	13
Meat & poultry	222	211	267	2,033	4
Dairy prod & eqqs	104	107	128	980	0
Grains & feeds	245	239	250	2,342	0
Fruits & nuts	434	402	458	3,657	-2
Vegetables	430	347	329	3,408	18
Vegetable oils	146	132	137	1,258	-3
Wine	157	137	147	1,395	16
Malt beverages	136	152	184	1,179	15
Coffee	319	300	269	2,902	8
Cocoa	130	103	118	1,311	23
Rubber, natural	81	85	80	773	-24
Cane & beet sugar	65	70	91	492	-26
Tobacco, unmf.	68	28	18	591	-32
Seeds & flowers	222	141	88	1,208	17
Preliminary data.					