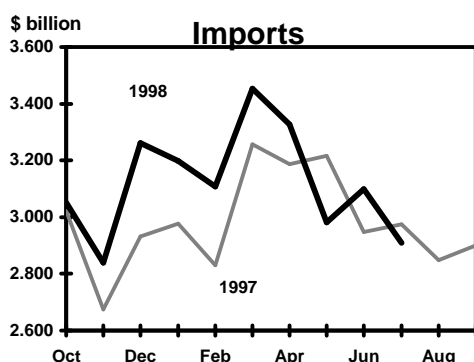
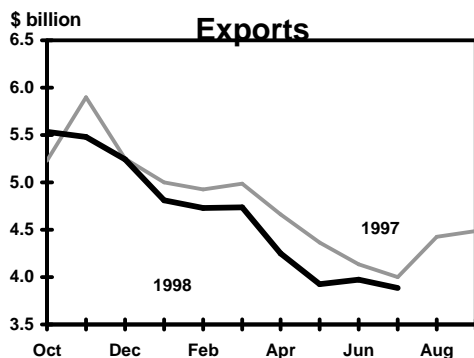
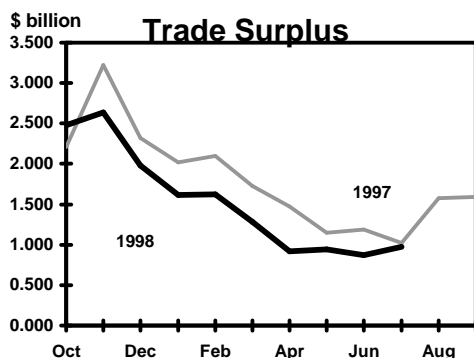


# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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**Summary**--October 1997-July 1998 U.S. agricultural exports were \$46.6 billion, a 4-percent drop from a year ago. Exports in July were \$3.9 billion, down 3 percent from July 1997. Cumulative fiscal 1998 agricultural imports were up 4 percent, reaching \$31.2 billion. Imports in July however, were slightly below a year ago at \$2.9 billion. The year-to-date agricultural trade surplus was \$15.3 billion, down 17 percent from 1997.

**Exports**--Cumulative bulk exports for fiscal 1998 were 13 percent below 1997, due largely from lower export unit values. Fiscal year-to-date *wheat* exports were 20.7 million tons, up 18 percent from the previous year. Although wheat sales have strengthened in recent months, July exports were 6 percent below 1997 at 2.3 million tons. The cumulative wheat export value for fiscal 1998 was \$3.1 billion, nearly the same as a year ago. Wheat exports to Egypt, Iraq, and Mexico were up sharply for July and the year-to-date. Shipments to other leading markets in Asia, including South Korea, the Philippines, and Pakistan were lower compared with 1997.

*Corn* exports in July remained the same as a month earlier at 3.3 million tons, up 14 percent from July 1997. Cumulative corn exports for fiscal 1998, however, were 21 percent below fiscal 1997 at 31 million tons. Among leading markets for corn, Canada and Mexico made larger year-to-date purchases compared with 1997. This was offset by much weaker exports to Asian markets.

*Soybean* exports in July were 790,000 tons, up 159,000 tons from the previous month. Stronger soybean exports in July boosted the cumulative fiscal total to 21.8 million tons, virtually the same as a year ago. While exports to the European Union dropped from the previous month, shipments to Mexico and East Asia increased. Indonesia purchased 100,000 tons in July, up sharply from previous months. The lower export unit value for soybeans reduced the year-to-date value from \$6.3 billion in 1997 to \$5.8 billion in 1998.

Year-to-date cotton exports were 1.4 million

tons, unchanged from the same period in 1997. Shipments to China fell from 357,000 tons to 142,000 tons. Exports to Mexico in July were 53,000 tons, pushing the cumulative total to 268,000, up 86 percent from a year ago.

*High value products (HVP)* remain higher than a year ago. Continued strong demand for vegetable oils pushed the value higher in July. Vegetable oil exports reached \$1.8 billion, a 40-percent increase over 1997. Cumulative beef and veal exports reached \$2 billion, a 4-percent increase from 1997. The year-to-date volume of beef shipments increased 12 percent. However, the export unit value fell 7 percent. October through July export volume to Japan was up 17 percent from the previous year, giving a total of 311,000 tons.

Wine shipments in July continued at a faster pace, with a year-to-date total of \$399 million, a 35-percent increase. Exports of wine to the European Union increased 30 percent, while sales to Japan jumped 189 percent.

**Imports**--Imports of vegetables continued to be the fastest growing category in fiscal 1998, reaching \$3.7 billion, up 18 percent from 1997. Tomato imports in July were 63,000 tons, a 62-percent increase over the same month a year ago. Year-to-date tomato imports reached 780,000 tons, with a value of \$667 million.

Wine imports continued at fast pace through July, with the value reaching \$1.5 billion, up from a year earlier. However, the volume of wine increased only 3 percent over this same period as a result of a shift toward wine with higher import unit values. Year-to-date beer and other malt beverage imports were also up 15 percent, reaching \$1.4 billion. Coffee import volume in July was down 21 percent from the same month a year ago. The cumulative volume reached 975,000 tons, down 7 percent from a year ago. The value of coffee reached \$3.1 billion, nearly the same as the previous year.

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	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	48,449,167	46,559,426	--	--	3,998,381	3,884,180
Animals & animal prods (NA)	--	--	9,309,250	9,433,037	--	--	965,253	914,869
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	--	--	403,073	476,738	--	--	31,263	27,865
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	202	231	125,637	144,830	26	18	16,072	9,117
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	33	53	203,437	238,388	2	6	7,331	12,748
Swine - live (NO)	43	94	7,930	15,876	3	14	773	1,431
Sheep, live (NO)	684	1,070	28,892	45,764	50	29	2,203	1,350
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	37,177	31,881	--	--	4,884	3,219
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,472	1,742	3,626,209	3,823,606	166	180	410,908	386,138
Beef & veal (MT)	525	587	1,941,135	2,011,186	65	65	230,888	204,355
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	513	573	1,892,279	1,954,082	64	63	226,470	197,978
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	12	14	48,856	57,104	1	2	4,418	6,377
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	12	10	40,464	31,651	1	1	3,236	2,564
Lamb, mutton or goat-fr, ch, frz (MT)	2	2	5,467	5,727	0	0	640	414
Pork (MT)	248	333	819,710	913,436	28	30	91,899	79,442
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	218	296	736,234	815,640	25	26	84,916	69,807
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	30	37	83,476	97,796	3	4	6,982	9,635
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	373	435	534,594	561,513	41	44	54,976	61,408
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	313	374	284,839	300,093	31	40	29,270	37,956
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	--	--	2,390,227	2,322,021	--	--	219,339	234,542
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	93,152	100,600	--	--	10,608	11,326
Baby chicks (NO)	39,304	40,284	82,279	86,204	3,923	3,885	9,026	9,982
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	10,873	14,396	--	--	1,582	1,344
Poultry meats (MT)	2,090	2,295	2,096,416	2,016,249	218	225	191,654	207,531
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,809	2,023	1,682,917	1,603,985	190	200	153,209	167,523
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	185	172	223,559	192,025	21	16	22,654	18,186
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	4	5	7,139	9,401	0	0	802	940
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	92	94	182,801	210,837	6	10	14,989	20,882
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	21,393	17,206	0	0	1,607	994
Eggs (NA)	--	--	179,266	187,966	--	--	15,470	14,691
Dairy prods (NA)	--	--	694,686	782,639	--	--	91,764	70,182
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	8	7	5,168	6,244	1	0	534	236
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	30	73	48,421	126,228	5	6	7,709	11,654
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	8	6	15,259	12,959	1	0	2,154	370
Cheese (MT)	29	32	94,542	103,336	3	3	11,449	9,910
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	112,619	96,761	--	--	12,660	9,592
Other dairv prods (NA)	--	--	418,676	437,111	--	--	57,258	38,419
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	857	1099	446,344	537,291	89	132	45,532	60,329
Lard (MT)	59	61	33,427	30,956	6	5	3,293	2,815
Tallow - inedible (MT)	585	782	284,530	371,279	65	101	29,272	44,479
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	213	256	128,386	135,056	18	25	12,967	13,035
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,438,468	1,174,094	--	--	138,352	101,279
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	17,417	15,967	1,044,170	824,491	1,845	1,601	105,732	76,862
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	129,003	78,552	--	--	10,916	6,174
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,774	1,749	37,300	34,366	128	67	1,879	1,583
Horse hides, whole (PC)	135	91	3,728	2,438	22	3	426	85
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	2,071	1,869	21,588	22,151	310	202	2,441	2,680
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	53,312	62,215	--	--	5,836	5,030
Furskins (NA)	--	--	149,367	149,882	--	--	11,122	8,865
Mink pelts (NO)	3,248	2,830	84,246	77,283	246	138	8,133	4,449
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	65,121	72,599	--	--	2,989	4,416
Wool & mohair (MT)	3	2	14,254	10,186	0	0	1,104	1,908
Sausage casings (MT)	11	14	46,840	51,216	1	2	4,803	4,356
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	54,388	57,128	--	--	4,618	4,076
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	194,760	198,119	--	--	17,570	24,195
Grains & feeds (MT)	77,376	72,121	13,558,078	11,814,873	6,699	7,154	1,117,887	1,095,685
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	18,007	20,706	3,109,969	3,123,779	2,463	2,315	379,070	311,067
Wheat flour (MT)	417	367	117,350	95,890	56	34	15,413	8,184
Bulqur wheat (MT)	8	3	1,865	512	1	0	341	19
Other wheat prods (MT)	53	64	48,730	63,962	7	8	5,508	7,305
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,273	2,895	858,137	989,730	189	211	56,997	71,031
Feed grains & prods (MT)	45,113	37,102	6,139,984	4,437,810	2,880	3,588	352,340	395,831
Feed grains (MT)	44,508	36,610	5,939,860	4,277,099	2,814	3,534	331,878	377,403
Barley (MT)	692	857	106,774	118,114	151	47	19,620	7,009
Corn (MT)	39,417	31,033	5,279,977	3,619,806	2,474	3,259	291,979	346,656
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,376	4,692	550,124	535,599	187	227	19,910	23,557
Oats (MT)	21	26	2,836	3,432	2	1	333	154
Rye (MT)	1	2	149	148	0	0	36	27
Feed grain prods (MT)	606	492	200,124	160,711	66	54	20,463	18,428
Popcorn (MT)	86	84	67,458	58,411	7	9	5,248	5,897
Blended food prods (MT)	259	219	78,878	58,522	32	11	11,234	3,042
Other grain prods (MT)	779	805	882,267	928,642	75	88	84,350	94,180
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	10,381	9,876	2,253,439	2,057,613	990	890	207,386	199,129
Corn by-products (MT)	5,001	4,754	743,603	593,192	513	439	73,125	56,001
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	226	218	39,312	36,217	24	18	4,628	2,697
Beet pulp (MT)	578	464	77,834	57,394	54	49	8,428	6,522
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	772	659	73,157	42,838	35	16	3,060	1,466
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,804	3,781	1,319,532	1,327,972	364	369	118,144	132,444
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,788	2,619	2,285,661	2,136,869	319	253	289,402	236,527
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,433	2,215	1,739,866	1,563,964	283	213	233,246	181,709
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	1,160	1,105	661,341	619,188	55	55	38,584	31,879
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	470	378	233,223	184,355	15	10	7,318	5,566
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	113	107	107,227	79,066	10	9	14,303	6,786
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	574	619	318,860	354,607	30	36	16,913	19,506

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	2	1	2,031	1,159	0	0	51	21
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,273	1,110	1,078,525	944,776	228	158	194,662	149,830
Apples - fresh (MT)	617	476	367,280	289,331	55	35	31,287	20,396
Berries - fresh (MT)	57	53	95,730	94,526	8	11	15,541	18,301
Cherries - fresh (MT)	37	36	134,109	111,046	12	15	35,435	43,435
Grapes - fresh (MT)	127	148	185,792	192,903	27	9	34,036	13,114
Melons - fresh (MT)	172	154	63,205	61,279	54	46	16,566	14,896
Peaches - fresh (MT)	70	41	63,393	41,701	34	18	28,106	16,922
Pears - fresh (MT)	101	137	61,623	74,870	6	4	3,914	2,840
Plums - fresh (MT)	44	21	37,477	21,338	27	13	21,471	11,863
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	49	44	69,916	57,782	5	8	8,305	8,063
Fruits - dried (MT)	163	183	311,720	320,303	16	17	30,752	28,109
Raisins - dried (MT)	93	98	163,102	163,518	9	9	16,385	13,692
Prunes - dried (MT)	56	58	115,311	110,411	6	5	11,435	9,921
Other dried fruits (MT)	15	26	33,307	46,374	1	2	2,932	4,497
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	105	119	111,201	117,682	8	10	10,320	10,132
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	34	33	46,316	47,031	6	5	7,562	6,679
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	54	69	76,558	87,890	6	8	7,521	9,897
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	8,625	8,963	551,136	543,992	831	1,292	52,512	66,163
Apple juice (HL)	450	325	52,530	39,643	37	21	3,558	2,742
Grape juice (HL)	708	672	55,444	54,034	64	67	6,024	5,772
Grapefruit juice (HL)	694	555	48,511	39,055	84	64	4,433	4,288
Orange juice (HL)	4,620	4,702	254,582	245,744	359	802	21,654	33,670
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,153	2,708	140,069	165,516	286	337	16,844	19,691
Wine (HL)	1,580	2,062	295,430	398,624	190	236	37,028	47,237
Nuts & prep (MT)	442	480	1,189,192	1,196,700	31	37	70,052	100,392
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	136	167	665,123	627,282	7	15	33,666	59,442
Filberts (MT)	10	19	19,982	35,400	0	1	698	1,782
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	183	173	183,538	174,544	18	15	18,687	15,428
Pistachios (MT)	15	31	68,336	129,464	1	2	6,172	8,660
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	70	59	170,002	140,091	1	2	3,623	5,803
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	9	10	34,868	43,526	1	1	3,782	5,588
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	19	22	47,343	46,393	2	1	3,425	3,688
Vegetables & prep (NA)	--	--	3,458,793	3,573,140	--	--	347,968	328,291
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,568	1,559	879,068	946,609	202	146	96,949	79,750
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	14	15	46,958	43,637	1	0	2,293	1,067
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	116	113	80,946	80,338	10	8	8,002	5,879
Carrots - fresh (MT)	92	103	44,363	52,637	9	9	4,522	4,671
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	40	40	15,790	19,526	3	1	965	605
Celery - fresh (MT)	106	112	43,699	44,605	10	8	5,157	2,797
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	79	70	51,658	50,507	6	5	4,521	3,232
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	50	41	20,307	18,318	9	5	3,673	1,820
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	32	22	15,450	12,160	6	2	2,433	852
Garlic - fresh (MT)	6	6	9,441	7,948	1	1	906	812
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	263	270	128,516	156,668	15	18	8,557	9,547
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	5	5	18,293	16,937	0	0	480	353
Onions and shallots - fresh (MT)	174	177	59,743	68,536	22	14	7,239	6,855
Peppers - fresh (MT)	58	52	48,791	52,970	7	6	6,536	5,634
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	266	265	69,586	80,242	74	47	19,347	11,749
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	122	114	102,489	107,607	19	13	13,174	15,671
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	145	155	123,039	133,971	10	8	9,145	8,207
Vegetables - froz (MT)	487	531	390,934	406,302	51	55	40,493	42,215
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	54	66	46,682	53,439	6	6	5,141	4,901
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	347	370	255,045	262,414	36	41	26,857	29,620
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	86	96	89,207	90,449	9	9	8,495	7,694
Vegetables - canned (MT)	393	373	319,438	299,261	40	31	31,311	26,194
Pulses (MT)	399	525	227,278	279,102	42	49	21,850	26,263
Dried beans (MT)	296	394	179,835	230,582	29	37	16,127	21,979
Dried peas (MT)	59	93	24,443	31,861	9	9	3,628	2,919
Dried lentils (MT)	44	38	23,001	16,660	4	4	2,095	1,366
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	10	9	87,784	80,516	1	1	8,061	6,482
Other ved - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	1,554,291	1,561,349	--	--	149,304	147,386
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	30,436	33,260	9,953,415	10,094,446	1,215	1,547	512,866	505,657
Oilcake & meal (MT)	6,000	8,045	1,620,129	1,860,580	309	490	79,186	94,895
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	484	287	50,381	24,564	66	42	6,110	3,550
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	105	33	14,033	3,705	16	1	2,123	114
Soybean meal (MT)	5,246	7,582	1,528,841	1,810,014	214	440	68,586	90,124
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	165	143	26,875	22,297	13	7	2,368	1,107
Oilseeds (MT)	22,445	22,597	6,999,429	6,362,400	676	847	281,805	243,034
Rapeseed (MT)	77	113	24,787	31,085	5	9	1,542	2,499
Safflower seeds (MT)	46	32	29,768	13,061	1	0	686	38
Soybeans (MT)	21,847	21,806	6,307,989	5,776,763	632	790	196,198	197,123
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	86	124	69,799	84,047	6	9	5,643	7,361
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	42	34	36,130	30,595	3	1	2,273	1,138
Other oilseeds (MT)	212	370	67,465	104,541	16	26	5,094	7,350
Protein substances (MT)	134	119	463,492	322,307	13	11	70,368	27,524
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,991	2,618	1,333,857	1,871,467	230	210	151,876	167,728
Soybean oil (MT)	758	1,203	421,793	761,686	65	73	37,642	50,778
Cottonseed oil (MT)	94	84	57,326	54,766	11	7	6,979	4,557
Sunflower oil (MT)	287	358	154,946	233,279	66	17	34,940	14,614
Corn oil (MT)	352	421	227,209	303,842	31	45	20,677	36,416
Peanut oil (MT)	5	5	5,372	5,308	0	0	358	273
Rapeseed oil (MT)	108	129	61,095	82,178	13	22	7,201	14,799
Safflower oil (MT)	31	31	37,304	37,231	2	6	2,299	7,046

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	357	388	368,812	393,177	42	41	41,780	39,246
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	219	186	1,448,298	1,273,844	7	9	56,971	61,092
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	60	45	460,344	360,080	2	2	19,152	16,283
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	111	97	794,049	691,582	4	4	27,329	33,412
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	47	44	193,905	222,182	2	3	10,489	11,396
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,402	1,403	2,433,788	2,283,954	109	124	186,842	195,394
Cotton linters (MT)	72	45	23,555	18,150	9	5	2,829	1,516
Essential oils (MT)	39	39	527,267	445,659	4	4	49,196	44,472
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	1,084	774	787,722	743,913	68	59	42,922	36,297
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	--	--	1,198,698	1,208,078	--	--	121,835	118,524
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	510,626	519,642	--	--	54,248	54,921
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	116	105	51,109	41,012	9	13	4,124	5,057
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	459,517	478,630	--	--	50,124	49,864
Coffee (MT)	36	35	175,847	189,012	4	4	20,644	19,626
Cocoa (MT)	30	28	64,545	60,857	3	2	6,247	5,172
Chocolate & prep (MT)	87	90	290,127	281,451	8	8	25,358	22,374
Tea & mate (MT)	16	17	74,006	70,850	2	2	6,910	7,592
Spices (MT)	22	24	47,112	56,551	2	2	4,307	5,849
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	19	17	34,521	28,330	2	2	3,508	2,886
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	2	1	1,913	1,386	0	0	613	104
Other misc veg prods (MT)	54	54	411,892	386,009	6	5	42,307	30,105
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	226,864	263,108	--	--	16,193	17,833
Beverages ex juices (NA)	--	--	790,130	745,030	--	--	86,317	84,126
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	14,034,489	13,772,615	--	--	1,413,382	1,449,146
Fertilizers (MT)	16	16	2,656,802	2,584,840	1	1	282,761	336,871
Nitrogen (MT)	8	8	2,639,848	2,569,593	1	0	281,383	335,498
Phosphate (MT)	8	8	16,954	15,247	1	1	1,378	1,373
Fish & shellfish (MT)	930	757	2,350,870	1,875,794	103	86	288,974	234,675
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	568	462	1,326,783	1,049,211	72	53	214,205	162,714
Shellfish (MT)	162	87	662,905	535,024	9	8	43,516	38,600
Other fish prods (MT)	200	208	361,182	291,558	22	26	31,253	33,362
Aq chemicals (MT)	264	276	1,487,644	1,650,850	25	32	150,085	159,555
Fungicides (MT)	25	28	145,510	173,731	2	2	14,318	12,069
Herbicides (MT)	132	140	758,616	835,375	13	19	83,497	87,753
Insecticides (MT)	57	54	328,358	355,536	5	6	30,954	33,036
Other pesticides (MT)	50	53	255,160	286,208	4	5	21,316	26,698
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	3,425,086	3,433,890	--	--	320,872	327,305
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	54	52	1,617,768	1,549,787	5	5	164,583	167,648
Other aq machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	1,807,318	1,884,102	--	--	156,289	159,657
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	4,114,087	4,227,242	--	--	370,691	390,741

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

Wheat	metric tons			Corn	metric tons		
	Oct-Jul 1997	Oct-Jul 1998	Jul 1998		Oct-Jul 1997	Oct-Jul 1998	Jul 1998
Egypt	1,655,252	3,025,690	265,841	Japan	12,316,979	11,921,500	1,184,479
Japan	2,369,225	2,628,231	144,199	Mexico	2,731,811	3,465,994	307,041
Pakistan	1,728,920	1,301,750	0	Taiwan	4,705,032	2,891,279	105,466
Philippines	1,371,989	1,189,459	153,239	South Korea	4,844,629	2,797,471	353,045
Mexico	1,008,381	1,188,604	230,972	Egypt	1,920,689	1,327,842	253,897
South Korea	1,218,425	1,137,974	72,409	Canada	736,451	1,221,375	109,396
European Union	727,578	858,788	81,540	Colombia	1,104,360	845,959	92,875
Taiwan	767,716	808,241	35,657	Saudi Arabia	828,864	760,712	61,987
Iraq	93,755	761,876	196,749	Algeria	652,620	682,498	75,103
Israel	531,417	650,820	136,438	Venezuela	597,197	513,094	74,873
World	18,007,041	20,705,685	2,315,120	World	39,358,935	31,032,924	3,259,257
Soybeans	Oct-Jul 1997	Oct-Jul 1998	Jul 1998	Cotton	Oct-Jul 1997	Oct-Jul 1998	Jul 1998
European Union	7,836,140	7,665,738	2,349	Mexico	144,389	268,481	53,162
Japan	3,229,459	3,116,330	196,275	South Korea	117,498	142,944	8,334
Mexico	2,312,294	2,643,351	286,302	China	357,231	142,087	3,101
Taiwan	1,778,025	1,518,313	8,367	Japan	129,278	128,887	10,578
China	1,529,388	1,427,947	45,528	Turkey	88,557	123,929	8,029
South Korea	1,323,093	1,004,104	78,459	Indonesia	121,612	89,004	5,647
Indonesia	683,922	672,606	100,099	Taiwan	51,734	73,229	2,510
Brazil	190,698	807,638	0	European Union	49,474	61,128	3,918
Argentina	0	511,617	0	Canada	43,655	53,166	5,721
Thailand	433,716	453,304	43,995	Thailand	41,074	45,725	1,922
World	21,847,036	21,805,576	789,641	World	1,401,575	1,403,255	124,224

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

Quantity and unit	October-July				July			
	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)	--	--	30,049,292	31,231,709	--	--	2,975,156	2,908,267
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	7,640,928	7,857,194	--	--	865,501	679,223
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,275	3,463	1,020,963	996,882	322	311	99,373	95,479
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1052	975	3,118,782	3,140,988	111	88	428,167	238,711
Cocoa & prods (MT)	656	741	1,179,141	1,434,875	59	65	117,383	124,045
Tea (MT)	118	128	171,531	218,097	14	16	19,825	23,658
Spices (MT)	132	123	332,708	381,321	13	12	37,935	38,728
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	894	933	1,115,050	852,022	79	99	92,452	78,631
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	3,292	407	0	0	94	1
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	11	11	30,903	27,911	1	1	2,756	3,295
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	88	85	39,495	37,755	9	10	3,846	4,100
Essential oils (NA)	--	--	283,014	305,030	--	--	26,029	26,204
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	53	69	346,048	461,907	6	11	37,640	46,371
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	22,408,364	23,374,515	--	--	2,109,655	2,229,043
Animals & prods (NA)	--	--	5,362,735	5,668,090	--	--	513,219	582,806
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	4,236	5,230	1,261,548	1,386,592	394	474	122,660	101,547
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,625	1,764	867,384	942,389	129	94	84,578	63,953
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	19	37	118,210	144,036	1	2	8,834	8,020
Swine (NO)	2,527	3,358	250,789	274,079	262	374	27,216	27,400
Sheep, live (NO)	39	46	5,372	5,809	1	2	149	166
Other live animals (NO)	26	25	19,793	20,280	2	3	1,882	2,008
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	951	1017	2,149,523	2,259,086	93	117	210,263	245,631
Beef & veal (MT)	655	712	1,286,229	1,464,257	64	85	126,144	166,634
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	600	661	1,116,812	1,295,189	58	79	107,167	147,978
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	55	51	169,417	169,068	6	6	18,978	18,656
Pork (MT)	216	220	638,435	566,612	21	24	63,033	57,744
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	157	164	411,887	369,857	15	18	41,084	37,615
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	59	56	226,548	196,755	6	6	21,949	20,128
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	33	40	122,203	136,744	3	4	10,462	12,076
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	35	36	60,858	52,396	4	4	6,076	5,501
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	2	16,723	14,705	0	0	1,338	1,042
Other meats & prods (MT)	10	8	25,074	24,349	1	1	3,210	2,634
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	155,468	173,551	--	--	17,474	20,017
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	18,243	17,749	--	--	1,883	1,947
Poultry meat (MT)	5	6	16,367	21,139	0	0	1,555	1,581
Eggs (NA)	--	--	16,922	12,872	--	--	1,450	1,293
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	18	22	103,935	121,791	2	2	12,586	15,197
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	1,059,919	1,118,108	--	--	99,329	149,804
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	98	90	19,542	26,554	5	12	1,786	3,257
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	9	19	14,602	37,572	1	9	1,877	16,757
Cheese (MT)	124	126	484,457	481,839	11	15	43,535	55,386
Casein & mixtures (MT)	86	90	379,140	378,576	9	12	39,039	49,759
Other dairy prods (NA)	--	--	162,178	193,565	--	--	13,093	24,645
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	62	66	47,721	49,636	8	6	5,784	4,242
Hides & skins (NA)	--	--	185,760	164,072	--	--	11,534	12,262
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	2	9,883	7,206	0	0	683	1,100
Other hides & skins (NA)	--	--	102,400	89,614	--	--	8,188	7,564
Furskins (NA)	--	--	73,478	67,252	--	--	2,663	3,597
Wool - unmfq, apparel grades (MT)	22	30	82,869	112,026	2	2	6,741	5,263
Sausage casings (MT)	12	12	58,206	64,891	1	1	6,312	6,743
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	8,007	8,787	--	--	592	530
Misc animal prods (NA)	--	--	353,715	331,342	--	--	32,530	36,768
Grains & feeds (MT)	7,099	6,406	2,428,786	2,416,339	625	578	227,371	220,117
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,907	1,689	310,560	267,009	142	166	22,637	22,388
Corn, unmilled (MT)	221	100	29,650	13,845	28	20	3,479	2,232
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,598	1,345	209,136	153,751	122	115	14,486	10,591
Barley, unmilled (MT)	783	706	117,957	95,755	88	45	12,623	5,774
Rice (MT)	279	245	163,167	161,052	18	21	13,918	13,934
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	222	253	504,688	565,752	23	25	53,138	52,232
Pasta & noodles (MT)	225	259	215,965	239,162	21	25	20,113	22,803
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	469,945	488,827	--	--	45,151	47,299
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	1,205	1,112	407,717	431,187	120	94	41,826	42,865
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,673	2,890	1,791,936	1,905,520	173	193	119,342	149,826
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,147	2,377	1,266,158	1,395,503	113	150	63,045	107,894
Apples, fresh (MT)	148	141	72,908	69,038	20	15	10,698	6,713
Avocados (MT)	21	23	19,668	26,232	0	0	358	439
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	50	45	70,939	60,721	6	7	9,735	9,046
Citrus, fresh (MT)	188	222	80,225	104,793	24	37	10,228	22,276
Grapes, fresh (MT)	351	416	385,778	439,517	1	14	1,069	22,533
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	33	31	20,657	21,491	2	6	1,382	4,071
Mangoes (MT)	171	172	114,969	114,645	34	41	14,375	23,852
Melons (MT)	779	862	228,383	252,520	4	4	1,308	1,301
Peaches (MT)	41	34	32,601	26,370	0	0	3	10
Pears (MT)	78	67	50,031	45,734	0	0	297	36
Pineapples, fresh or frozen (MT)	138	213	63,645	70,352	13	15	5,721	5,210
Plums (MT)	23	19	20,914	17,686	0	0	21	14
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	42	49	45,965	86,263	1	2	792	2,962
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	85	81	59,474	60,141	8	10	7,060	9,430
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	527	512	525,778	510,017	59	42	56,297	41,932
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	236	218	165,017	159,054	30	17	21,249	11,837
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	291	294	360,761	350,963	29	26	35,048	30,095
Fruit juices (HL)	25,758	22,729	796,698	572,926	2,087	1,920	65,039	47,409
Apple juice (HL)	9,836	8,594	324,330	199,026	858	807	25,243	14,046

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	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
Grape juice (HL)	1,806	1,169	71,563	51,795	292	89	10,940	4,667
Grapefruit juice (HL)	9	6	343	370	1	0	27	34
Lemon juice (HL)	295	347	7,773	6,503	74	48	1,843	1,032
Lime juice (HL)	120	146	2,384	3,023	28	29	430	773
Orange juice (HL)	9,561	9,148	210,414	176,147	456	671	10,429	14,592
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,530	2,064	74,428	63,464	222	172	6,351	4,949
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,602	1,255	105,462	72,598	156	103	9,777	7,316
Nuts & preps (MT)	172	196	456,569	530,496	16	19	48,691	56,610
Brazil nuts (MT)	8	9	18,342	21,691	1	1	2,918	2,161
Cashew nuts (MT)	52	60	241,117	270,963	6	8	28,301	36,039
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	10,226	11,060	0	0	9	29
Coconut meat (MT)	57	62	58,428	51,968	6	7	6,152	6,099
Filberts (MT)	4	4	14,239	18,021	0	0	957	1,435
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	2	17,278	23,246	0	0	3,659	3,395
Pecans (MT)	19	22	36,451	64,027	0	1	2,284	3,289
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	0	3,138	1,200	0	0	710	7
Other nuts (MT)	26	31	57,349	68,320	2	2	3,702	4,157
Vegetables & preps (NA)	--	--	3,134,033	3,705,548	--	--	243,952	297,535
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	2,920	3,399	1,799,904	2,286,721	165	195	113,131	154,855
Tomatoes (MT)	685	780	563,649	666,985	39	63	34,530	55,953
Asparagus, fresh or frozen (MT)	32	41	56,312	78,919	4	4	5,415	5,505
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	26	26	30,779	28,871	1	1	959	1,242
Cabbage (MT)	23	43	4,655	11,774	3	5	772	1,627
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	84	84	19,224	22,667	6	3	1,123	968
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz (MT)	184	195	109,361	117,470	13	16	7,938	9,537
Celery, fresh (MT)	25	42	6,646	10,725	1	0	214	118
Cucumbers (MT)	292	313	94,728	146,700	8	8	3,560	4,618
Eqplant (MT)	28	38	19,269	29,970	0	0	54	160
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	3	3,614	5,149	0	0	327	451
Garlic (MT)	17	27	19,361	32,140	2	3	1,716	4,045
Lettuce (MT)	18	20	8,567	12,292	7	2	2,618	1,012
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	21	22	9,607	10,474	7	3	2,466	1,064
Onions (MT)	251	243	119,243	144,637	7	8	6,083	5,513
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	32	33	30,764	39,528	2	3	2,102	3,244
Peppers (MT)	243	270	227,364	302,993	11	15	11,027	21,836
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	542	772	199,330	291,118	33	39	16,762	20,752
Radishes, fresh (MT)	12	16	5,589	11,535	0	0	72	391
Squash (MT)	137	153	86,328	102,971	1	2	698	1,042
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	266	279	185,516	219,803	19	19	14,694	15,778
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	1,334,129	1,418,828	--	--	130,821	142,679
Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT)	22	22	19,890	17,399	1	2	1,130	1,372
Bean cake, miso (MT)	9	6	20,738	15,492	1	1	1,873	1,361
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	30	34	16,637	18,066	2	3	1,438	1,709
Garlic, dried (MT)	6	9	2,857	3,748	0	1	186	244
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	63	71	152,731	150,024	7	7	16,030	14,061
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	58	56	100,779	93,836	6	5	10,248	8,743
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	16,843	16,575	0	0	1,418	1,361
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	2	2,620	3,358	0	0	244	390
Hops, incl extract (MT)	6	5	38,906	30,125	0	0	8	274
Artichokes - prep (MT)	24	32	36,862	58,825	4	5	5,769	10,730
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,358	1,595	0	0	183	284
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	91	88	82,649	74,246	7	9	6,667	8,036
Waterchestnuts (MT)	29	29	22,581	17,521	3	3	1,755	1,950
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	61	54	37,283	32,185	5	5	3,196	3,005
Mustard (MT)	12	13	14,945	14,407	1	2	1,385	2,122
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	13	16	15,461	19,428	1	2	1,608	2,534
Soy sauce (MT)	30	32	31,018	32,906	3	3	2,859	3,137
Starches, excl wheat & corn (MT)	135	136	82,479	92,176	24	14	12,502	10,667
Soups & sauces (MT)	79	98	162,555	187,622	7	9	14,553	17,152
Vinegar (HL)	323	390	31,156	31,873	38	52	3,443	3,874
Yeasts (MT)	45	44	51,824	48,875	5	4	4,905	5,049
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	391,957	458,544	--	--	39,422	44,624
Sugar & related prods (NA)	--	--	1,468,175	1,318,781	--	--	182,576	158,076
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	2,204	1,609	770,077	565,631	309	174	104,900	73,460
Molasses (HL)	8,586	9,188	76,855	71,702	696	614	6,887	5,396
Confectionery prods (MT)	186	207	416,307	486,910	23	25	50,280	59,205
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	255	350	204,936	194,537	30	34	20,509	20,015
Spices (MT)	25	30	44,822	44,272	3	3	4,602	4,971
Tobacco - unmf (MT)	276	195	962,148	680,517	28	25	90,391	89,664
Tobacco - filler (MT)	232	156	905,200	627,597	22	19	86,408	82,587
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	42	37	27,011	15,483	5	6	1,896	2,642
Other tobacco (MT)	2	2	29,937	37,436	0	0	2,088	4,435
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	19,374	21,423	2,664,782	3,061,388	2,426	2,680	305,681	342,886
Wine (HL)	3,516	3,636	1,338,521	1,535,404	374	333	132,516	140,704
Malt beverages (HL)	13,188	15,190	1,179,232	1,361,943	1,742	2,077	157,079	182,906
Other beverages (HL)	2,670	2,597	147,029	164,041	309	270	16,086	19,275
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,168	3,668	1,913,069	1,886,889	393	336	201,651	175,340
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	881	939	336,154	339,553	156	93	47,980	31,764
Flaxseed (MT)	208	205	59,549	58,724	22	17	6,085	5,277
Mustard seeds (MT)	53	52	22,303	19,442	3	4	1,401	1,581
Rapeseed (MT)	248	354	82,081	110,686	18	30	5,373	8,563
Sesameseed (MT)	34	39	37,822	42,302	4	4	3,610	4,934
Soybeans (MT)	240	123	74,390	35,567	90	15	26,743	4,949
Sunflower seeds (MT)	15	27	5,091	8,725	2	1	544	619

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	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98	1996/97	1997/98
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	82	138	54,917	64,108	17	21	4,224	5,841
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,513	1,657	1,430,963	1,387,255	151	143	137,390	129,307
Castor oil (MT)	25	36	18,274	26,898	0	0	77	119
Coconut oil (MT)	432	547	314,654	292,037	47	38	29,965	22,781
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	0	50	56	0	0	1	0
Olive oil (MT)	122	136	378,049	304,784	17	15	41,711	29,070
Palm oil (MT)	126	101	55,527	45,570	12	4	5,719	1,975
Palm kernel oil (MT)	153	133	116,310	89,189	9	8	6,090	5,475
Peanut oil (MT)	6	4	6,221	3,835	1	1	1,093	1,226
Rapeseed oil (MT)	416	426	258,144	285,434	42	44	25,692	30,588
Soybean oil (MT)	21	23	13,720	15,621	3	3	1,656	1,853
Sesame oil (MT)	6	6	16,927	17,122	0	1	1,361	1,840
Other vegetable oils (MT)	206	246	253,087	306,709	19	29	24,024	34,382
Oilcake & meal (MT)	775	1072	145,952	160,080	86	100	16,282	14,269
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	12	3	16,769	3,283	0	0	199	71
Cotton linters (MT)	13	7	14,300	7,310	1	0	1,288	57
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	200	234	313,908	373,558	7	9	22,203	20,438
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	496,711	563,248	--	--	38,528	34,581
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	300,647	345,445	--	--	15,156	18,860
Other vegetable prods (MT)	1,162	91	242,279	290,906	10	9	29,765	29,799
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	--	11,825,638	13,378,443	--	--	1,183,679	1,279,127
Fertilizers (MT)	18,647	21,069	2,045,581	2,049,809	1,416	1,552	155,367	156,613
Potassium (MT)	7,098	8,221	464,957	637,207	375	517	24,499	45,067
Nitrogen (MT)	6,693	7,085	1,192,272	983,367	501	546	91,114	79,562
Phosphate (MT)	4,840	5,754	385,208	425,924	539	489	39,516	31,570
Fish (MT)	1,269	1,349	5,899,340	6,820,681	148	145	667,492	719,463
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	818	851	2,575,703	2,762,191	89	87	286,687	285,324
Shellfish (MT)	372	442	3,248,081	3,992,441	42	49	368,822	427,263
Fish prods, other (MT)	78	56	75,555	66,049	17	9	11,983	6,876
Ag chemicals (MT)	94	109	932,739	1,010,968	5	8	46,194	69,263
Fungicides (MT)	30	32	118,502	136,079	2	3	8,012	12,143
Herbicides (MT)	23	21	314,614	301,189	0	1	12,065	15,823
Insecticides (MT)	11	17	164,913	236,317	1	1	11,277	19,529
Other pesticides (MT)	30	39	334,710	337,384	2	3	14,840	21,768
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	2,621,331	3,091,169	--	--	272,854	292,229
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	2,871	4,535	1,387,549	1,702,013	214	616	156,165	147,924
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	1,233,782	1,389,156	--	--	116,689	144,305
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	--	--	326,649	405,816	--	--	41,773	41,560

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	May	Jun	Jul	YTD	%chnq	1997/98
Agricultural exports	3,928	3,971	3,884	46,559	-4	
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,209	3,327	3,327	33,643	15	
Imports (Customs value)	2,981	3,099	2,908	31,232	4	
Trade Balance:						
Exports less c.i.f. imports	718	644	557	12,917	-33	
Exports less Customs valued imports	946	872	976	15,328	-17	

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ million)

Commodity group	May	Jun	Jul	YTD	%chnq
Total	3,928	3,971	3,884	46,559	-4
Live animals	40	33	39	577	16
Meat & poultry	600	583	594	5,840	2
Dairy prod & eggs	87	87	85	971	11
Animal fats	48	59	60	537	20
Hides & skins	109	119	101	1,174	-18
Wheat	269	265	311	3,124	0
Rice	71	116	71	990	15
Corn	326	352	347	3,620	-31
Other feed grains	46	24	31	657	0
Animal feeds	307	279	294	3,918	1
Soybeans	194	163	197	5,777	-8
Vegetable oils	149	181	168	1,871	40
Fruits & nuts	365	414	403	3,878	-4
Vegetables	383	372	328	3,573	3
Cotton & linters	161	194	197	2,302	-6
Tobacco, unmfq.	149	109	61	1,274	-12
Seeds & nursery	76	51	54	1,007	-1

Preliminary data.

Table 7--U.S. agricultural imports, customs value (\$ mil.)

Commodity group	May	Jun	Jul	YTD	%chnq
Total	3,328	2,981	2,908	31,232	4
Live animals	152	134	103	1,404	10
Meat & poultry	222	211	247	2,280	5
Dairy prod & eggs	104	107	151	1,131	5
Grains & feeds	245	239	234	2,576	0
Fruits & nuts	434	402	349	4,006	-1
Vegetables	430	347	298	3,706	18
Vegetable oils	146	132	129	1,387	-3
Wine	157	137	141	1,535	15
Malt beverages	136	152	183	1,362	15
Coffee	319	300	239	3,141	1
Cocoa	130	103	124	1,435	22
Rubber, natural	81	85	79	852	-24
Cane & beet sugar	65	70	73	566	-27
Tobacco, unmfq.	68	28	90	681	-29
Seeds & flowers	222	141	74	1,282	15

Preliminary data.