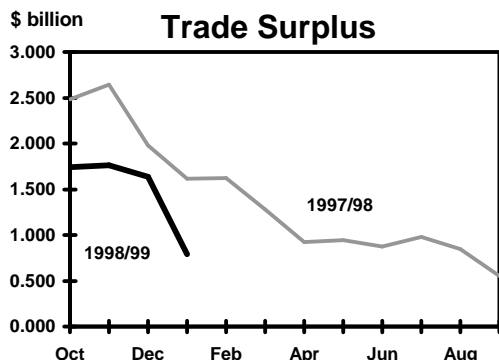


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—U.S. agricultural exports in January 1999 fell 19 percent from both the previous year and December 1998 to \$3.9 billion. January imports also declined, but only marginally to \$3.1 billion. Cumulative October 1998-January 1999 exports equaled \$18.2 billion, 13 percent less than in the first 4 months of fiscal 1998. Year-to-date fiscal 1999 imports also are off fractionally from fiscal 1998, dropping to \$12.3 billion. The agricultural trade surplus has plunged 32 percent so far in fiscal 1999, to just \$5.9 billion. The appreciation of the U.S. dollar compared with other currencies is partly responsible for the drop.

Exports—Fiscal 1999 bulk exports, to date, of \$7.2 billion, fell 20 percent (\$1.8 billion) from the previous year. The export value of wheat, rice, coarse grains, soybeans, cotton, and tobacco all declined in January compared with December 1998. Weak demand and ample supplies in world markets translate into low prices, pulling value down.

At \$2.4 billion for 1999, *soybean* exports registered the largest drop in fiscal year-to-date exports, down \$1.4 billion. Supplies in 1999 continue to build on already large supplies in 1998, and export competition is unusually intense at this point in the season. In addition, Brazil's currency devaluation is improving its ability to penetrate world markets. U.S. shipments to traditional markets in Latin America, including Mexico, Europe, and Asia have dropped from 1998.

Fiscal 1999 *wheat* exports declined by almost \$200 million, and equal \$1.3 billion in the year-to-date. Shipments to North Africa are off due to its larger production this year. And demand continues to be sluggish elsewhere.

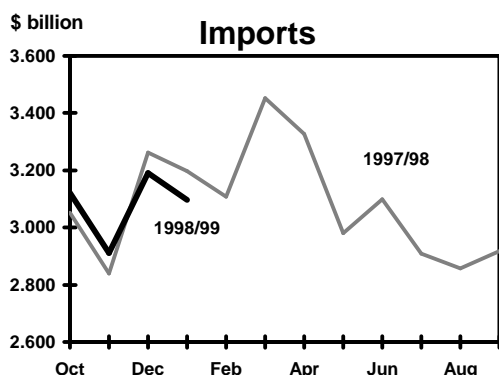
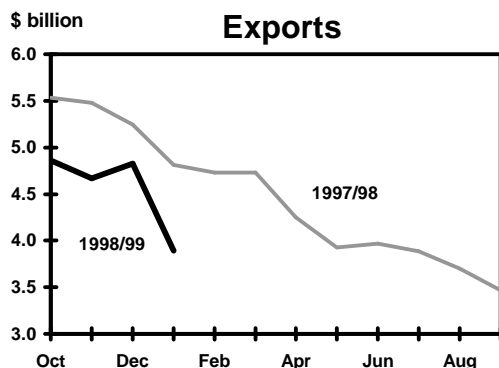
January 1999 *cotton* shipments fell sharply to only \$59 million from the high level of \$267 million in December, as Step 2 program payments ceased. Cumulative cotton exports of \$736 million are 20 percent below year-to-date fiscal 1998 shipments. Low supplies in the United States, abundant supplies elsewhere, and continued sluggish demand also contributed to the drop.

In contrast to all the declines, January 1999 *corn* exports, as well as corn exports in the year-to-date increased in quantity.

Cumulative corn exports so far in 1999 reached \$1.6 billion, 6 percent above last year. Competition in the corn market has lessened somewhat this year.

Exports of *high-value products* (HVP) shrank by \$1 billion (9 percent) to \$11.1 billion so far this year. Much of the drop was in January, which declined 13 percent. In the year-to-date, the largest decline was in soybean meal exports, where South American competition is unusually strong. Poultry meat exports also are off sharply as the Russian market has almost vanished. Hides and skins to Asia have not yet begun to recover. Red meat to Japan and Southeast Asia fell sharply, and hides and skins declined to South Korea, Canada, and Latin America.

Imports—Fiscal 1999 imports from Southeast Asia and Africa slipped, as world prices continued to fall. Declines in imports of coffee, rubber, tobacco, and live animals were principally responsible. Coffee imports of \$990 million are down 20 percent so far due to lower prices. In contrast, however, imports of vegetables, fruits, wine, malt beverages, and red meats continue to rise. Vegetables are up 12 percent, fruits 24 percent, and wine, malt beverages, and red meats 10 percent each. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323 & Carol Whitton, 202-694-5287]



Exports to Mexico Rising in Fiscal 1999—

The combination of a healthy economy in 1998 (4.8% GDP growth), only a 1-percent real depreciation of the peso against the U.S. dollar, and freer trade due to NAFTA, continues to raise U.S. exports south of the border. Thus far, exports to Mexico are up more than \$100 million, or 5.5 percent, in fiscal 1999, but down elsewhere in the world. The near \$1-billion rise in fiscal 1998 also contrasted sharply with U.S. export declines outside of North and Central America. In the year-to-date, the largest gains in export value to Mexico are: corn—up 85 percent, vegetables—up 39 percent, red meat—up 12 percent, dairy products—up 42 percent, fruits—up 38 percent, vegetable oils—up 14 percent, and wheat—up 25 percent. The U.S. share of Mexico's wheat imports continues to increase, helped by comparatively low transport costs.

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

Quantity and unit	October-January				January			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	21,067,080	18,247,793	0	0	4,809,080	3,890,866
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	3,878,111	3,372,656	0	0	857,343	745,061
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	278,821	285,743	0	0	45,096	26,197
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	103	118	66,672	62,309	23	19	14,741	10,500
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	30	40	163,591	196,886	3	3	21,759	9,028
Swine - live (NO)	34	154	7,018	11,737	15	35	2,201	2,868
Sheep, live (NO)	636	151	26,851	5,681	88	48	3,555	1,808
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	14,689	9,130	0	0	2,840	1,994
Meats & meat prods (MT)	691	672	1,539,657	1,402,873	152	156	329,679	328,750
Beef & veal (MT)	234	250	815,989	780,240	50	60	170,322	189,387
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	228	243	793,266	751,581	49	59	165,629	183,343
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	6	7	22,723	28,659	1	2	4,692	6,044
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	4	4	13,189	12,462	1	1	3,284	2,843
Lamb, mutton or goat-fr, ch, frz (MT)	1	1	2,718	3,698	0	0	715	771
Pork (MT)	122	126	356,417	309,518	28	29	78,769	71,136
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	108	115	317,538	279,790	25	26	70,728	65,418
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	14	12	38,879	29,728	3	2	8,041	5,719
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	171	153	221,727	209,922	39	36	49,834	48,223
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	159	137	129,616	87,033	34	30	26,755	16,390
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	951,119	700,813	0	0	225,771	152,680
Poultry - live (NA)	18,783	20,550	40,384	38,279	4,970	4,409	9,347	9,684
Baby chicks (NO)	15,419	16,985	34,242	32,878	3,989	3,365	7,924	8,017
Other live poultry (NA)	3,364	3,566	6,142	5,401	980	1,044	1,423	1,667
Poultry meats (MT)	921	742	826,902	588,861	232	179	194,490	127,974
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	804	655	644,527	453,156	213	162	164,242	101,582
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	77	56	88,852	61,825	12	11	12,946	10,472
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	2	3	3,931	4,621	1	1	973	986
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	37	28	89,592	69,260	7	6	16,328	14,933
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	1	1	5,749	4,272	0	0	2,177	1,034
Eggs (NA)	0	0	78,084	69,401	0	0	19,757	13,988
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	314,251	294,180	0	0	72,195	62,339
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	3	2	2,146	1,296	1	0	580	218
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	33	21	57,044	32,655	10	6	16,478	8,543
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	3	0	4,726	641	1	0	1,489	135
Cheese (MT)	13	12	45,211	41,126	3	3	8,756	9,007
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	36,197	41,116	0	0	9,548	8,661
Other dairv prods (NA)	0	0	168,927	177,346	0	0	35,343	35,775
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	385	483	203,520	210,579	91	110	48,991	47,486
Lard (MT)	22	25	12,402	12,399	6	7	3,206	3,412
Tallow - inedible (MT)	268	325	137,300	135,968	64	72	33,729	29,381
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	95	133	53,817	62,211	21	31	12,056	14,692
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	458,679	351,927	0	0	104,251	96,437
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	5,786	5,775	326,472	276,101	1,374	1,467	71,982	73,380
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	37,841	20,894	0	0	4,787	6,122
Calf skins, whole (PC)	749	525	14,694	8,910	207	170	3,863	2,837
Horse hides, whole (PC)	42	42	1,047	997	2	4	39	90
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	9,735	2,071	0	0	2,485	415
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	4,303	3,272	25,707	21,542	871	781	4,829	4,510
Furskins (NA)	0	0	43,183	21,413	0	0	16,266	9,083
Mink pelts (NO)	733	595	19,008	15,108	251	321	5,786	6,473
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	24,175	6,305	0	0	10,480	2,609
Wool & mohair (MT)	1	1	4,734	5,433	0	0	1,123	1,132
Sausage casings (MT)	6	8	21,814	22,912	1	2	5,010	5,608
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	25,102	21,604	0	0	5,954	4,456
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	80,415	76,592	0	0	19,273	19,976
Grains & feeds (MT)	30,525	34,536	5,094,718	4,954,480	7,764	7,302	1,284,460	1,096,929
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	9,363	9,811	1,464,895	1,272,938	2,636	1,986	410,533	279,995
Wheat flour (MT)	172	297	46,547	68,284	28	49	7,891	19,112
Bulqur wheat (MT)	1	5	159	870	1	2	114	260
Other wheat prods (MT)	26	30	25,459	29,182	5	7	5,273	7,147
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	1,011	1,438	376,609	461,422	278	294	100,998	109,741
Feed grains & prods (MT)	15,416	18,275	1,892,252	1,854,447	3,676	3,821	447,968	387,968
Feed grains (MT)	15,230	18,034	1,830,597	1,776,578	3,632	3,782	431,429	374,915
Barley (MT)	634	158	83,993	19,789	31	59	4,209	6,716
Corn (MT)	12,587	16,239	1,515,999	1,598,966	2,991	3,223	357,478	319,585
Grain sorghums (MT)	1,998	1,629	229,116	156,807	609	498	69,534	48,384
Oats (MT)	11	8	1,419	997	1	2	160	230
Rye (MT)	1	0	71	18	1	0	47	0
Feed grain prods (MT)	186	242	61,654	77,869	44	39	16,539	13,053
Popcorn (MT)	35	33	24,945	21,012	8	7	5,609	4,567
Blended food prods (MT)	80	117	21,935	33,982	25	24	6,671	6,822
Other grain prods (MT)	316	363	371,110	390,583	67	84	82,760	83,103
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	4,107	4,166	870,807	821,760	1,041	1,029	216,645	198,214
Corn by-products (MT)	1,993	1,964	263,006	203,239	482	433	66,228	49,708
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	84	98	15,018	14,974	17	22	2,840	3,802
Beet pulp (MT)	247	218	29,346	26,803	106	59	11,844	6,667
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	187	172	10,408	16,481	50	92	2,757	8,793
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	1,597	1,715	553,029	560,263	386	423	132,974	129,245
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,046	1,049	867,116	859,853	233	240	166,604	180,831
Fruits - fr (MT)	881	873	620,440	602,924	199	201	118,889	121,605
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	373	323	210,025	185,803	125	96	65,648	54,781
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	160	168	75,211	84,060	52	62	25,431	30,575
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	46	45	39,717	32,195	13	11	7,744	8,134
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	166	109	94,462	68,576	60	22	32,260	15,862

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	1	635	972	0	0	212	210
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	508	550	410,416	417,121	74	105	53,241	66,824
Apples - fresh (MT)	233	288	144,273	161,522	45	80	27,046	43,483
Berries - fresh (MT)	11	13	24,653	26,232	2	2	3,519	3,151
Cherries - fresh (MT)	3	3	3,090	2,974	1	0	523	75
Grapes - fresh (MT)	121	108	152,700	132,803	6	3	7,769	4,927
Melons - fresh (MT)	27	32	13,159	14,302	3	4	2,152	2,090
Peaches - fresh (MT)	4	4	3,314	4,219	0	0	496	444
Pears - fresh (MT)	90	77	46,991	45,704	14	13	7,837	7,643
Plums - fresh (MT)	3	8	2,697	6,988	0	0	306	291
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	16	18	19,539	22,377	3	4	3,594	4,719
Fruits - dried (MT)	79	79	141,256	143,653	15	17	26,725	33,743
Raisins - dried (MT)	42	40	72,933	70,896	8	9	13,725	17,185
Prunes - dried (MT)	26	27	49,063	51,975	5	6	10,152	12,617
Other dried fruits (MT)	11	12	19,260	20,782	2	1	2,848	3,941
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	46	56	49,690	53,720	10	13	9,413	12,390
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	11	16	15,398	24,176	3	4	3,803	6,231
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	30	25	40,331	35,380	6	5	7,774	6,862
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	2,850	3,199	185,784	199,225	580	839	40,397	50,261
Apple juice (HL)	158	104	16,598	11,747	26	26	3,344	3,166
Grape juice (HL)	273	290	18,376	21,088	63	50	4,337	4,658
Grapefruit juice (HL)	212	171	14,077	11,747	35	45	2,600	3,194
Orange juice (HL)	1,245	1,515	79,030	88,351	270	466	18,220	23,793
Other fruit juices (HL)	963	1,118	57,703	66,292	185	252	11,895	15,450
Wine (HL)	681	753	128,262	159,767	141	168	27,048	34,226
Nuts & prep (MT)	247	220	619,952	562,476	40	36	101,912	95,935
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	83	76	312,552	300,391	15	14	53,169	54,257
Filberts (MT)	14	6	24,109	11,730	1	0	2,813	863
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	75	67	75,799	67,998	15	14	15,531	14,412
Pistachios (MT)	16	12	69,329	46,134	3	3	13,592	11,685
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	44	45	99,692	94,997	3	3	8,935	7,518
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	4	3	16,061	15,728	1	1	4,008	3,739
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	11	11	22,410	25,498	2	2	3,864	3,461
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	1,418,903	1,470,574	0	0	341,456	339,429
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	548	582	352,332	347,155	142	148	90,677	90,125
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	1	2	4,795	5,504	1	1	3,075	3,583
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	41	53	30,384	35,382	12	14	9,546	9,486
Carrots - fresh (MT)	24	27	13,805	15,721	8	8	4,613	4,796
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	12	13	6,497	5,754	5	4	2,826	1,939
Celery - fresh (MT)	43	44	18,407	14,730	13	13	4,947	4,056
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	28	34	19,675	23,176	7	10	5,166	6,837
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	4	4	2,090	2,235	1	1	706	452
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	9	10	4,636	5,004	1	2	1,038	1,172
Garlic - fresh (MT)	4	4	4,884	5,730	0	1	560	776
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	109	116	68,408	57,845	29	28	17,155	13,166
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	3	3	13,824	7,427	0	0	596	872
Onions and shallots - fresh (MT)	83	86	26,927	30,138	20	18	7,778	7,115
Peppers - fresh (MT)	19	22	19,642	18,499	5	6	4,975	5,002
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	50	48	16,086	17,244	12	11	4,041	4,064
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	49	45	44,962	45,959	11	10	8,690	11,483
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	68	70	57,309	56,808	16	20	14,964	15,324
Vegetables - froz (MT)	213	234	163,818	183,992	49	58	39,023	44,830
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	28	24	22,559	20,349	6	6	5,199	5,075
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	149	167	107,065	123,133	35	42	25,564	30,000
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	36	43	34,194	40,509	9	11	8,260	9,755
Vegetables - canned (MT)	152	145	119,422	119,855	38	27	29,216	23,337
Pulses (MT)	194	243	96,548	119,719	34	48	16,978	23,531
Dried beans (MT)	135	172	74,057	94,437	22	28	12,005	16,705
Dried peas (MT)	40	53	13,634	18,230	5	15	1,893	4,962
Dried lentils (MT)	19	18	8,856	7,051	6	5	3,079	1,865
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	5	3	41,447	36,849	1	1	15,032	11,663
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	645,337	663,004	0	0	150,531	145,943
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	19,439	15,555	5,847,063	3,930,364	3,902	3,207	1,202,332	807,344
Oilcake & meal (MT)	3,420	2,586	890,422	438,734	997	604	244,972	102,895
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	128	168	11,134	12,718	26	35	2,320	2,657
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	29	28	3,221	3,048	5	11	547	1,068
Soybean meal (MT)	3,198	2,328	865,649	413,902	941	536	237,926	96,393
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	66	62	10,417	9,066	25	21	4,179	2,777
Oilseeds (MT)	14,825	11,885	4,150,594	2,720,154	2,550	2,383	722,704	552,191
Rapeseed (MT)	62	108	15,953	25,710	12	6	2,806	1,637
Safflower seeds (MT)	8	9	4,376	1,753	0	0	34	194
Soybeans (MT)	14,543	11,347	3,890,293	2,445,615	2,480	2,295	664,069	500,787
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	54	130	37,280	51,891	8	12	6,963	8,515
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	21	20	18,245	16,285	2	2	2,090	1,686
Other oilseeds (MT)	88	225	30,675	53,150	34	56	10,367	12,006
Protein substances (MT)	51	47	153,772	125,750	13	12	36,376	27,366
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,194	1,084	806,047	771,476	355	221	234,656	152,258
Soybean oil (MT)	585	524	353,243	326,260	204	112	121,942	68,530
Cottonseed oil (MT)	33	19	19,782	12,319	11	5	6,514	3,482
Sunflower oil (MT)	183	124	112,729	81,316	54	28	34,830	18,668
Corn oil (MT)	170	165	115,478	128,448	46	26	32,184	19,095
Peanut oil (MT)	4	2	3,779	2,372	0	0	168	221
Rapeseed oil (MT)	65	65	41,031	40,404	8	10	4,996	6,611
Safflower oil (MT)	8	12	9,261	11,666	2	0	2,632	73

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	146	173	150,745	168,692	29	40	31,390	35,577
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	73	75	487,338	497,894	21	19	113,923	113,572
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	8	6	60,865	54,810	1	1	10,197	4,979
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	45	55	317,213	357,277	10	15	71,219	91,757
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	20	14	109,261	85,807	9	4	32,507	16,836
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	542	488	917,135	736,370	160	34	267,467	58,692
Cotton linters (MT)	23	11	7,622	4,645	5	3	1,696	1,297
Essential oils (MT)	14	13	160,264	154,715	3	4	40,834	39,502
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	359	224	380,085	354,126	91	59	129,940	103,241
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	500,539	495,332	0	0	108,174	112,905
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	200,154	201,225	0	0	42,807	44,064
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	44	72	17,659	25,333	8	15	3,173	5,427
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	182,494	175,891	0	0	39,635	38,638
Coffee (MT)	13	17	76,553	76,912	3	4	17,837	16,306
Cocoa (MT)	12	14	26,987	30,693	3	3	6,247	6,265
Chocolate & prep (MT)	40	35	133,609	108,454	8	7	25,189	23,742
Tea & mate (MT)	7	9	29,452	40,908	2	2	7,224	13,258
Spices (MT)	9	10	21,267	22,893	2	2	5,222	5,390
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	7	8	11,903	13,197	2	2	3,530	3,623
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	1	615	1,049	0	1	118	257
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	177,318	147,543	0	0	37,969	32,358
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	106,922	111,020	0	0	25,348	24,127
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	289,945	236,753	0	0	62,177	55,157
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	5,059,657	4,759,069	0	0	1,062,448	1,003,261
Fertilizers (MT)	8	3	821,718	1,153,648	2	1	116,236	248,979
Nitrogen (MT)	6	2	815,862	1,150,877	1	0	114,181	248,132
Phosphate (MT)	3	1	5,856	2,771	1	0	2,055	847
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	713,649	702,136	0	0	106,511	122,794
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	380,068	379,680	0	0	57,880	58,187
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	255,984	239,870	0	0	36,744	43,962
Other fish prods (MT)	75	69	77,598	82,587	11	16	11,887	20,644
Ag chemicals (MT)	82	82	509,092	470,681	22	20	132,940	120,868
Fungicides (MT)	10	12	62,934	58,775	3	2	14,522	12,591
Herbicides (MT)	34	36	197,268	176,458	10	9	61,453	49,282
Insecticides (MT)	17	19	122,679	149,651	4	5	28,939	38,077
Other pesticides (MT)	21	15	126,210	85,797	5	4	28,026	20,917
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	1,297,713	1,062,748	0	0	309,615	229,503
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	17	15	562,582	419,678	4	3	117,603	65,243
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	735,131	643,069	0	0	192,012	164,260
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	1,717,485	1,369,856	0	0	397,146	281,118

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

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

	metric tons				metric tons		
	Oct.-Jan. 1998	Oct.-Jan. 1999	Jan. 1999		Oct.-Jan. 1998	Oct.-Jan. 1999	Jan. 1999
Wheat				Corn			
Egypt	1,677,883	1,789,016	297,086	Japan	4,988,178	4,991,841	1,218,043
Japan	1,146,216	1,196,426	386,955	South Korea	603,884	2,040,954	518,670
European Union	374,830	561,843	83,754	Mexico	796,761	1,698,585	213,476
South Korea	450,727	525,483	108,694	China (Taiwan)	1,633,726	1,557,057	263,700
Pakistan	1,202,470	499,310	50,000	Egypt	841,978	735,745	254,579
Bangladesh	122,946	486,904	53,147	Venezuela	257,569	470,245	40,522
Mexico	321,077	473,269	103,963	Colombia	428,244	465,532	83,059
Philippines	486,979	402,193	66,120	Saudi Arabia	416,193	429,429	47,660
Nigeria	210,433	357,409	91,377	Algeria	327,208	364,393	70,808
China (Taiwan)	348,893	332,851	119,067	Chile	124,732	276,900	29,210
World	9,362,630	9,810,923	1,985,924	World	12,586,736	16,238,663	3,223,293
Soybeans				Cotton			
European Union	5,660,348	4,153,098	1,119,748	Mexico	82,376	145,596	5,445
Japan	1,507,458	1,519,340	391,625	Japan	51,158	48,796	4,728
Mexico	1,249,814	1,215,411	182,620	South Korea	43,681	43,086	3,967
China (Mainland)	1,200,108	943,235	87,992	Hong Kong	13,178	41,001	62
China (Taiwan)	1,178,491	723,048	114,016	Canada	19,040	31,700	3,022
South Korea	477,722	476,754	17,977	China (Taiwan)	29,649	29,843	1,094
Hailand	236,654	286,080	110,878	Indonesia	38,353	25,717	2,531
Indonesia	502,857	275,527	91,288	Guatemala	5,038	19,137	326
Israel	217,773	142,689	0	European Union	25,950	17,807	4,028
Malaysia	196,264	134,800	34,196	El Salvador	8,082	14,920	0
World	14,542,693	11,346,504	2,294,990	World	542,156	488,315	34,022

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

Quantity and uni	October-January				January			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	12,354,572	12,320,344	0	0	3,197,824	3,097,541
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	3,146,564	2,793,372	0	0	850,946	718,024
Bananas & plantains (MT)	1,339	1,321	379,784	365,274	337	342	94,322	92,121
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	365	416	1,233,672	990,218	109	110	354,891	267,340
Cocoa & prods (MT)	291	293	604,238	578,615	86	100	169,915	179,318
Tea (MT)	37	38	70,853	73,082	11	11	17,475	18,608
Spices (MT)	53	87	159,918	218,603	13	19	36,882	40,775
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	375	401	365,263	279,952	106	94	96,916	62,054
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	171	272	0	0	9	188
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	4	4	11,518	8,707	1	1	3,240	1,858
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	31	33	14,912	13,724	7	7	3,179	3,017
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	124,234	107,827	0	0	31,323	24,213
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	33	23	182,001	157,098	7	7	42,794	28,532
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	9,208,009	9,526,973	0	0	2,346,878	2,379,517
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	2,297,386	2,374,460	0	0	577,269	511,945
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	599,900	533,324	0	0	148,754	95,246
Cattle and calves (NO)	780	756	384,405	367,847	152	137	78,996	62,292
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	11	12	87,185	91,911	3	2	35,498	13,590
Swine (NO)	1,313	1,397	117,829	58,985	382	383	32,041	16,467
Sheep, live (NO)	22	16	2,897	1,568	7	7	948	661
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	7,585	13,013	0	0	1,272	2,236
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	866,143	949,234	0	0	233,757	220,115
Beef & veal (MT)	254	282	539,114	607,769	76	70	159,920	147,752
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	233	255	470,187	513,561	70	63	140,566	126,245
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	21	28	68,927	94,208	6	7	19,355	21,507
Pork (MT)	90	113	240,602	235,562	21	25	50,392	49,487
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	68	87	159,542	152,591	16	19	35,339	34,439
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	22	27	81,060	82,971	4	5	15,053	15,048
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	13	18	47,616	57,603	4	4	13,707	12,033
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	0	8	0	38,693	0	2	0	7,909
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	6	5	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	14	17	21,268	24,781	3	4	5,534	6,109
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	1	2	7,731	11,141	0	0	2,049	2,228
Other meats & prods (MT)	3	4	9,806	12,372	1	1	2,154	2,507
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	74,097	66,339	0	0	16,749	16,154
Poultry - live (NA)	3,597	3,922	7,307	6,198	1,066	933	1,846	1,597
Poultry meat (MT)	3	4	9,520	11,812	1	1	2,123	2,548
Eggs (NA)	0	0	5,972	5,078	0	0	1,338	1,725
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	8	8	51,299	43,250	2	2	11,442	10,284
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	443,360	556,239	0	0	93,087	109,035
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	11,895	20,085	0	0	3,325	7,654
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	2	11	4,033	23,699	0	1	455	2,846
Cheese (MT)	55	74	212,645	275,186	9	15	33,532	49,955
Casein & mixtures (MT)	34	35	142,764	140,864	9	7	38,801	25,702
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	72,022	96,405	0	0	16,974	22,877
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	27	22	20,122	16,605	6	7	4,189	4,683
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	72,472	52,630	0	0	25,186	19,669
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	1	0	2,644	1,459	0	0	675	288
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	37,410	30,586	0	0	8,589	6,846
Furskins (NA)	2,352	1,573	32,418	20,586	984	649	15,921	12,535
Wool - unmfq, apparel grades (MT)	16	9	59,838	29,271	4	3	15,590	8,190
Sausage casings (MT)	5	5	25,383	25,744	1	1	5,492	5,570
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	2,447	5,763	0	0	720	1,862
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	133,623	139,309	0	0	33,745	31,420
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	1,044,415	1,004,275	0	0	216,121	217,503
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	678	736	113,263	95,242	138	209	22,210	26,459
Corn, unmilled (MT)	33	172	5,113	16,902	6	47	1,174	4,643
Oats, unmilled (MT)	724	519	85,783	43,539	109	111	12,865	9,280
Barley, unmilled (MT)	255	223	37,755	27,225	34	31	5,366	3,678
Rice (MT)	101	120	68,151	69,959	29	36	18,366	18,875
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	107	125	260,653	302,148	22	25	46,915	53,587
Pasta & noodles (MT)	103	106	95,555	100,171	21	25	20,570	24,198
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	194,329	202,579	0	0	45,273	44,573
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	504	380	183,812	146,510	128	89	43,382	32,208
Fruits & preps (MT)	877	924	608,103	755,242	268	324	182,033	269,252
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	667	698	390,177	533,396	214	256	129,011	207,458
Apples, fresh (MT)	35	20	12,077	11,017	5	4	2,250	2,282
Avocados (MT)	19	41	21,670	43,947	3	4	3,657	4,433
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	27	35	29,905	57,141	2	3	3,932	6,205
Citrus, fresh (MT)	102	119	57,608	75,291	24	39	11,981	28,378
Grapes, fresh (MT)	90	98	98,670	137,329	49	72	47,901	88,783
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	1	4	1,410	3,932	0	1	339	663
Mangoes (MT)	7	23	7,902	21,485	1	8	1,623	7,748
Melons (MT)	235	199	67,784	69,752	84	73	26,304	29,646
Peaches (MT)	19	24	16,123	23,690	12	16	9,685	14,876
Pears (MT)	2	4	4,289	5,897	0	1	233	1,227
Pineapples, fresh or frozen (MT)	85	82	33,137	33,123	16	15	4,884	5,011
Plums (MT)	8	7	8,355	7,668	6	5	5,732	4,747
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	6	9	9,935	13,424	3	5	5,435	6,413
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	29	33	21,311	29,699	7	9	5,055	7,047
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	210	225	217,926	221,846	54	68	53,022	61,794
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	94	101	69,532	74,267	24	35	18,340	25,024
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	117	124	148,393	147,579	30	33	34,682	36,770
Fruit juices (HL)	9,193	10,098	237,381	245,461	2,461	2,965	62,190	72,761
Apple juice (HL)	3,352	3,722	88,055	62,603	706	1,168	18,917	20,122
Grape juice (HL)	569	478	24,442	24,350	139	142	6,795	7,204
Grapefruit juice (HL)	2	2	111	120	0	1	22	35

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Lemon juice (HL)	98	122	2,075	2,208	42	29	736	375
Lime juice (HL)	46	34	832	1,740	6	7	164	185
Orange juice (HL)	3,814	4,469	64,069	105,631	1,247	1,212	21,190	30,687
Pineapple juice (HL)	828	840	25,505	25,355	214	284	7,283	9,130
Other fruit juice (HL)	486	432	32,291	23,455	108	122	7,084	5,023
Nuts & preps (MT)	87	88	248,500	241,058	19	18	51,955	57,555
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	2	10,972	6,325	0	1	1,499	1,288
Cashew nuts (MT)	26	19	118,176	97,086	6	5	25,539	25,355
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	10,552	10,787	0	0	435	183
Coconut meat (MT)	27	24	22,826	19,738	7	4	5,534	3,093
Filberts (MT)	3	3	10,985	12,064	0	0	1,226	1,470
Macademia nuts (MT)	1	1	13,065	12,054	0	0	1,499	1,334
Pecans (MT)	14	21	33,927	52,792	4	5	9,255	15,068
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	877	617	0	0	305	338
Other nuts (MT)	9	11	27,121	29,595	2	3	6,662	9,426
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	1,412,271	1,574,466	0	0	449,340	486,022
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,251	1,293	858,731	952,963	415	411	319,386	333,717
Tomatoes (MT)	231	208	211,921	287,307	100	87	84,376	137,046
Asparagus, fresh or frozen (MT)	18	23	36,723	45,017	5	7	12,684	15,491
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	11	14	11,622	16,693	4	5	3,646	5,140
Cabbage (MT)	24	11	5,995	2,619	6	2	1,813	549
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	52	38	13,115	10,547	11	11	2,655	3,443
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz (MT)	101	96	59,297	61,633	23	23	14,643	14,841
Celery, fresh (MT)	9	14	2,634	3,416	3	5	1,054	1,169
Cucumbers (MT)	140	143	52,770	49,024	45	48	22,092	15,127
Eqplant (MT)	15	15	9,375	8,330	6	5	3,497	2,095
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	1	1,819	2,483	0	0	410	621
Garlic (MT)	3	9	4,146	13,419	2	5	2,728	7,293
Lettuce (MT)	7	5	5,005	3,037	3	2	2,391	1,334
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	4	3	2,279	2,095	1	1	610	494
Onions (MT)	64	79	59,106	47,156	19	23	23,218	12,705
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	13	11	16,251	13,614	4	3	5,985	4,662
Peppers (MT)	109	120	126,698	115,703	42	44	61,035	37,598
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	271	288	104,308	116,544	80	75	27,268	28,167
Radishes, fresh (MT)	7	7	5,728	6,296	3	2	2,613	2,130
Squash (MT)	69	78	45,201	48,871	26	25	20,866	17,646
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	103	128	84,739	99,160	33	36	25,801	26,167
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	553,541	621,503	0	0	129,954	152,305
Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT)	13	13	9,709	9,072	2	3	1,511	1,874
Bean cake, miso (MT)	3	2	7,528	4,745	1	1	1,901	1,055
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	14	18	7,741	9,187	4	6	1,679	2,707
Garlic, dried (MT)	4	30	1,478	18,610	1	10	499	6,722
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	29	28	63,026	60,191	7	7	14,640	14,026
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	19	15	32,866	30,830	5	4	7,887	7,245
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	1	1	6,910	7,061	0	0	1,847	2,554
Onions, preserved (MT)	1	1	1,404	1,153	0	0	307	296
Hops, incl extract (MT)	2	1	10,228	9,210	1	0	4,977	2,642
Artichokes - prep (MT)	7	4	10,164	9,702	2	1	2,565	2,295
Asparagus - prep (MT)	0	0	714	786	0	0	164	109
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	37	59	28,371	54,539	9	14	6,519	13,043
Waterchestnuts (MT)	11	8	7,284	5,592	3	2	1,713	1,375
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	25	23	14,667	13,938	7	6	3,661	3,612
Mustard (MT)	4	5	5,066	5,661	1	1	1,203	1,454
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	5	7	6,068	9,256	1	2	1,354	1,927
Soy sauce (MT)	14	15	14,854	16,064	4	4	3,775	3,934
Starches, excl wheat & corn (MT)	46	43	34,826	27,912	11	12	7,791	6,670
Soups & sauces (MT)	43	59	83,044	97,676	10	14	19,401	24,281
Vinegar (HL)	89	102	13,289	13,533	18	21	2,514	2,589
Yeasts (MT)	17	19	19,019	21,864	4	4	4,524	5,003
Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	175,285	194,923	0	0	39,523	46,893
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	461,050	470,962	0	0	110,404	112,689
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	611	510	176,713	183,399	136	157	48,185	52,906
Molasses (HL)	2,978	2,987	21,833	18,739	916	400	7,565	3,620
Confectionery prods (MT)	79	86	187,036	201,228	17	18	38,646	38,703
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	129	136	75,468	67,596	31	33	16,008	17,459
Spices (MT)	9	12	15,369	19,288	2	3	3,757	4,689
Tobacco - unmf (MT)	89	68	345,644	266,669	30	25	117,712	89,843
Tobacco - filler (MT)	81	59	324,878	252,980	29	24	115,938	86,999
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	8	9	3,953	5,583	1	2	806	574
Other tobacco (MT)	1	1	16,814	8,106	0	0	968	2,270
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	1,196,682	1,316,447	0	0	216,556	243,059
Wine (HL)	1,630	1,482	680,858	745,681	295	280	108,657	122,551
Malt beverages (HL)	5,083	5,631	461,491	508,650	1,096	1,159	94,825	106,570
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	54,333	62,117	0	0	13,074	13,938
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	1,509	1,344	756,274	701,878	407	358	197,635	175,235
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	348	301	121,677	104,059	90	90	32,437	29,474
Flaxseed (MT)	88	39	24,752	10,502	25	22	6,818	5,690
Mustard seeds (MT)	24	18	8,554	6,133	6	4	2,155	1,393
Rapeseed (MT)	154	144	47,774	38,403	41	38	12,026	9,596
Sesameseed (MT)	14	17	14,186	19,453	3	4	3,478	4,804
Soybeans (MT)	39	44	10,633	12,198	7	12	2,141	2,969
Sunflower seeds (MT)	13	19	3,679	5,807	2	5	715	1,367
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	17	19	12,100	11,563	7	5	5,104	3,654
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	731	621	566,351	545,785	209	160	148,570	132,169
Castor oil (MT)	12	7	9,590	6,036	0	0	275	52
Coconut oil (MT)	280	173	135,405	114,808	98	56	46,179	36,998
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	14	40	8,718	0	2	24	1,219

