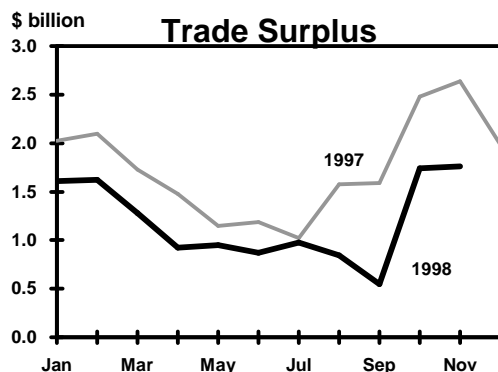


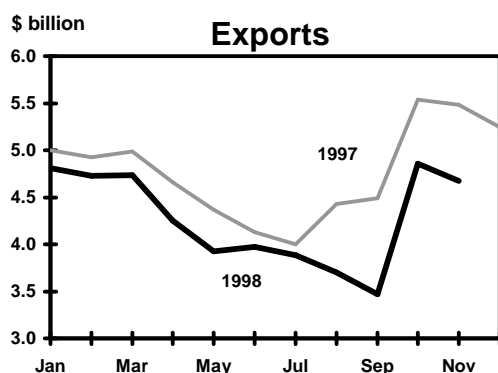
U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary--The monthly U.S. agricultural trade surplus, which had fallen to \$1 billion or less each month between March and September 1998, mostly because of high imports, has revived in October and November to \$1.7 billion as the value of imports declined sharply. November 1998 imports fell 7 percent from October 1998, while exports dropped 4 percent. But, for the first 11 months of calendar year 1998, cumulative imports are still 3 percent above January-November 1997, at \$33.9 billion. Also, the \$47 billion in cumulative exports remains 10 percent below 1997. The 1998 trade surplus through November is \$13.1 billion, down 31 percent from January-November 1997.

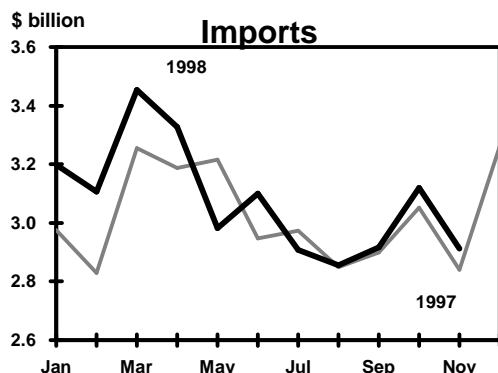


Exports--At \$16.8 billion, bulk product exports in January-November 1998 are 18 percent below the first 11 months of 1997. However, the \$1.8 billion of bulk exports shipped in November is the same as in October and up sharply from September's \$1 billion. The stabilization reflects gains in exports of soybeans, cotton, and corn as marketing of the 1998 harvest intensified.

Soybean exports increased 29 percent from October 1998 to November. However, at 23.3 million tons and \$6.1 billion, soybean exports for the first 11 months of 1998 are still off 3 percent in volume and 12 percent in value compared with the same period in 1997.

Cotton exports also increased in November to 173,000 tons and \$259 million from 58,000 tons and \$90 million in October. In addition to marketing of the new harvest, the spread between the U.S. Memphis price and the international A Index price widened, making Step 2 payments increasingly attractive to U.S. companies. But exporters had to hurry to take advantage of the remaining Step 2 funds as program funding ran out in mid-December. Cotton exports for the year are virtually unchanged in volume from 1997, but down 8 percent in value to \$2.2 billion.

Exports of *corn* also rose 10 percent in November compared with October. But, through November, corn exports declined 18 percent to \$3.9 billion. Cumulative *wheat* exports in the year-to-date are \$3.3



on, 11 percent below 1997. November exports fell from October.

Exports of *high-value products (HVP)* are down 4 percent from January-November 1997 to \$30.3 billion, the first year-over-year decline since fiscal 1985. Hides and skins account for much of the decline, falling 24 percent from \$1.6 billion in 1997. Meat and poultry, animal feeds, and fruits and nuts also dropped. Vegetable oils remain the bright spot, rising 36 percent to \$2 billion.

Imports--At \$2.4 billion, up 27 percent, vegetable imports are responsible for much of the year-to-date gain in imports. But, malt beverages, cocoa, and wine imports also are up sharply for the year. Gains are partly offset by losses in imports of tobacco, rubber, coffee, and grain. (Carol Whitton, 694-5287).

Brazil is important, but not crucial, to U.S. agricultural trade--In 1998 Brazil is the 21st largest market for U.S. agricultural exports, but it is fifth largest among Latin American markets. In recent years, Brazil has ranked higher, second in Latin America to Mexico. But in 1998 U.S. agricultural exports to Brazil have already declined somewhat even prior to the recent currency devaluation. The largest U.S. agricultural export to Brazil is live baby chicks, but the 1.5 million baby chicks exported account for only 3 percent of total U.S. baby chick sales. Rice exports also are large; the 634,000 tons of rice exports to Brazil in 1998 are 18 percent of total U.S. rice export volume.

Brazil is slightly more important as a source of U.S. agricultural imports. It ranks as the eighth largest U.S. import supplier in January-November 1998 and third largest Latin American supplier. It accounts for 52 percent of the value of U.S. orange juice imports and 61 percent of volume. The U.S. also imports from Brazil prepared and preserved beef or veal, lemon juice, sugar, coffee, and tobacco.

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ERS will cease publishing the fiscal year FATUS supplement to this newsletter. The thirteenth issue, the calendar year FATUS supplement, still will be published for 1998.

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

| Quantity and unit | January-November | | | | November | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Total agricultural exports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 52,001,842 | 47,002,258 | 0 | 0 | 5,480,526 | 4,670,942 |
| Animals & animal prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 10,511,743 | 9,800,228 | 0 | 0 | 1,024,598 | 846,507 |
| Animals live - ex poultry (NA) | 0 | 0 | 478,657 | 477,759 | 0 | 0 | 54,155 | 84,396 |
| Cattle & calves - live (NO) | 255 | 249 | 157,512 | 144,415 | 22 | 36 | 13,761 | 19,396 |
| Horses, mules, burros-live (NO) | 52 | 57 | 214,296 | 256,474 | 9 | 11 | 26,544 | 57,883 |
| Swine - live (NO) | 50 | 176 | 10,652 | 19,531 | 4 | 42 | 1,285 | 3,512 |
| Sheep, live (NO) | 1,255 | 627 | 52,229 | 26,756 | 248 | 38 | 10,261 | 1,534 |
| Other live animals (NA) | 0 | 0 | 43,968 | 30,584 | 0 | 0 | 2,304 | 2,070 |
| Meats & meat prods (MT) | 1,748 | 1,870 | 4,233,117 | 4,020,091 | 190 | 173 | 432,274 | 359,525 |
| Beef & veal (MT) | 636 | 652 | 2,306,404 | 2,130,279 | 65 | 62 | 233,007 | 199,217 |
| Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT) | 622 | 636 | 2,247,838 | 2,063,057 | 64 | 61 | 226,562 | 191,218 |
| Beef - prep or pres (MT) | 14 | 16 | 58,565 | 67,222 | 2 | 2 | 6,444 | 7,998 |
| Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT) | 12 | 11 | 38,413 | 34,997 | 1 | 1 | 3,801 | 2,903 |
| Lamb, mutton or goat-fr, ch, frz(MT) | 2 | 2 | 6,366 | 6,571 | 0 | 0 | 621 | 1,194 |
| Pork (MT) | 295 | 368 | 965,534 | 953,010 | 32 | 32 | 97,823 | 79,625 |
| Pork - fr or froz (MT) | 260 | 328 | 869,658 | 851,088 | 28 | 30 | 87,958 | 72,169 |
| Pork - prep or pres (MT) | 35 | 40 | 95,876 | 101,923 | 3 | 3 | 9,864 | 7,456 |
| Variety meats, edible offals (MT) | 425 | 455 | 590,502 | 606,517 | 46 | 37 | 60,844 | 50,375 |
| Other meats - fr or prep (MT) | 379 | 382 | 325,899 | 288,716 | 46 | 39 | 36,179 | 26,211 |
| Poultry & poultry prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,551,296 | 2,343,028 | 0 | 0 | 249,040 | 168,381 |
| Poultry - live (NA) | 51,872 | 55,150 | 106,930 | 105,412 | 4,063 | 5,222 | 9,619 | 9,818 |
| Baby chicks (NO) | 43,002 | 45,738 | 92,443 | 90,550 | 3,331 | 3,934 | 8,270 | 8,067 |
| Other live poultry (NA) | 8,869 | 9,412 | 14,488 | 14,862 | 732 | 1,287 | 1,349 | 1,751 |
| Poultry meats (MT) | 2,363 | 2,313 | 2,226,383 | 2,016,699 | 223 | 162 | 219,261 | 141,844 |
| Chickens - fr or froz (MT) | 2,027 | 2,045 | 1,743,203 | 1,614,469 | 192 | 141 | 162,984 | 104,885 |
| Turkeys - fr or froz (MT) | 230 | 166 | 264,579 | 182,657 | 20 | 12 | 23,663 | 14,390 |
| Other poultry - fr or froz (MT) | 5 | 6 | 9,032 | 11,026 | 1 | 1 | 1,399 | 1,488 |
| Poultry meats - prep or pres(MT) | 102 | 96 | 209,570 | 208,547 | 10 | 8 | 31,215 | 21,080 |
| Feathers & downs, crude (MT) | 3 | 2 | 22,729 | 17,122 | 0 | 0 | 1,476 | 612 |
| Eggs (NA) | 0 | 0 | 195,254 | 203,795 | 0 | 0 | 18,684 | 16,107 |
| Dairy prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 847,522 | 834,809 | 0 | 0 | 84,674 | 73,381 |
| Evap & condensed milk (MT) | 9 | 8 | 6,162 | 7,042 | 1 | 0 | 1,011 | 225 |
| Nonfat dry milk (MT) | 58 | 75 | 101,336 | 126,668 | 8 | 3 | 13,336 | 4,877 |
| Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT) | 11 | 5 | 20,427 | 10,568 | 1 | 0 | 1,045 | 122 |
| Cheese (MT) | 35 | 33 | 112,621 | 105,721 | 4 | 3 | 14,650 | 10,825 |
| Whey, fluid or dried (NA) | 0 | 0 | 115,709 | 109,640 | 0 | 0 | 8,899 | 9,705 |
| Other dairv prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 491,266 | 475,170 | 0 | 0 | 45,733 | 47,626 |
| Fats, oils, & greases (MT) | 982 | 1,303 | 505,028 | 602,185 | 90 | 110 | 48,709 | 47,732 |
| Lard (MT) | 58 | 67 | 33,996 | 32,400 | 5 | 5 | 2,899 | 2,506 |
| Tallow - inedible (MT) | 693 | 945 | 332,437 | 423,537 | 68 | 73 | 34,637 | 30,382 |
| Other animal fats & oils (MT) | 230 | 291 | 138,595 | 146,248 | 17 | 32 | 11,173 | 14,844 |
| Hides & skins, incl furs (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,550,193 | 1,183,691 | 0 | 0 | 125,245 | 83,441 |
| Bovine hides - whole (NO) | 18,881 | 17,612 | 1,115,000 | 857,819 | 1,591 | 1,423 | 91,906 | 66,290 |
| Other cattle hides - pieces (NA) | 0 | 0 | 144,032 | 71,349 | 0 | 0 | 13,137 | 4,608 |
| Calf skins, whole (PC) | 1,767 | 1,550 | 37,480 | 29,539 | 209 | 109 | 3,813 | 1,760 |
| Horse hides, whole (PC) | 147 | 89 | 3,871 | 2,297 | 14 | 15 | 418 | 306 |
| Sheep and lamb skins (PC) | 0 | 0 | 27,287 | 18,402 | 0 | 0 | 1,861 | 452 |
| Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA) | 11,228 | 10,573 | 63,223 | 62,839 | 1,070 | 816 | 6,917 | 6,525 |
| Furskins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 159,301 | 141,447 | 0 | 0 | 7,194 | 3,499 |
| Mink pelts (NO) | 3,543 | 2,665 | 93,003 | 74,554 | 97 | 79 | 3,524 | 2,553 |
| Other furskins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 66,298 | 66,893 | 0 | 0 | 3,670 | 945 |
| Wool & mohair (MT) | 3 | 2 | 14,368 | 10,501 | 0 | 0 | 488 | 984 |
| Sausage casings (MT) | 13 | 17 | 53,914 | 55,573 | 1 | 2 | 5,878 | 5,099 |
| Bull semen (NA) | 0 | 0 | 65,742 | 60,331 | 0 | 0 | 6,751 | 5,090 |
| Misc animal prods - other (NA) | 0 | 0 | 211,905 | 212,260 | 0 | 0 | 17,384 | 18,479 |
| Grains & feeds (MT) | 83,142 | 82,319 | 14,072,985 | 12,684,928 | 7,149 | 8,688 | 1,217,531 | 1,226,550 |
| Wheat, unmilled (MT) | 23,070 | 24,263 | 3,757,469 | 3,348,798 | 2,109 | 2,229 | 334,289 | 285,501 |
| Wheat flour (MT) | 446 | 441 | 121,364 | 103,094 | 32 | 45 | 8,836 | 10,997 |
| Bulqur wheat (MT) | 6 | 6 | 1,482 | 990 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 313 |
| Other wheat prods (MT) | 67 | 72 | 61,365 | 71,467 | 7 | 7 | 6,574 | 6,789 |
| Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT) | 2,265 | 3,467 | 841,690 | 1,121,392 | 254 | 355 | 93,502 | 116,281 |
| Feed grains & prods (MT) | 44,818 | 41,980 | 5,686,440 | 4,656,609 | 3,689 | 4,785 | 453,118 | 480,582 |
| Feed grains (MT) | 44,174 | 41,380 | 5,473,221 | 4,462,177 | 3,640 | 4,717 | 438,408 | 460,993 |
| Barley (MT) | 1,565 | 531 | 201,114 | 71,236 | 163 | 42 | 21,640 | 4,710 |
| Corn (MT) | 38,095 | 36,333 | 4,742,717 | 3,896,199 | 3,050 | 4,244 | 368,293 | 414,789 |
| Grain sorghums (MT) | 4,490 | 4,489 | 526,072 | 491,363 | 422 | 428 | 47,982 | 41,261 |
| Oats (MT) | 24 | 24 | 3,175 | 3,229 | 4 | 2 | 492 | 232 |
| Rye (MT) | 1 | 2 | 143 | 151 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Feed grain prods (MT) | 643 | 600 | 213,219 | 194,431 | 49 | 69 | 14,710 | 19,590 |
| Popcorn (MT) | 87 | 90 | 68,806 | 59,781 | 11 | 8 | 7,529 | 5,018 |
| Blended food prods (MT) | 290 | 298 | 88,363 | 81,554 | 27 | 32 | 7,402 | 9,871 |
| Other grain prods (MT) | 856 | 935 | 993,042 | 1,048,134 | 83 | 85 | 96,235 | 99,208 |
| Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT) | 11,236 | 10,767 | 2,452,965 | 2,193,109 | 938 | 1,140 | 210,030 | 211,988 |
| Corn by-products (MT) | 5,524 | 5,293 | 777,840 | 603,736 | 465 | 614 | 58,614 | 57,513 |
| Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT) | 254 | 255 | 45,508 | 39,277 | 24 | 25 | 4,327 | 3,825 |
| Beet pulp (MT) | 557 | 505 | 77,433 | 63,052 | 54 | 59 | 6,407 | 7,704 |
| Citrus pulp pellets (MT) | 658 | 531 | 61,981 | 36,606 | 27 | 2 | 1,931 | 361 |
| Other feeds & fodders (MT) | 4,244 | 4,184 | 1,490,202 | 1,450,438 | 367 | 441 | 138,752 | 142,585 |
| Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT) | 3,078 | 2,829 | 2,582,157 | 2,347,855 | 299 | 268 | 252,080 | 221,106 |
| Fruits - fr (MT) | 2,657 | 2,366 | 1,949,936 | 1,704,872 | 251 | 228 | 178,625 | 161,299 |
| Fruits - fr - citrus (MT) | 1,151 | 1,073 | 658,975 | 600,942 | 87 | 78 | 47,831 | 45,550 |
| Grapefruit - fresh (MT) | 450 | 350 | 218,190 | 176,232 | 39 | 37 | 17,098 | 18,681 |
| Lemons & limes - fresh (MT) | 112 | 108 | 111,974 | 72,192 | 11 | 12 | 9,318 | 8,839 |
| Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT) | 588 | 614 | 327,673 | 351,157 | 37 | 27 | 21,321 | 17,597 |

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| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Other citrus - fresh (MT) | 1 | 2 | 1,137 | 1,361 | 0 | 1 | 94 | 433 |
| Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT) | 1,505 | 1,293 | 1,290,961 | 1,103,929 | 164 | 150 | 130,794 | 115,749 |
| Apples - fresh (MT) | 593 | 489 | 354,612 | 290,546 | 72 | 73 | 41,803 | 40,619 |
| Berries - fresh (MT) | 63 | 65 | 117,735 | 116,500 | 2 | 2 | 5,401 | 4,627 |
| Cherries - fresh (MT) | 40 | 38 | 140,669 | 113,962 | 1 | 1 | 621 | 644 |
| Grapes - fresh (MT) | 241 | 187 | 300,777 | 236,791 | 46 | 36 | 58,106 | 44,828 |
| Melons - fresh (MT) | 216 | 211 | 77,381 | 79,193 | 8 | 10 | 3,647 | 4,074 |
| Peaches - fresh (MT) | 104 | 80 | 92,943 | 75,245 | 1 | 0 | 411 | 326 |
| Pears - fresh (MT) | 124 | 123 | 69,492 | 73,210 | 30 | 21 | 14,835 | 12,927 |
| Plums - fresh (MT) | 72 | 54 | 61,533 | 53,158 | 0 | 1 | 367 | 1,177 |
| Other noncitrus - fresh (MT) | 52 | 49 | 75,821 | 65,324 | 5 | 5 | 5,604 | 6,526 |
| Fruits - dried (MT) | 188 | 203 | 353,320 | 349,689 | 22 | 17 | 41,310 | 31,634 |
| Raisins - dried (MT) | 102 | 108 | 183,014 | 177,113 | 12 | 9 | 21,735 | 15,662 |
| Prunes - dried (MT) | 64 | 64 | 128,627 | 121,040 | 7 | 6 | 14,412 | 10,893 |
| Other dried fruits (MT) | 22 | 31 | 41,679 | 51,536 | 3 | 3 | 5,163 | 5,079 |
| Fruits - canned ex juice (MT) | 119 | 137 | 129,299 | 131,804 | 11 | 12 | 13,452 | 13,150 |
| Fruits - froz ex juice (MT) | 48 | 50 | 60,783 | 67,087 | 3 | 4 | 4,856 | 5,690 |
| Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) | 66 | 73 | 88,819 | 94,405 | 11 | 6 | 13,837 | 9,334 |
| Fruit juices incl froz (HL) | 9,908 | 9,937 | 610,796 | 604,527 | 758 | 725 | 47,739 | 46,953 |
| Apple juice (HL) | 462 | 298 | 53,101 | 39,564 | 53 | 30 | 5,267 | 3,182 |
| Grape juice (HL) | 835 | 784 | 65,228 | 63,658 | 63 | 65 | 4,287 | 4,423 |
| Grapefruit juice (HL) | 756 | 624 | 51,513 | 41,881 | 71 | 59 | 4,332 | 3,403 |
| Orange juice (HL) | 5,302 | 5,244 | 278,434 | 276,083 | 323 | 304 | 19,710 | 19,791 |
| Other fruit juices (HL) | 2,554 | 2,988 | 162,521 | 183,340 | 247 | 267 | 14,143 | 16,154 |
| Wine (HL) | 1,903 | 2,386 | 358,224 | 477,129 | 179 | 201 | 33,141 | 43,737 |
| Nuts & prep (MT) | 512 | 483 | 1,318,097 | 1,237,479 | 66 | 68 | 164,457 | 158,619 |
| Almonds (shelled basis) (MT) | 171 | 178 | 750,187 | 684,880 | 20 | 18 | 75,369 | 68,997 |
| Filberts (MT) | 14 | 12 | 24,972 | 23,922 | 5 | 3 | 8,381 | 4,739 |
| Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT) | 213 | 172 | 212,265 | 176,455 | 19 | 20 | 19,436 | 20,150 |
| Pistachios (MT) | 22 | 27 | 95,393 | 110,690 | 5 | 3 | 20,664 | 11,679 |
| Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT) | 62 | 61 | 143,948 | 138,194 | 13 | 19 | 28,473 | 39,286 |
| Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT) | 10 | 12 | 41,278 | 52,464 | 1 | 1 | 4,401 | 4,460 |
| Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT) | 21 | 22 | 50,054 | 50,874 | 4 | 4 | 7,733 | 9,309 |
| Vegetables & prep (NA) | 0 | 0 | 3,788,022 | 3,844,433 | 0 | 0 | 366,160 | 375,225 |
| Vegetables - fresh (MT) | 1,640 | 1,632 | 939,063 | 957,578 | 141 | 149 | 90,194 | 84,885 |
| Asparagus - fresh (MT) | 15 | 15 | 50,462 | 44,963 | 0 | 0 | 709 | 536 |
| Broccoli - fresh (MT) | 122 | 120 | 88,191 | 85,844 | 13 | 13 | 8,198 | 8,343 |
| Carrots - fresh (MT) | 97 | 108 | 47,084 | 55,641 | 5 | 6 | 2,855 | 3,635 |
| Cabbage - fresh (MT) | 40 | 42 | 15,687 | 19,594 | 3 | 4 | 1,396 | 1,656 |
| Celery - fresh (MT) | 104 | 111 | 45,211 | 41,884 | 11 | 11 | 5,130 | 4,101 |
| Cauliflower - fresh (MT) | 77 | 71 | 50,994 | 51,893 | 8 | 8 | 5,517 | 5,570 |
| Corn, sweet - fresh (MT) | 47 | 42 | 20,277 | 18,904 | 1 | 1 | 546 | 378 |
| Cucumbers - fresh (MT) | 30 | 21 | 14,488 | 11,753 | 3 | 3 | 1,294 | 1,282 |
| Garlic - fresh (MT) | 8 | 7 | 12,744 | 10,208 | 1 | 1 | 1,081 | 1,505 |
| Lettuce - fresh (MT) | 268 | 283 | 141,021 | 153,606 | 29 | 30 | 16,956 | 14,018 |
| Mushrooms - fresh (MT) | 6 | 4 | 21,871 | 10,157 | 1 | 1 | 4,163 | 2,260 |
| Onions and shallots - fresh (MT) | 190 | 203 | 62,139 | 77,011 | 21 | 23 | 6,661 | 7,519 |
| Peppers - fresh (MT) | 56 | 53 | 49,042 | 51,313 | 5 | 6 | 5,655 | 4,919 |
| Potatoes - fresh (MT) | 290 | 283 | 77,755 | 84,968 | 12 | 14 | 4,009 | 4,901 |
| Tomatoes - fresh (MT) | 142 | 116 | 117,371 | 107,607 | 11 | 11 | 11,913 | 11,051 |
| Other fresh vegetables (MT) | 148 | 152 | 124,728 | 132,233 | 17 | 17 | 14,110 | 13,212 |
| Vegetables - froz (MT) | 551 | 595 | 435,504 | 459,491 | 61 | 61 | 46,038 | 48,108 |
| Corn, sweet, frozen (MT) | 67 | 68 | 56,834 | 56,130 | 10 | 5 | 7,995 | 4,473 |
| Potatoes - frozen (MT) | 387 | 416 | 283,253 | 299,939 | 41 | 45 | 28,333 | 33,436 |
| Other frozen vegetables (MT) | 97 | 111 | 95,416 | 103,423 | 10 | 11 | 9,710 | 10,199 |
| Vegetables - canned (MT) | 431 | 404 | 344,311 | 326,966 | 42 | 37 | 31,495 | 30,051 |
| Pulses (MT) | 429 | 586 | 231,350 | 303,193 | 48 | 65 | 23,013 | 30,317 |
| Dried beans (MT) | 307 | 437 | 179,768 | 249,045 | 31 | 48 | 16,543 | 23,599 |
| Dried peas (MT) | 78 | 106 | 29,643 | 36,164 | 14 | 13 | 4,985 | 5,236 |
| Dried lentils (MT) | 44 | 44 | 21,939 | 17,983 | 3 | 4 | 1,485 | 1,482 |
| Hops, incl hop ext (MT) | 10 | 9 | 87,494 | 75,644 | 1 | 1 | 9,998 | 8,547 |
| Other veg - prep or pres (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,750,300 | 1,721,560 | 0 | 0 | 165,423 | 173,317 |
| Oilseeds & prods (MT) | 31,972 | 29,124 | 10,636,555 | 8,475,383 | 5,438 | 3,923 | 1,626,824 | 971,740 |
| Oilcake & meal (MT) | 6,228 | 7,536 | 1,674,976 | 1,544,528 | 875 | 608 | 236,536 | 101,805 |
| Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT) | 532 | 356 | 53,618 | 28,077 | 43 | 43 | 3,786 | 3,312 |
| Corn oilcake & meal (MT) | 120 | 22 | 15,108 | 2,626 | 4 | 7 | 400 | 659 |
| Soybean meal (MT) | 5,403 | 7,010 | 1,578,997 | 1,489,526 | 817 | 548 | 230,551 | 96,217 |
| Other oilcake & meal (MT) | 172 | 148 | 27,253 | 24,299 | 11 | 10 | 1,799 | 1,618 |
| Oilseeds (MT) | 23,420 | 18,870 | 7,381,725 | 4,945,342 | 4,229 | 3,045 | 1,168,028 | 683,651 |
| Rapeseed (MT) | 82 | 226 | 23,303 | 56,518 | 30 | 9 | 7,876 | 2,311 |
| Safflower seeds (MT) | 49 | 38 | 32,244 | 12,232 | 1 | 8 | 1,368 | 1,428 |
| Soybeans (MT) | 22,744 | 17,774 | 6,488,843 | 4,283,717 | 4,149 | 2,864 | 1,109,776 | 615,269 |
| Sunflowerseeds (MT) | 96 | 160 | 79,637 | 91,556 | 9 | 37 | 7,399 | 13,234 |
| Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT) | 50 | 33 | 41,786 | 28,546 | 7 | 5 | 5,737 | 4,628 |
| Other oilseeds (MT) | 254 | 509 | 80,504 | 128,756 | 22 | 110 | 8,063 | 20,694 |
| Protein substances (MT) | 146 | 130 | 635,409 | 344,017 | 12 | 11 | 27,809 | 26,087 |
| Vegetable oils (MT) | 2,324 | 2,717 | 1,579,853 | 1,985,513 | 334 | 270 | 222,260 | 186,283 |
| Soybean oil (MT) | 925 | 1,256 | 530,470 | 800,946 | 192 | 156 | 114,797 | 94,934 |
| Cottonseed oil (MT) | 107 | 81 | 65,961 | 53,728 | 11 | 3 | 6,810 | 2,173 |
| Sunflower oil (MT) | 270 | 273 | 148,773 | 183,199 | 25 | 20 | 14,814 | 12,626 |
| Corn oil (MT) | 461 | 463 | 301,609 | 354,648 | 47 | 26 | 31,885 | 20,176 |
| Peanut oil (MT) | 7 | 4 | 7,483 | 4,313 | 1 | 1 | 1,427 | 1,100 |
| Rapeseed oil (MT) | 123 | 151 | 70,293 | 94,160 | 16 | 20 | 9,752 | 12,703 |
| Safflower oil (MT) | 35 | 37 | 43,056 | 44,634 | 2 | 0 | 2,796 | 208 |

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| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Other veg oils & waxes (MT) | 397 | 453 | 412,209 | 449,886 | 39 | 44 | 39,979 | 42,362 |
| Tobacco - unmfq (MT) | 202 | 187 | 1,419,827 | 1,302,613 | 16 | 23 | 107,834 | 147,012 |
| Tobacco - light air-cured (MT) | 57 | 51 | 456,144 | 413,977 | 2 | 2 | 13,629 | 19,875 |
| Tobacco - flue cured (MT) | 102 | 91 | 733,790 | 645,380 | 11 | 16 | 73,860 | 108,033 |
| Other tobacco - unmfq (MT) | 42 | 45 | 229,892 | 243,256 | 4 | 4 | 20,345 | 19,104 |
| Cotton, ex linters (MT) | 1,399 | 1,400 | 2,397,145 | 2,216,567 | 127 | 173 | 217,718 | 258,634 |
| Cotton linters (MT) | 77 | 37 | 24,746 | 16,711 | 6 | 3 | 1,773 | 1,295 |
| Essential oils (MT) | 42 | 42 | 552,503 | 493,040 | 3 | 3 | 40,262 | 39,129 |
| Seeds - field & garden (MT) | 1,012 | 652 | 783,680 | 720,866 | 114 | 48 | 82,196 | 88,313 |
| Sugar & tropical prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,349,461 | 1,329,756 | 0 | 0 | 136,324 | 126,854 |
| Sugar & related prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 572,613 | 578,828 | 0 | 0 | 55,465 | 52,448 |
| Sugar - cane or beet (MT) | 117 | 130 | 49,774 | 48,064 | 20 | 16 | 6,833 | 6,176 |
| Related sugar prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 522,839 | 530,764 | 0 | 0 | 48,633 | 46,273 |
| Coffee (MT) | 39 | 43 | 203,123 | 213,445 | 4 | 4 | 22,324 | 18,987 |
| Cocoa (MT) | 33 | 32 | 71,859 | 70,619 | 3 | 3 | 6,397 | 6,835 |
| Chocolate & prep (MT) | 99 | 96 | 328,069 | 289,425 | 11 | 9 | 35,968 | 28,661 |
| Tea & mate (MT) | 17 | 20 | 80,612 | 80,628 | 2 | 3 | 8,661 | 10,401 |
| Spices (MT) | 24 | 25 | 52,688 | 62,469 | 2 | 2 | 4,936 | 6,203 |
| Rubber - crude natural (MT) | 22 | 20 | 38,621 | 32,598 | 2 | 2 | 2,510 | 3,108 |
| Fibers ex cotton (MT) | 2 | 1 | 1,877 | 1,745 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 212 |
| Other misc veg prods (MT) | 0 | 0 | 451,147 | 379,503 | 0 | 0 | 47,033 | 34,085 |
| Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 258,685 | 282,266 | 0 | 0 | 28,899 | 30,686 |
| Beverages ex juices (NA) | 0 | 0 | 886,071 | 788,973 | 0 | 0 | 85,957 | 54,498 |
| Selected non-ag exports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 15,429,068 | 14,903,716 | 0 | 0 | 1,359,736 | 1,159,765 |
| Fertilizers (MT) | 18 | 12 | 2,781,851 | 2,934,431 | 1 | 1 | 216,847 | 262,653 |
| Nitrogen (MT) | 10 | 4 | 2,765,706 | 2,919,492 | 1 | 0 | 216,016 | 262,159 |
| Phosphate (MT) | 8 | 8 | 16,145 | 14,939 | 0 | 0 | 831 | 494 |
| Fish & shellfish (MT) | 0 | 0 | 2,588,472 | 2,144,488 | 0 | 0 | 196,367 | 192,200 |
| Fish - fr or prep (MT) | 0 | 0 | 1,497,805 | 1,270,491 | 0 | 0 | 89,721 | 107,143 |
| Shellfish (MT) | 0 | 0 | 676,871 | 543,178 | 0 | 0 | 83,801 | 63,923 |
| Other fish prods (MT) | 235 | 224 | 413,796 | 330,819 | 21 | 18 | 22,846 | 21,133 |
| Ag chemicals (MT) | 284 | 308 | 1,649,923 | 1,763,533 | 18 | 19 | 127,334 | 102,182 |
| Fungicides (MT) | 27 | 34 | 167,898 | 197,561 | 2 | 4 | 15,106 | 15,973 |
| Herbicides (MT) | 143 | 159 | 815,625 | 896,016 | 8 | 8 | 48,154 | 39,265 |
| Insecticides (MT) | 58 | 60 | 373,085 | 397,098 | 4 | 3 | 33,331 | 30,786 |
| Other pesticides (MT) | 55 | 55 | 293,316 | 272,858 | 4 | 3 | 30,743 | 16,159 |
| Farm machinery (NA) | 0 | 0 | 3,808,663 | 3,543,765 | 0 | 0 | 295,073 | 243,409 |
| Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) | 60 | 54 | 1,787,564 | 1,583,286 | 4 | 4 | 110,596 | 102,399 |
| Other ag machinery & parts (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,021,099 | 1,960,479 | 0 | 0 | 184,477 | 141,010 |
| Tobacco - mfg (NA) | 0 | 0 | 4,600,159 | 4,517,499 | 0 | 0 | 524,115 | 359,321 |

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

Table 2- Leading markets in calendar 1997 and 1998 and October 1998

| metric tons | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Jan-Nov 1997 | Jan-Nov 1998 | Nov 1998 | | Jan-Nov 1997 | Jan-Nov 1998 | Nov 1998 |
| Wheat | | | | Corn | | | |
| Egypt | 3,503,604 | 3,715,079 | 395,981 | Japan | 15,451,572 | 12,525,460 | 1,307,275 |
| Japan | 3,194,443 | 2,773,477 | 208,974 | Mexico | 2,566,142 | 4,555,673 | 428,895 |
| Mexico | 1,067,057 | 1,475,072 | 97,722 | South Korea | 3,444,348 | 3,865,840 | 563,633 |
| Philippines | 1,806,464 | 1,362,113 | 79,866 | Taiwan | 5,439,179 | 3,115,163 | 334,340 |
| South Korea | 1,308,808 | 1,350,601 | 128,777 | Egypt | 2,166,841 | 1,769,905 | 170,313 |
| Pakistan | 2,687,729 | 1,190,733 | 150,001 | Canada | 1,033,199 | 1,117,242 | 68,843 |
| European Union | 1,112,728 | 1,095,614 | 100,225 | Colombia | 1,257,375 | 1,007,195 | 144,048 |
| Nigeria | 630,428 | 960,959 | 119,173 | Saudi Arabia | 1,076,461 | 862,221 | 95,187 |
| Taiwan | 908,914 | 860,539 | 106,473 | Algeria | 918,433 | 724,402 | 76,765 |
| Israel | 748,594 | 704,680 | 0 | Venezuela | 688,429 | 697,206 | 114,808 |
| World | 25,264,253 | 24,263,184 | 2,229,262 | World | 41,662,510 | 36,333,300 | 4,244,292 |
| Soybeans | | | | Cotton | | | |
| European Union | 8,958,885 | 5,224,314 | 983,115 | Mexico | 218,005 | 338,816 | 53,757 |
| Japan | 3,701,554 | 3,071,986 | 394,902 | South Korea | 126,966 | 151,526 | 19,562 |
| Mexico | 2,912,000 | 2,781,870 | 343,321 | Japan | 134,030 | 124,867 | 16,423 |
| China | 1,574,548 | 1,238,523 | 146,484 | Turkey | 102,078 | 117,310 | 1,599 |
| South Korea | 1,248,795 | 1,166,284 | 122,527 | Indonesia | 118,036 | 81,141 | 8,009 |
| Taiwan | 2,269,575 | 950,183 | 216,824 | China | 341,052 | 74,898 | 1,928 |
| Indonesia | 905,692 | 535,950 | 34,083 | Taiwan | 66,876 | 68,441 | 7,956 |
| Thailand | 420,107 | 342,419 | 85,479 | Canada | 54,119 | 60,204 | 8,604 |
| Israel | 577,664 | 256,958 | 0 | European Union | 58,881 | 55,608 | 4,147 |
| Malaysia | 530,419 | 191,912 | 74,810 | Hong Kong | 33,302 | 42,708 | 14,298 |
| World | 26,022,851 | 17,774,429 | 2,864,233 | World | 1,567,989 | 1,400,242 | 173,036 |

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

| Quantity and unit | January-November | | | | November | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Total agricultural imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 33,037,643 | 33,882,460 | 0 | 0 | 2,840,812 | 2,911,701 |
| Noncompetitive ag imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 8,497,550 | 8,277,938 | 0 | 0 | 698,020 | 640,983 |
| Bananas & plantains (MT) | 3,664 | 3,863 | 1,124,921 | 1,121,301 | 330 | 364 | 94,413 | 103,141 |
| Coffee, incl prods (MT) | 1,077 | 1,088 | 3,538,971 | 3,152,464 | 75 | 92 | 256,203 | 218,725 |
| Cocoa & prods (MT) | 679 | 786 | 1,295,557 | 1,516,580 | 56 | 54 | 124,859 | 112,021 |
| Tea (MT) | 123 | 141 | 192,733 | 237,940 | 7 | 9 | 15,170 | 17,096 |
| Spices (MT) | 141 | 159 | 386,569 | 471,389 | 12 | 24 | 36,861 | 61,687 |
| Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT) | 977 | 1,087 | 1,144,358 | 897,143 | 89 | 86 | 90,441 | 61,552 |
| Silk - raw (MT) | 0 | 0 | 2,048 | 316 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 16 |
| Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT) | 13 | 12 | 36,232 | 29,592 | 1 | 1 | 2,622 | 1,981 |
| Fibers, excl cotton (MT) | 95 | 96 | 41,606 | 40,694 | 8 | 7 | 3,621 | 3,246 |
| Essential oils (NA) | 0 | 0 | 314,287 | 329,069 | 0 | 0 | 28,818 | 25,791 |
| Drugs - crude natural (MT) | 73 | 61 | 420,266 | 481,450 | 11 | 4 | 45,001 | 35,727 |
| Competitive ag imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 24,540,093 | 25,604,521 | 0 | 0 | 2,142,793 | 2,270,717 |
| Animals & prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 5,928,221 | 6,353,265 | 0 | 0 | 549,067 | 622,236 |
| Animals-live, ex poultry (NO) | 0 | 0 | 1,458,738 | 1,550,114 | 0 | 0 | 149,540 | 165,054 |
| Cattle and calves (NO) | 1,878 | 1,867 | 1,047,804 | 1,071,372 | 246 | 255 | 106,162 | 115,405 |
| Horses, mules, burros (NO) | 23 | 42 | 110,563 | 187,363 | 3 | 5 | 13,122 | 35,265 |
| Swine (NO) | 2,818 | 3,751 | 273,240 | 261,178 | 282 | 297 | 26,537 | 12,166 |
| Sheep, live (NO) | 40 | 42 | 5,543 | 4,831 | 6 | 3 | 836 | 283 |
| Other live animals (NO) | 0 | 0 | 21,588 | 25,371 | 0 | 0 | 2,882 | 1,934 |
| Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT) | 0 | 0 | 2,409,268 | 2,568,058 | 0 | 0 | 203,002 | 241,700 |
| Beef & veal (MT) | 734 | 818 | 1,475,666 | 1,684,280 | 59 | 70 | 125,531 | 153,950 |
| Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT) | 676 | 756 | 1,293,572 | 1,474,631 | 55 | 63 | 110,329 | 128,975 |
| Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT) | 58 | 62 | 182,094 | 209,649 | 5 | 7 | 15,203 | 24,975 |
| Pork (MT) | 238 | 261 | 689,873 | 624,488 | 22 | 30 | 58,938 | 62,254 |
| Pork - fr or froz (MT) | 173 | 195 | 444,815 | 404,026 | 16 | 23 | 38,311 | 39,382 |
| Pork - prep or pres (MT) | 65 | 66 | 245,058 | 220,463 | 5 | 7 | 20,627 | 22,872 |
| Mutton, goat & lamb (MT) | 34 | 46 | 132,620 | 153,736 | 2 | 4 | 9,406 | 13,702 |
| Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT) | 0 | 7 | 0 | 34,672 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9,094 |
| Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT) | 0 | 0 | 17 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Variety meats, fr or froz (MT) | 41 | 43 | 67,551 | 61,271 | 3 | 4 | 4,996 | 6,085 |
| Other meats - fr or froz (MT) | 2 | 2 | 16,243 | 16,907 | 0 | 0 | 1,545 | 2,533 |
| Other meats & prods (MT) | 11 | 9 | 27,298 | 27,333 | 1 | 1 | 2,579 | 3,177 |
| Poultry and prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 176,133 | 182,177 | 0 | 0 | 18,728 | 16,978 |
| Poultry - live (NA) | 8,750 | 11,387 | 21,544 | 19,502 | 713 | 1,076 | 1,841 | 1,850 |
| Poultry meat (MT) | 6 | 8 | 19,575 | 24,989 | 1 | 1 | 2,175 | 3,261 |
| Eggs (NA) | 0 | 0 | 17,124 | 12,362 | 0 | 0 | 1,494 | 1,088 |
| Feathers & down - crude (MT) | 19 | 24 | 117,890 | 125,325 | 2 | 2 | 13,219 | 10,779 |
| Dairy products (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,099,475 | 1,300,737 | 0 | 0 | 112,218 | 137,053 |
| Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT) | 0 | 0 | 20,865 | 31,361 | 0 | 0 | 3,174 | 4,822 |
| Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT) | 11 | 35 | 18,740 | 70,055 | 1 | 2 | 1,126 | 4,931 |
| Cheese (MT) | 124 | 144 | 480,456 | 547,389 | 14 | 17 | 55,697 | 67,510 |
| Casein & mixtures (MT) | 94 | 100 | 402,488 | 418,248 | 8 | 9 | 32,507 | 36,568 |
| Other dairy prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 176,926 | 233,684 | 0 | 0 | 19,715 | 23,222 |
| Fats, oils, & greases (MT) | 73 | 70 | 53,904 | 51,778 | 7 | 5 | 4,946 | 3,641 |
| Hides & skins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 183,438 | 155,226 | 0 | 0 | 10,838 | 8,872 |
| Sheep & lamb skins (MT) | 2 | 2 | 10,155 | 6,854 | 0 | 0 | 427 | 301 |
| Other hides & skins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 107,596 | 93,386 | 0 | 0 | 9,110 | 7,834 |
| Furskins (NA) | 5,725 | 4,598 | 65,687 | 54,986 | 417 | 192 | 1,301 | 736 |
| Wool - unmfq, apparel grades (MT) | 26 | 26 | 98,923 | 90,137 | 3 | 2 | 12,922 | 6,158 |
| Sausage casings (MT) | 14 | 13 | 67,025 | 70,712 | 1 | 1 | 5,988 | 6,975 |
| Bull semen (NA) | 0 | 0 | 7,568 | 12,255 | 0 | 0 | 783 | 1,461 |
| Misc animal prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 373,748 | 372,072 | 0 | 0 | 30,102 | 34,345 |
| Grains & feeds (MT) | 0 | 0 | 2,696,559 | 2,631,612 | 0 | 0 | 266,241 | 251,576 |
| Wheat, ex seed (MT) | 2,017 | 1,824 | 326,268 | 258,269 | 187 | 156 | 32,960 | 19,694 |
| Corn, unmilled (MT) | 240 | 187 | 29,640 | 21,442 | 15 | 58 | 1,925 | 5,369 |
| Oats, unmilled (MT) | 1,672 | 1,576 | 212,460 | 153,287 | 173 | 99 | 20,456 | 8,729 |
| Barley, unmilled (MT) | 771 | 658 | 111,453 | 83,989 | 88 | 63 | 12,352 | 7,479 |
| Rice (MT) | 283 | 261 | 181,066 | 167,904 | 24 | 26 | 16,189 | 16,210 |
| Biscuits & wafers (MT) | 263 | 301 | 609,565 | 689,275 | 27 | 33 | 69,146 | 81,627 |
| Pasta & noodles (MT) | 250 | 278 | 235,894 | 257,822 | 25 | 27 | 21,884 | 24,741 |
| Other grains & preps (NA) | 0 | 0 | 521,840 | 559,484 | 0 | 0 | 49,252 | 51,082 |
| Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT) | 1,349 | 1,142 | 468,372 | 440,140 | 125 | 99 | 42,078 | 36,645 |
| Fruits & preps (MT) | 2,781 | 2,921 | 1,828,537 | 1,974,541 | 171 | 196 | 116,628 | 137,502 |
| Fruits - fr or froz (MT) | 2,183 | 2,375 | 1,234,238 | 1,435,012 | 120 | 143 | 64,310 | 83,567 |
| Apples, fresh (MT) | 152 | 137 | 77,005 | 73,759 | 10 | 5 | 3,371 | 2,518 |
| Avocados (MT) | 24 | 51 | 24,810 | 54,262 | 7 | 14 | 8,508 | 14,806 |
| Berries, excl strawberries (MT) | 59 | 61 | 81,699 | 98,408 | 2 | 3 | 4,142 | 5,463 |
| Citrus, fresh (MT) | 227 | 241 | 100,623 | 110,478 | 25 | 27 | 14,660 | 15,898 |
| Grapes, fresh (MT) | 322 | 381 | 323,107 | 391,367 | 0 | 0 | 609 | 218 |
| Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT) | 34 | 43 | 20,123 | 31,533 | 0 | 1 | 253 | 662 |
| Mangoes (MT) | 189 | 194 | 120,279 | 128,110 | 2 | 4 | 2,284 | 3,261 |
| Melons (MT) | 730 | 775 | 209,937 | 230,443 | 46 | 48 | 13,210 | 14,878 |
| Peaches (MT) | 35 | 28 | 26,070 | 21,111 | 1 | 1 | 782 | 905 |
| Pears (MT) | 78 | 68 | 49,577 | 46,059 | 1 | 1 | 2,058 | 2,436 |
| Pineapples, fresh or frozen (MT) | 183 | 244 | 78,953 | 79,712 | 18 | 34 | 8,187 | 12,770 |
| Plums (MT) | 21 | 18 | 18,843 | 15,188 | 0 | 0 | 105 | 45 |
| Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT) | 41 | 49 | 43,364 | 86,720 | 1 | 1 | 1,195 | 3,705 |
| Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT) | 88 | 86 | 59,848 | 67,862 | 7 | 6 | 4,946 | 6,002 |
| Fruits - prep or pres (MT) | 598 | 546 | 594,300 | 539,529 | 50 | 53 | 52,318 | 53,935 |
| Pineapples - canned or prep (MT) | 278 | 224 | 195,877 | 162,251 | 22 | 23 | 16,268 | 16,984 |
| Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) | 320 | 322 | 398,423 | 377,277 | 28 | 30 | 36,050 | 36,951 |
| Fruit juices (HL) | 24,958 | 24,310 | 759,627 | 601,930 | 1,684 | 2,307 | 46,821 | 56,573 |

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

| Quantity and unit | January-November | | | | November | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|------------------|---------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Apple juice (HL) | 9,423 | 8,967 | 293,054 | 184,359 | 777 | 645 | 20,947 | 10,742 |
| Grape juice (HL) | 2,256 | 1,027 | 89,824 | 49,214 | 123 | 102 | 4,765 | 5,546 |
| Grapefruit juice (HL) | 7 | 7 | 309 | 413 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 22 |
| Lemon juice (HL) | 331 | 438 | 8,597 | 8,079 | 10 | 12 | 242 | 188 |
| Lime juice (HL) | 154 | 142 | 2,558 | 4,023 | 11 | 8 | 177 | 551 |
| Orange juice (HL) | 8,351 | 10,257 | 169,261 | 217,720 | 477 | 1,277 | 8,087 | 29,108 |
| Pineapple juice (HL) | 2,649 | 2,146 | 78,136 | 64,912 | 164 | 205 | 4,742 | 5,730 |
| Other fruit juice (HL) | 1,787 | 1,327 | 117,888 | 73,209 | 121 | 57 | 7,826 | 4,686 |
| Nuts & preps (MT) | 189 | 211 | 531,476 | 557,325 | 23 | 23 | 63,419 | 58,947 |
| Brazil nuts (MT) | 11 | 9 | 25,091 | 19,387 | 1 | 1 | 3,287 | 1,405 |
| Cashew nuts (MT) | 62 | 63 | 284,571 | 292,687 | 5 | 5 | 23,539 | 22,264 |
| Chestnuts (MT) | 4 | 5 | 9,281 | 11,220 | 2 | 3 | 5,490 | 6,814 |
| Coconut meat (MT) | 64 | 71 | 62,607 | 60,072 | 6 | 7 | 5,302 | 5,854 |
| Filberts (MT) | 4 | 4 | 16,796 | 18,214 | 1 | 1 | 3,744 | 4,212 |
| Macademia nuts (MT) | 3 | 3 | 27,706 | 26,700 | 0 | 0 | 3,775 | 2,675 |
| Pecans (MT) | 15 | 20 | 38,469 | 60,566 | 5 | 5 | 11,836 | 9,717 |
| Pistachio nuts (MT) | 1 | 0 | 3,039 | 851 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 64 |
| Other nuts (MT) | 28 | 35 | 63,916 | 67,628 | 3 | 3 | 6,420 | 5,943 |
| Vegetables & preps (NA) | 0 | 0 | 3,325,633 | 3,949,054 | 0 | 0 | 311,893 | 348,066 |
| Vegetables - fr or froz (MT) | 3,017 | 3,492 | 1,872,660 | 2,380,463 | 289 | 299 | 179,458 | 200,269 |
| Tomatoes (MT) | 679 | 807 | 579,775 | 699,340 | 39 | 42 | 35,134 | 50,264 |
| Asparagus, fresh or frozen (MT) | 38 | 46 | 66,359 | 86,593 | 5 | 5 | 9,565 | 9,810 |
| Beans, fresh or frozen (MT) | 25 | 25 | 28,856 | 27,575 | 1 | 2 | 1,612 | 2,171 |
| Cabbage (MT) | 34 | 38 | 7,206 | 11,487 | 9 | 4 | 2,038 | 908 |
| Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT) | 92 | 75 | 22,147 | 21,021 | 16 | 9 | 4,162 | 2,555 |
| Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz (MT) | 214 | 202 | 123,813 | 126,483 | 25 | 24 | 14,407 | 15,405 |
| Celery, fresh (MT) | 28 | 44 | 7,860 | 10,973 | 1 | 3 | 326 | 709 |
| Cucumbers (MT) | 259 | 281 | 87,198 | 140,666 | 40 | 37 | 12,516 | 11,388 |
| Eggplant (MT) | 25 | 33 | 17,493 | 27,941 | 4 | 4 | 2,513 | 3,539 |
| Endive, fresh (MT) | 2 | 3 | 4,284 | 5,577 | 0 | 0 | 431 | 580 |
| Garlic (MT) | 17 | 31 | 19,770 | 37,523 | 0 | 1 | 485 | 1,416 |
| Lettuce (MT) | 28 | 23 | 13,278 | 12,810 | 1 | 0 | 442 | 340 |
| Okra, fresh or frozen (MT) | 30 | 23 | 12,798 | 10,785 | 1 | 1 | 513 | 415 |
| Onions (MT) | 244 | 247 | 115,045 | 138,752 | 17 | 19 | 13,629 | 12,191 |
| Peas, incl chickpeas (MT) | 34 | 35 | 31,730 | 40,724 | 3 | 2 | 3,195 | 2,525 |
| Peppers (MT) | 260 | 295 | 223,459 | 314,100 | 18 | 19 | 21,430 | 18,942 |
| Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT) | 596 | 805 | 226,842 | 313,785 | 67 | 73 | 26,762 | 29,768 |
| Radishes, fresh (MT) | 11 | 15 | 5,321 | 11,122 | 2 | 2 | 1,404 | 1,513 |
| Squash (MT) | 122 | 146 | 76,662 | 99,687 | 17 | 20 | 9,827 | 11,537 |
| Other veas - fr or froz (MT) | 278 | 318 | 202,763 | 243,519 | 22 | 31 | 19,065 | 24,293 |
| Vegetables-prep/pres (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,452,974 | 1,568,592 | 0 | 0 | 132,435 | 147,797 |
| Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT) | 25 | 26 | 21,187 | 19,893 | 3 | 4 | 2,571 | 2,618 |
| Bean cake, miso (MT) | 8 | 6 | 21,435 | 14,090 | 1 | 1 | 1,774 | 1,228 |
| Cucumbers, preserved (MT) | 33 | 36 | 18,002 | 19,925 | 3 | 4 | 1,954 | 2,210 |
| Garlic, dried (MT) | 7 | 22 | 2,872 | 11,051 | 1 | 7 | 247 | 3,906 |
| Olives - prep or pres (MT) | 72 | 75 | 165,219 | 156,071 | 7 | 6 | 15,898 | 13,396 |
| Mushrooms, canned (MT) | 59 | 55 | 102,930 | 95,175 | 4 | 3 | 7,556 | 7,308 |
| Mushrooms, dried (MT) | 2 | 2 | 18,198 | 15,815 | 0 | 0 | 1,423 | 1,168 |
| Onions, preserved (MT) | 2 | 2 | 2,962 | 3,257 | 0 | 0 | 376 | 334 |
| Hops, incl extract (MT) | 4 | 4 | 27,512 | 25,257 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 61 |
| Artichokes - prep (MT) | 27 | 36 | 39,126 | 69,330 | 2 | 1 | 2,346 | 2,163 |
| Asparagus - prep (MT) | 1 | 1 | 1,599 | 1,973 | 0 | 0 | 214 | 177 |
| Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT) | 96 | 103 | 83,317 | 91,474 | 9 | 16 | 6,499 | 15,096 |
| Waterchestnuts (MT) | 37 | 31 | 26,762 | 18,403 | 3 | 2 | 1,860 | 1,533 |
| Beans & peas, dried (MT) | 65 | 58 | 39,275 | 34,256 | 6 | 5 | 3,586 | 2,975 |
| Mustard (MT) | 14 | 14 | 16,679 | 16,545 | 1 | 1 | 1,219 | 1,722 |
| Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT) | 15 | 20 | 17,574 | 24,187 | 1 | 2 | 1,455 | 2,162 |
| Soy sauce (MT) | 35 | 35 | 35,192 | 35,579 | 3 | 4 | 3,587 | 4,010 |
| Starches, excl wheat & corn (MT) | 140 | 147 | 92,849 | 96,592 | 10 | 9 | 8,528 | 6,065 |
| Soups & sauces (MT) | 95 | 116 | 188,031 | 211,088 | 10 | 14 | 19,874 | 23,640 |
| Vinegar (HL) | 236 | 292 | 34,079 | 35,524 | 21 | 27 | 3,376 | 3,597 |
| Yeasts (MT) | 49 | 50 | 54,737 | 56,243 | 4 | 5 | 4,363 | 5,410 |
| Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA) | 0 | 0 | 443,435 | 516,867 | 0 | 0 | 43,719 | 47,020 |
| Sugar & related prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,730,146 | 1,567,066 | 0 | 0 | 104,738 | 108,272 |
| Sugar - cane & beet (MT) | 2,809 | 1,913 | 930,704 | 720,156 | 193 | 84 | 35,125 | 37,044 |
| Molasses (HL) | 9,626 | 10,225 | 80,752 | 76,043 | 612 | 685 | 3,904 | 5,086 |
| Confectionery prods (MT) | 217 | 244 | 488,614 | 563,440 | 19 | 22 | 47,112 | 51,009 |
| Other sugar & related prods (MT) | 317 | 398 | 230,076 | 207,427 | 29 | 36 | 18,597 | 15,134 |
| Spices (MT) | 27 | 37 | 48,379 | 50,983 | 2 | 3 | 3,419 | 4,649 |
| Tobacco - unmfq (MT) | 269 | 206 | 985,211 | 696,914 | 14 | 7 | 51,196 | 24,654 |
| Tobacco - filler (MT) | 229 | 158 | 921,215 | 645,743 | 12 | 5 | 45,176 | 20,888 |
| Tobacco - scrap (MT) | 38 | 46 | 25,105 | 19,104 | 2 | 2 | 904 | 1,242 |
| Other tobacco (MT) | 2 | 2 | 38,890 | 32,066 | 0 | 0 | 5,116 | 2,524 |
| Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL) | 0 | 0 | 3,107,435 | 3,490,567 | 0 | 0 | 321,767 | 359,010 |
| Wine (HL) | 4,172 | 3,798 | 1,567,599 | 1,711,045 | 473 | 423 | 198,866 | 220,791 |
| Malt beverages (HL) | 15,357 | 17,722 | 1,372,955 | 1,582,575 | 1,210 | 1,367 | 110,659 | 122,532 |
| Other beverages (HL) | 0 | 0 | 166,881 | 196,947 | 0 | 0 | 12,242 | 15,687 |
| Oilseeds & prods (MT) | 3,540 | 3,830 | 2,039,908 | 2,025,341 | 311 | 312 | 162,014 | 165,259 |
| Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) | 939 | 895 | 350,604 | 325,133 | 76 | 74 | 25,809 | 24,561 |
| Flaxseed (MT) | 204 | 165 | 58,743 | 47,399 | 17 | 7 | 4,513 | 1,967 |
| Mustard seeds (MT) | 56 | 51 | 23,259 | 19,122 | 7 | 5 | 2,456 | 1,562 |
| Rapeseed (MT) | 274 | 295 | 85,911 | 89,500 | 32 | 40 | 9,758 | 10,968 |
| Sesameseed (MT) | 39 | 41 | 40,312 | 45,621 | 3 | 3 | 3,021 | 3,270 |
| Soybeans (MT) | 244 | 147 | 74,665 | 42,137 | 12 | 10 | 2,948 | 3,285 |

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

| Quantity and unit | January-November | | | | November | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 | 1997 | 1998 |
| Sunflower seeds (MT) | 19 | 27 | 6,021 | 9,335 | 3 | 5 | 854 | 1,678 |
| Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) | 103 | 167 | 61,693 | 72,020 | 3 | 3 | 2,259 | 1,831 |
| Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT) | 1,663 | 1,781 | 1,518,804 | 1,540,085 | 135 | 133 | 119,767 | 128,086 |
| Castor oil (MT) | 38 | 43 | 28,134 | 32,107 | 4 | 0 | 3,184 | 90 |
| Coconut oil (MT) | 479 | 544 | 322,990 | 322,119 | 35 | 34 | 19,921 | 22,830 |
| Cottonseed oil (MT) | 0 | 12 | 94 | 7,540 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Olive oil (MT) | 151 | 150 | 402,971 | 317,068 | 14 | 17 | 33,601 | 35,866 |
| Palm oil (MT) | 122 | 100 | 53,106 | 48,227 | 7 | 4 | 3,200 | 2,214 |
| Palm kernel oil (MT) | 148 | 144 | 109,517 | 100,020 | 13 | 12 | 8,286 | 8,317 |
| Peanut oil (MT) | 7 | 26 | 6,374 | 24,204 | 0 | 0 | 112 | 194 |
| Rapeseed oil (MT) | 451 | 457 | 277,629 | 307,443 | 42 | 43 | 27,414 | 27,574 |
| Soybean oil (MT) | 24 | 27 | 15,495 | 18,347 | 2 | 4 | 1,564 | 2,450 |
| Sesame oil (MT) | 6 | 6 | 18,448 | 17,513 | 1 | 1 | 1,857 | 1,564 |
| Other vegetable oils (MT) | 236 | 273 | 284,044 | 345,498 | 17 | 19 | 20,627 | 26,986 |
| Oilcake & meal (MT) | 938 | 1,154 | 170,500 | 160,122 | 100 | 105 | 16,438 | 12,612 |
| Cotton, excl linters (MT) | 2 | 3 | 2,981 | 4,316 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 1,073 |
| Cotton linters (MT) | 14 | 7 | 15,297 | 3,771 | 1 | 3 | 1,373 | 573 |
| Seeds - field & garden (MT) | 212 | 251 | 340,342 | 394,908 | 9 | 13 | 24,221 | 23,344 |
| Cut flowers (NA) | 0 | 0 | 547,321 | 571,025 | 0 | 0 | 47,838 | 41,190 |
| Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA) | 0 | 0 | 374,704 | 428,062 | 0 | 0 | 46,681 | 51,866 |
| Other vegetable prods (MT) | 0 | 0 | 278,316 | 328,451 | 0 | 0 | 25,424 | 26,415 |
| Selected non-ag imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 13,445,921 | 14,217,786 | 0 | 0 | 1,205,803 | 1,151,685 |
| Fertilizers (MT) | 21,135 | 22,354 | 2,201,584 | 2,191,027 | 1,832 | 1,761 | 170,702 | 166,287 |
| Potassium (MT) | 8,190 | 8,453 | 543,697 | 699,393 | 853 | 538 | 58,383 | 49,041 |
| Nitrogen (MT) | 7,172 | 7,905 | 1,185,267 | 1,064,665 | 437 | 728 | 72,211 | 87,174 |
| Phosphate (MT) | 5,757 | 5,986 | 469,655 | 422,909 | 542 | 495 | 39,978 | 29,684 |
| Fish (MT) | 0 | 0 | 6,992,830 | 7,381,554 | 0 | 0 | 688,896 | 667,782 |
| Fish fresh or prep (MT) | 0 | 0 | 2,900,247 | 3,088,102 | 0 | 0 | 246,100 | 262,910 |
| Shellfish (MT) | 445 | 485 | 4,013,675 | 4,223,483 | 45 | 47 | 438,330 | 400,162 |
| Fish prods, other (MT) | 76 | 61 | 78,908 | 69,969 | 2 | 2 | 4,465 | 4,710 |
| Aq chemicals (MT) | 94 | 109 | 918,862 | 1,020,131 | 6 | 7 | 66,750 | 65,546 |
| Fungicides (MT) | 29 | 35 | 115,334 | 148,105 | 1 | 2 | 5,298 | 14,732 |
| Herbicides (MT) | 22 | 19 | 318,334 | 288,383 | 2 | 1 | 28,928 | 21,177 |
| Insecticides (MT) | 14 | 18 | 170,780 | 241,883 | 1 | 1 | 12,704 | 5,936 |
| Other pesticides (MT) | 29 | 37 | 314,415 | 341,759 | 3 | 3 | 19,819 | 23,701 |
| Farm machinery (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,917,868 | 3,224,375 | 0 | 0 | 240,004 | 221,409 |
| Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) | 3,414 | 6,188 | 1,539,111 | 1,766,601 | 338 | 740 | 128,565 | 115,492 |
| Other aq mach & parts (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,378,757 | 1,457,774 | 0 | 0 | 111,439 | 105,918 |
| Tobacco - mfg (NA) | 11 | 12 | 414,777 | 400,699 | 1 | 1 | 39,451 | 30,661 |

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 | Sep | Oct | Nov | YTD | % chng | 1997/98 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Agricultural exports | 3,467 | 4,859 | 4,671 | 47,002 | -10 | |
| Imports (c.i.f.) | 3,129 | 3,335 | 3,127 | 36,473 | -7 | |
| Imports (Customs value) | 2,917 | 3,119 | 2,912 | 33,882 | 3 | |
| Trade Balance: | | | | | | |
| Exports less c.i.f. imports | 338 | 1,524 | 1,544 | 10,530 | -19 | |
| Exports less Customs-valued imports | 550 | 1,740 | 1,759 | 13,120 | -31 | |

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Quantity of U.S. agricultural exports to Brazil and Brazil's share of total U.S. exports

| | Units | CY1997 | CY1997 | Jan-Nov 1998 | Jan-Nov 1998 |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Baby chicks | NO | 2,964,896 | 6.3% | 1,453,725 | 3.2% |
| Rice-paddy, milled, parb. | MT | 65,058 | 2.6% | 634,067 | 18.3% |
| Bovine hides-whole | PC | 3,523 | 0.0% | 563,930 | 3.2% |
| Other feeds & fodders | MT | 9,012 | 0.2% | 26,994 | 0.6% |
| Soybeans | MT | 36,085 | 0.1% | 35,059 | 0.2% |
| Cotton, ex linters | MT | 23,072 | 1.5% | 86,803 | 6.2% |
| Corn | MT | 781,255 | 1.9% | 38,329 | 0.1% |
| Other fruit juices | HL | 776,288 | 27.6% | 31,350 | 1.0% |
| Fruits-fresh-noncitrus | MT | 52,191 | 3.2% | 28,855 | 2.2% |
| Vegetable oils | MT | 23,599 | 0.9% | 23,349 | 0.9% |

Quantity of U.S. agricultural imports from Brazil and Brazil's share of total U.S. imports

| | Units | CY1997 | CY1997 | Jan-Nov 1998 | Jan-Nov 1998 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| Fruit juices | HL | 6,554,881 | 23.6% | 6,630,554 | 27.3% |
| Orange juice | HL | 5,902,329 | 61.3% | 6,287,530 | 61.3% |
| Apple juice | HL | 305,584 | 2.9% | 118,844 | 1.3% |
| Grape juice | HL | 195,836 | 8.2% | 80,000 | 7.8% |
| Other fruit juice | HL | 79,241 | 4.2% | 73,715 | 5.6% |
| Lemon juice | HL | 71,890 | 20.4% | 60,339 | 13.8% |
| Molasses | HL | 27,904 | 0.3% | 241,009 | 2.4% |
| Cane and beet sugar | MT | 354,817 | 11.9% | 214,932 | 11.2% |
| Coffee, incl products | MT | 146,789 | 12.4% | 145,468 | 13.4% |
| Other sugar & related prod. | MT | 4,705 | 1.4% | 120,392 | 30.2% |
| Tobacco--unmanufactured | MT | 64,145 | 21.8% | 36,580 | 17.7% |
| Beef & veal--prep. & pres. | MT | 23,650 | 37.2% | 30,565 | 49.2% |

NO=number, PC=pieces, MT=metric tons, and HL=hectoliters.

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

| Commodity group | Sep | Oct | Nov | YTD | % chng |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Total | 3,467 | 4,859 | 4,671 | 47,002 | -10 |
| Live animals | 28 | 99 | 94 | 583 | 0 |
| Meat & poultry | 476 | 523 | 501 | 6,037 | -7 |
| Dairy prod & eqqs | 99 | 100 | 89 | 1,039 | 0 |
| Animal fats | 55 | 54 | 48 | 602 | 19 |
| Hides & skins | 88 | 96 | 83 | 1,184 | -24 |
| Wheat | 301 | 359 | 286 | 3,349 | -11 |
| Rice | 70 | 149 | 116 | 1,121 | 33 |
| Corn | 296 | 378 | 45 | 3,896 | -18 |
| Other feed grains | 39 | 32 | 46 | 566 | -23 |
| Animal feeds | 230 | 327 | 314 | 3,738 | -9 |
| Soybeans | 169 | 778 | 615 | 4,284 | -34 |
| Vegetable oils | 148 | 179 | 186 | 1,986 | 26 |
| Fruits & nuts | 368 | 498 | 427 | 4,190 | -7 |
| Vegetables | 295 | 379 | 375 | 3,844 | 1 |
| Cotton & linters | 98 | 92 | 260 | 2,233 | -8 |
| Tobacco, unmf. | 77 | 81 | 147 | 1,303 | -8 |
| Seeds & nurserv | 65 | 88 | 119 | 1,003 | -4 |

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Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports, customs value (\$ mil.)

| Commodity group | Sep | Oct | Nov | YTD | % chng |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Total | 2,917 | 3,119 | 2,912 | 33,882 | 3 |
| Live animals | 151 | 168 | 167 | 1,570 | 6 |
| Meat & poultry | 227 | 244 | 245 | 2,593 | 7 |
| Dairy prod & eqqs | 121 | 147 | 138 | 1,313 | 18 |
| Grains & feeds | 15 | 27 | 21 | 263 | -20 |
| Fruits & nuts | 169 | 193 | 199 | 2,760 | 3 |
| Vegetables | 133 | 167 | 200 | 2,380 | 27 |
| Vegetable oils | 7 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 14 |
| Wine | 159 | 150 | 123 | 1,583 | 15 |
| Malt beverages | 18 | 19 | 16 | 197 | 18 |
| Coffee | 214 | 226 | 219 | 3,152 | -11 |
| Cocoa | 143 | 138 | 112 | 1,517 | 17 |
| Rubber, natural | 92 | 77 | 62 | 897 | -22 |
| Cane & beet sugar | 6 | 5 | 5 | 76 | -6 |
| Tobacco, unmf. | 61 | 75 | 21 | 646 | -30 |
| Seeds & flowers | 114 | 119 | 119 | 1,328 | 11 |

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