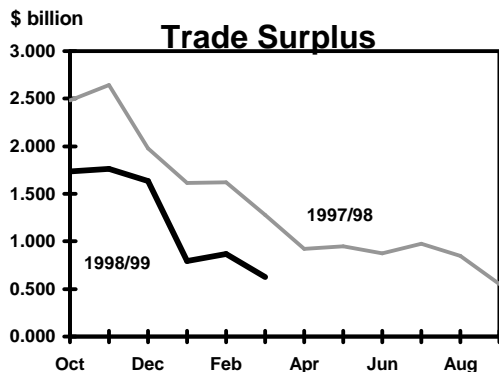


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—U.S. agricultural exports for the first 6 months of fiscal 1999 are down 14 percent from last year to \$26.2 billion. This drop occurred despite a \$200-million increase in March exports over February. At \$18.8 billion, imports are about the same as last year. March imports, however, plummeted 15 percent from February. Through March, the cumulative surplus in agricultural trade is down 36 percent to \$7.4 billion. The strength of the U.S. economy and the appreciation of the dollar are working to narrow the U.S. agricultural trade surplus.

Exports—Bulk exports have declined at more than twice the rate of high-value products so far in the fiscal year. The \$10 billion of bulk products shipped through March are 21 percent below last year's \$12.7 billion. Most of this drop is in exports of soybeans and cotton.

Corn remains the bright spot in bulk 1999 U.S. exports. In the year-to-date, the value of corn exports is up 6 percent over 1998, despite lower prices. Export competition from Argentina and China is off sharply, but has been only partially offset by increased competition from the European Union. U.S. shipments to Latin America are up 40 percent, largely to Mexico, but also to South America, where exports to Venezuela, Chile, and several smaller importers have increased significantly. Shipments to South Korea also have begun to rebound and are now more than 80 percent above last year, as recovery in that economy is underway.

While the value of *wheat* shipments in March 1999 fell 12 percent below March 1998, March exports expanded fractionally from February 1999. But, cumulative wheat exports still are 14 percent lower in the fiscal year. Import demand remains below last year and shipments to Africa, the Mid-East, and South Asia are significantly lower, partly reflecting larger production in these regions. But export competition also has slowed somewhat, both compared with earlier expectations and with last year.

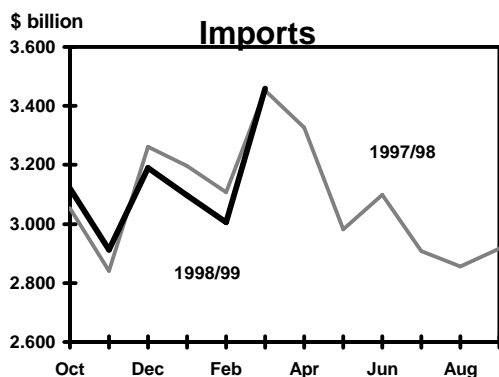
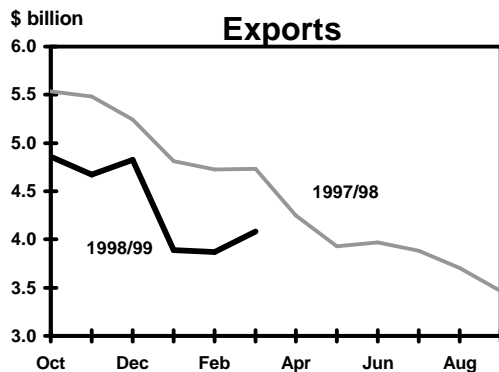
Exports of *soybeans* in 1999 are \$1.8 billion behind last fiscal year, a 36-percent plunge. Soybean prices have fallen farther than prices of other bulk commodities. Also, more abundant supplies, especially from Brazil and

Argentina, are flooding markets. U.S. exports to Latin America have more than halved in value, and even shipments to Mexico are off 20 percent.

Cotton exports are down more than 40 percent so far in the fiscal year as demand and prices both fell. Prices have been driven down by both excess beginning stocks and weak world demand. Shipments to South America and Asia are well below last year.

Exports of *high-value products* (HVP) thus far in fiscal 1999 are \$16.2 billion, 9 percent lower than the \$17.8 billion of last year. This decline is primarily attributed to the economic downturn abroad, as well as to foreign currencies' depreciated purchasing power. Exports of meat and poultry are down 14 percent, dairy products are off 11 percent, and hides and skins are down 23 percent. Sales of nuts, oilcakes and meal (particularly soybean meal), and beverages have also dropped.

Imports—Imports have declined by \$131 million, or less than 1 percent, thus far in 1999. This drop is largely in noncompetitive imports—coffee (-21%), rubber (-24%), and cocoa (-11%). Competitive imports are up 4 percent, as purchases of meat rose 8 percent, dairy products increased 24 percent, fruits and nuts gained 10 percent, vegetables rose 7 percent, wine increased 11 percent, and malt beverages gained 16 percent. Excluding Mexico, imports from Latin America fell 3 percent, while imports from Asia dropped 6 percent. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323]



Sources of U.S. Agricultural Imports—Imports from Central America, the Caribbean, and Asia have declined in fiscal 1999. However, these declines are almost offset by increased imports from South America and Europe (including Eastern Europe and the New Independent States).

More than 60 percent of U.S. imports are purchased in the Western Hemisphere. Of those purchases, most come from Latin America, including Mexico, which accounts for about one-quarter of imports. Of the 40 percent of U.S. imports originating in the rest of the world, Europe accounts for the majority.

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

| Quantity and unit | October-March | | | | March | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| Total agricultural exports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 30,527,604 | 26,200,193 | 0 | 0 | 4,733,264 | 4,082,197 |
| Animals & animal prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 5,734,122 | 4,987,555 | 0 | 0 | 980,842 | 828,275 |
| Animals live - ex poultry (NA) | 0 | 0 | 349,216 | 329,630 | 0 | 0 | 28,215 | 22,066 |
| Cattle & calves - live (NO) | 150 | 151 | 96,425 | 79,131 | 24 | 16 | 15,329 | 8,449 |
| Horses, mules, burros-live (NO) | 36 | 47 | 183,211 | 212,383 | 2 | 4 | 6,524 | 6,915 |
| Swine - live (NO) | 49 | 195 | 10,500 | 15,544 | 7 | 19 | 1,206 | 2,030 |
| Sheep, live (NO) | 940 | 201 | 39,333 | 7,875 | 67 | 36 | 2,825 | 1,678 |
| Other live animals (NA) | 0 | 0 | 19,748 | 14,699 | 0 | 0 | 2,332 | 2,993 |
| Meats & meat prods (MT) | 1,038 | 1,007 | 2,284,489 | 2,142,989 | 186 | 172 | 399,225 | 378,391 |
| Beef & veal (MT) | 346 | 378 | 1,213,511 | 1,204,286 | 60 | 66 | 213,580 | 223,353 |
| Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT) | 338 | 368 | 1,180,428 | 1,164,606 | 59 | 64 | 209,006 | 217,075 |
| Beef - prep or pres (MT) | 8 | 10 | 33,083 | 39,679 | 1 | 2 | 4,574 | 6,278 |
| Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT) | 6 | 5 | 19,706 | 17,274 | 1 | 1 | 3,392 | 2,484 |
| Lamb,mutton or goat-fr, ch, frz (M) | 1 | 2 | 3,878 | 4,742 | 0 | 0 | 637 | 644 |
| Pork (MT) | 188 | 186 | 528,816 | 463,949 | 36 | 31 | 94,480 | 80,358 |
| Pork - fr or froz (MT) | 166 | 168 | 467,942 | 418,879 | 32 | 27 | 84,498 | 70,976 |
| Pork - prep or pres (MT) | 23 | 18 | 60,873 | 45,070 | 4 | 4 | 9,981 | 9,381 |
| Variety meats, edible offals (MT) | 263 | 235 | 332,360 | 324,089 | 49 | 41 | 57,695 | 50,071 |
| Other meats - fr or prep (MT) | 233 | 200 | 186,218 | 128,649 | 39 | 33 | 29,442 | 21,481 |
| Poultry & poultry prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,385,117 | 1,009,673 | 0 | 0 | 218,601 | 156,484 |
| Poultry - live (NA) | 29,445 | 30,667 | 61,210 | 59,046 | 5,548 | 5,910 | 10,959 | 12,670 |
| Baby chicks (NO) | 24,137 | 25,346 | 51,865 | 51,219 | 4,573 | 4,912 | 9,408 | 11,295 |
| Other live poultry (NA) | 5,308 | 5,321 | 9,346 | 7,827 | 975 | 998 | 1,551 | 1,375 |
| Poultry meats (MT) | 1,350 | 1,113 | 1,192,678 | 846,406 | 215 | 179 | 182,848 | 128,228 |
| Chickens - fr or froz (MT) | 1,187 | 990 | 940,099 | 657,321 | 191 | 161 | 147,405 | 100,521 |
| Turkeys - fr or froz (MT) | 105 | 78 | 119,909 | 83,571 | 15 | 10 | 15,937 | 9,927 |
| Other poultry - fr or froz (MT) | 3 | 4 | 5,312 | 6,277 | 1 | 1 | 974 | 791 |
| Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT) | 55 | 41 | 127,358 | 99,238 | 9 | 8 | 18,532 | 16,989 |
| Feathers & downs, crude (MT) | 2 | 1 | 10,584 | 6,467 | 0 | 0 | 2,273 | 1,121 |
| Eggs (NA) | 0 | 0 | 120,646 | 97,754 | 0 | 0 | 22,521 | 14,465 |
| Dairy prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 490,431 | 445,820 | 0 | 0 | 91,986 | 82,271 |
| Evap & condensed milk (MT) | 5 | 3 | 3,228 | 2,087 | 1 | 1 | 629 | 645 |
| Nonfat dry milk (MT) | 52 | 41 | 88,428 | 59,791 | 12 | 11 | 19,145 | 15,514 |
| Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT) | 5 | 1 | 10,603 | 1,049 | 1 | 0 | 2,442 | 226 |
| Cheese (MT) | 20 | 18 | 65,043 | 60,250 | 3 | 3 | 10,347 | 9,516 |
| Whey, fluid or dried (NA) | 0 | 0 | 58,427 | 62,672 | 0 | 0 | 10,307 | 10,925 |
| Other dairy prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 264,702 | 259,970 | 0 | 0 | 49,116 | 45,446 |
| Fats, oils, & greases (MT) | 613 | 735 | 312,348 | 315,068 | 136 | 122 | 64,284 | 48,607 |
| Lard (MT) | 35 | 40 | 18,874 | 19,030 | 9 | 9 | 4,170 | 3,884 |
| Tallow - inedible (MT) | 418 | 498 | 207,421 | 202,868 | 92 | 82 | 42,170 | 30,888 |
| Other animal fats & oils (MT) | 160 | 197 | 86,052 | 93,170 | 36 | 31 | 17,945 | 13,834 |
| Hides & skins, incl furs (NA) | 0 | 0 | 726,170 | 555,613 | 0 | 0 | 151,129 | 109,632 |
| Bovine hides - whole (NO) | 9,512 | 8,690 | 510,039 | 413,724 | 2,058 | 1,415 | 102,904 | 65,915 |
| Other cattle hides - pieces (NA) | 0 | 0 | 52,411 | 28,152 | 0 | 0 | 6,971 | 4,298 |
| Calf skins, whole (PC) | 1,125 | 767 | 22,327 | 13,735 | 227 | 104 | 4,823 | 2,495 |
| Horse hides, whole (PC) | 74 | 54 | 1,965 | 1,391 | 18 | 9 | 523 | 316 |
| Sheep and lamb skins (PC) | 0 | 0 | 12,759 | 3,298 | 0 | 0 | 1,896 | 689 |
| Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA) | 7,191 | 4,330 | 39,277 | 28,301 | 1,245 | 546 | 6,900 | 2,987 |
| Furskins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 87,391 | 67,012 | 0 | 0 | 27,112 | 32,932 |
| Mink pelts (NO) | 1,696 | 2,319 | 44,679 | 53,473 | 622 | 1,279 | 18,808 | 29,514 |
| Other furskins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 42,712 | 13,539 | 0 | 0 | 8,305 | 3,418 |
| Wool & mohair (MT) | 1 | 1 | 5,923 | 8,015 | 0 | 0 | 728 | 1,566 |
| Sausage casings (MT) | 8 | 11 | 30,669 | 34,900 | 1 | 2 | 3,966 | 6,297 |
| Bull semen (NA) | 0 | 0 | 35,139 | 31,863 | 0 | 0 | 5,916 | 5,203 |
| Misc animal prods - other (NA) | 0 | 0 | 114,620 | 113,984 | 0 | 0 | 16,791 | 17,757 |
| Grains & feeds (MT) | 45,073 | 50,760 | 7,529,432 | 7,260,579 | 7,223 | 8,424 | 1,208,673 | 1,186,533 |
| Wheat, unmilled (MT) | 12,957 | 13,325 | 2,015,630 | 1,739,394 | 1,720 | 1,778 | 267,942 | 235,148 |
| Wheat flour (MT) | 251 | 443 | 65,792 | 99,494 | 25 | 81 | 6,966 | 17,670 |
| Bulgur wheat (MT) | 2 | 8 | 337 | 1,442 | 1 | 2 | 163 | 271 |
| Other wheat prods (MT) | 38 | 43 | 37,804 | 41,999 | 7 | 7 | 7,109 | 6,321 |
| Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT) | 1,763 | 1,994 | 639,892 | 658,754 | 340 | 245 | 120,208 | 88,711 |
| Feed grains & prods (MT) | 23,504 | 27,868 | 2,881,717 | 2,843,070 | 4,049 | 5,019 | 491,929 | 520,155 |
| Feed grains (MT) | 23,215 | 27,516 | 2,786,615 | 2,732,616 | 4,000 | 4,957 | 475,789 | 501,975 |
| Barley (MT) | 748 | 267 | 101,198 | 33,325 | 73 | 47 | 11,269 | 6,593 |
| Corn (MT) | 18,955 | 24,408 | 2,279,452 | 2,424,260 | 3,324 | 4,392 | 394,284 | 444,498 |
| Grain sorghums (MT) | 3,492 | 2,831 | 403,593 | 273,570 | 599 | 517 | 69,816 | 50,686 |
| Oats (MT) | 17 | 11 | 2,257 | 1,440 | 3 | 1 | 399 | 194 |
| Rye (MT) | 1 | 0 | 116 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 4 |
| Feed grain prods (MT) | 289 | 352 | 95,101 | 110,454 | 49 | 62 | 16,140 | 18,180 |
| Popcorn (MT) | 52 | 51 | 36,509 | 32,047 | 9 | 9 | 5,605 | 5,667 |
| Blended food prods (MT) | 117 | 164 | 32,064 | 46,452 | 23 | 20 | 5,903 | 5,145 |
| Other grain prods (MT) | 477 | 561 | 551,011 | 577,770 | 89 | 85 | 92,347 | 96,963 |
| Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT) | 5,913 | 6,304 | 1,268,677 | 1,220,156 | 960 | 1,179 | 210,502 | 210,481 |
| Corn by-products (MT) | 2,841 | 2,913 | 375,002 | 299,843 | 426 | 577 | 58,748 | 55,188 |
| Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT) | 128 | 149 | 22,484 | 22,091 | 27 | 24 | 4,211 | 3,605 |
| Beet pulp (MT) | 295 | 316 | 35,109 | 38,022 | 46 | 57 | 5,456 | 6,596 |
| Citrus pulp pellets (MT) | 332 | 383 | 20,017 | 33,743 | 95 | 105 | 6,200 | 7,640 |
| Other feeds & fodders (MT) | 2,317 | 2,542 | 816,064 | 826,457 | 366 | 416 | 135,886 | 137,452 |
| Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT) | 1,575 | 1,568 | 1,236,812 | 1,246,148 | 306 | 270 | 214,119 | 205,537 |
| Fruits - fr (MT) | 1,334 | 1,312 | 887,270 | 870,803 | 265 | 227 | 158,039 | 141,327 |
| Fruits - fr - citrus (MT) | 698 | 580 | 383,404 | 332,540 | 192 | 140 | 105,712 | 80,501 |
| Grapefruit - fresh (MT) | 290 | 333 | 140,142 | 168,179 | 70 | 88 | 35,824 | 45,279 |
| Lemons & limes - fresh (MT) | 69 | 66 | 52,516 | 45,943 | 12 | 11 | 6,767 | 6,841 |
| Oranges & tangerines-fresh(M' | 338 | 179 | 189,852 | 116,914 | 110 | 41 | 62,960 | 28,050 |

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| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| Other citrus - fresh (MT) | 1 | 2 | 894 | 1,503 | 0 | 0 | 161 | 332 |
| Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT) | 636 | 732 | 503,866 | 538,263 | 73 | 88 | 52,327 | 60,826 |
| Apples - fresh (MT) | 314 | 421 | 194,173 | 237,001 | 46 | 61 | 28,202 | 34,913 |
| Berries - fresh (MT) | 17 | 21 | 35,484 | 39,730 | 4 | 5 | 7,262 | 9,268 |
| Cherries - fresh (MT) | 4 | 3 | 4,227 | 3,589 | 1 | 1 | 777 | 512 |
| Grapes - fresh (MT) | 124 | 110 | 157,207 | 135,634 | 2 | 1 | 2,228 | 1,346 |
| Melons - fresh (MT) | 35 | 44 | 17,947 | 20,923 | 5 | 7 | 2,807 | 4,127 |
| Peaches - fresh (MT) | 5 | 5 | 4,012 | 5,244 | 0 | 0 | 238 | 394 |
| Pears - fresh (MT) | 112 | 96 | 59,622 | 57,181 | 11 | 10 | 6,476 | 5,617 |
| Plums - fresh (MT) | 3 | 9 | 3,393 | 7,636 | 0 | 0 | 346 | 356 |
| Other noncitrus - fresh (MT) | 22 | 25 | 27,802 | 31,326 | 3 | 3 | 3,991 | 4,294 |
| Fruits - dried (MT) | 112 | 115 | 199,281 | 211,805 | 18 | 20 | 31,696 | 38,153 |
| Raisins - dried (MT) | 60 | 59 | 101,289 | 107,616 | 9 | 11 | 14,726 | 20,409 |
| Prunes - dried (MT) | 37 | 39 | 69,866 | 74,902 | 7 | 6 | 12,030 | 12,223 |
| Other dried fruits (MT) | 15 | 16 | 28,126 | 29,287 | 2 | 3 | 4,939 | 5,520 |
| Fruits - canned ex juice (MT) | 71 | 80 | 72,185 | 77,685 | 14 | 12 | 12,373 | 12,422 |
| Fruits - froz ex juice (MT) | 16 | 22 | 22,997 | 32,965 | 3 | 3 | 4,434 | 3,882 |
| Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) | 42 | 39 | 55,079 | 52,890 | 6 | 7 | 7,578 | 9,753 |
| Fruit juices incl froz (HL) | 4,595 | 5,118 | 292,913 | 318,726 | 873 | 1,050 | 57,850 | 65,000 |
| Apple juice (HL) | 216 | 155 | 24,389 | 18,407 | 30 | 27 | 4,208 | 3,429 |
| Grape juice (HL) | 399 | 450 | 29,218 | 33,632 | 78 | 79 | 6,740 | 6,638 |
| Grapefruit juice (HL) | 319 | 336 | 21,989 | 21,244 | 51 | 112 | 3,786 | 5,774 |
| Orange juice (HL) | 2,202 | 2,380 | 126,903 | 137,107 | 443 | 435 | 25,353 | 25,271 |
| Other fruit juices (HL) | 1,459 | 1,798 | 90,414 | 108,337 | 271 | 396 | 17,763 | 23,889 |
| Wine (HL) | 1,098 | 1,123 | 209,963 | 235,230 | 226 | 198 | 40,202 | 41,366 |
| Nuts & prep (MT) | 330 | 292 | 817,059 | 747,355 | 42 | 37 | 99,380 | 92,244 |
| Almonds (shelled basis) (MT) | 110 | 105 | 411,185 | 408,228 | 14 | 15 | 51,117 | 53,980 |
| Filberts (MT) | 17 | 7 | 30,362 | 13,028 | 1 | 0 | 3,303 | 692 |
| Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT) | 112 | 93 | 112,124 | 95,493 | 18 | 14 | 17,767 | 14,391 |
| Pistachios (MT) | 22 | 17 | 92,911 | 63,667 | 3 | 2 | 11,382 | 8,354 |
| Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT) | 48 | 51 | 111,541 | 110,505 | 2 | 3 | 5,821 | 7,082 |
| Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT) | 6 | 4 | 27,342 | 23,884 | 1 | 1 | 5,525 | 4,474 |
| Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT) | 16 | 14 | 31,594 | 32,550 | 2 | 1 | 4,466 | 3,271 |
| Vegetables & prep (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,114,997 | 2,180,815 | 0 | 0 | 369,081 | 382,190 |
| Vegetables - fresh (MT) | 830 | 872 | 531,776 | 517,194 | 147 | 155 | 98,741 | 92,668 |
| Asparagus - fresh (MT) | 7 | 7 | 21,946 | 20,611 | 4 | 4 | 11,304 | 10,008 |
| Broccoli - fresh (MT) | 68 | 79 | 49,145 | 50,795 | 12 | 13 | 9,373 | 7,848 |
| Carrots - fresh (MT) | 47 | 50 | 26,090 | 28,572 | 15 | 14 | 7,782 | 7,601 |
| Cabbage - fresh (MT) | 21 | 21 | 11,251 | 8,834 | 6 | 5 | 2,957 | 1,725 |
| Celery - fresh (MT) | 64 | 67 | 26,455 | 21,081 | 12 | 12 | 4,726 | 3,138 |
| Cauliflower - fresh (MT) | 43 | 49 | 30,466 | 33,231 | 7 | 7 | 5,627 | 5,151 |
| Corn, sweet - fresh (MT) | 8 | 7 | 4,633 | 3,760 | 2 | 2 | 1,146 | 1,004 |
| Cucumbers - fresh (MT) | 11 | 12 | 6,294 | 6,936 | 1 | 1 | 882 | 961 |
| Garlic - fresh (MT) | 4 | 5 | 5,655 | 6,789 | 0 | 0 | 388 | 474 |
| Lettuce - fresh (MT) | 164 | 171 | 93,979 | 83,676 | 28 | 29 | 14,039 | 13,660 |
| Mushrooms - fresh (MT) | 4 | 4 | 14,987 | 9,734 | 0 | 1 | 662 | 1,541 |
| Onions and shallots - fresh (MT) | 118 | 116 | 42,164 | 40,608 | 12 | 15 | 6,162 | 4,885 |
| Peppers - fresh (MT) | 28 | 34 | 29,432 | 28,115 | 5 | 6 | 5,273 | 5,363 |
| Potatoes - fresh (MT) | 79 | 81 | 26,151 | 28,239 | 17 | 19 | 5,966 | 6,233 |
| Tomatoes - fresh (MT) | 64 | 66 | 59,599 | 63,087 | 9 | 12 | 8,025 | 9,378 |
| Other fresh vegetables (MT) | 98 | 103 | 83,528 | 83,127 | 16 | 17 | 14,429 | 13,699 |
| Vegetables - froz (MT) | 315 | 353 | 243,572 | 274,227 | 55 | 71 | 42,294 | 53,564 |
| Corn, sweet, frozen (MT) | 40 | 36 | 32,068 | 30,798 | 7 | 7 | 5,483 | 5,642 |
| Potatoes - frozen (MT) | 221 | 254 | 158,553 | 185,552 | 38 | 54 | 27,208 | 38,975 |
| Other frozen vegetables (MT) | 55 | 62 | 52,951 | 57,877 | 10 | 10 | 9,603 | 8,947 |
| Vegetables - canned (MT) | 225 | 212 | 177,095 | 177,902 | 39 | 34 | 31,581 | 29,665 |
| Pulses (MT) | 312 | 331 | 160,570 | 163,489 | 56 | 46 | 30,455 | 22,205 |
| Dried beans (MT) | 227 | 229 | 128,111 | 125,744 | 44 | 32 | 26,119 | 16,841 |
| Dried peas (MT) | 59 | 70 | 19,940 | 25,362 | 8 | 6 | 2,895 | 2,335 |
| Dried lentils (MT) | 27 | 33 | 12,519 | 12,384 | 3 | 8 | 1,440 | 3,029 |
| Hops, incl hop ext (MT) | 6 | 5 | 55,572 | 49,159 | 1 | 1 | 6,552 | 6,533 |
| Other veg - prep or pres (NA) | 0 | 0 | 946,412 | 998,843 | 0 | 0 | 159,457 | 177,553 |
| Oilseeds & prods (MT) | 26,624 | 21,220 | 7,937,593 | 5,312,846 | 3,030 | 2,823 | 897,158 | 668,059 |
| Oilcake & meal (MT) | 5,654 | 3,853 | 1,391,739 | 645,450 | 1,144 | 583 | 248,968 | 92,664 |
| Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT) | 155 | 248 | 13,456 | 18,575 | 21 | 50 | 1,733 | 3,482 |
| Corn oilcake & meal (MT) | 30 | 40 | 3,357 | 4,164 | 1 | 5 | 72 | 521 |
| Soybean meal (MT) | 5,372 | 3,458 | 1,359,672 | 607,218 | 1,108 | 501 | 245,023 | 84,949 |
| Other oilcake & meal (MT) | 97 | 108 | 15,254 | 15,494 | 14 | 26 | 2,140 | 3,711 |
| Oilseeds (MT) | 19,229 | 15,822 | 5,346,013 | 3,578,902 | 1,632 | 2,017 | 462,429 | 427,136 |
| Rapeseed (MT) | 73 | 129 | 19,034 | 30,743 | 8 | 12 | 2,141 | 2,952 |
| Safflower seeds (MT) | 15 | 11 | 6,907 | 2,040 | 7 | 2 | 2,521 | 278 |
| Soybeans (MT) | 18,752 | 15,110 | 4,972,366 | 3,205,370 | 1,523 | 1,944 | 400,567 | 379,550 |
| Sunflowerseeds (MT) | 72 | 148 | 51,894 | 64,910 | 9 | 10 | 7,315 | 7,038 |
| Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT) | 26 | 25 | 23,306 | 20,192 | 3 | 3 | 2,609 | 2,137 |
| Other oilseeds (MT) | 219 | 329 | 66,592 | 74,647 | 70 | 36 | 19,794 | 8,031 |
| Protein substances (MT) | 72 | 72 | 205,912 | 180,999 | 12 | 12 | 27,481 | 27,150 |
| Vegetable oils (MT) | 1,741 | 1,546 | 1,199,841 | 1,088,493 | 255 | 223 | 185,762 | 148,259 |
| Soybean oil (MT) | 883 | 688 | 546,141 | 420,266 | 122 | 59 | 79,742 | 30,832 |
| Cottonseed oil (MT) | 47 | 27 | 28,974 | 18,271 | 7 | 4 | 4,782 | 2,607 |
| Sunflower oil (MT) | 253 | 216 | 156,945 | 133,864 | 41 | 45 | 25,830 | 22,078 |
| Corn oil (MT) | 240 | 240 | 166,166 | 184,574 | 39 | 44 | 28,272 | 33,150 |
| Peanut oil (MT) | 4 | 3 | 4,296 | 2,754 | 0 | 0 | 252 | 147 |
| Rapeseed oil (MT) | 78 | 83 | 48,788 | 50,705 | 7 | 15 | 4,464 | 8,028 |
| Safflower oil (MT) | 14 | 21 | 18,166 | 22,186 | 2 | 5 | 2,649 | 5,078 |

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| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| Other veg oils & waxes (MT) | 222 | 267 | 230,363 | 255,873 | 38 | 52 | 39,773 | 46,339 |
| Tobacco - unmfq (MT) | 112 | 122 | 756,071 | 790,777 | 23 | 23 | 158,090 | 143,805 |
| Tobacco - light air-cured (MT) | 20 | 16 | 160,241 | 131,171 | 8 | 5 | 66,009 | 38,936 |
| Tobacco - flue cured (MT) | 63 | 77 | 445,812 | 525,012 | 10 | 10 | 73,216 | 73,436 |
| Other tobacco - unmfq (MT) | 30 | 29 | 150,018 | 134,593 | 5 | 8 | 18,865 | 31,432 |
| Cotton, ex linters (MT) | 905 | 576 | 1,503,507 | 876,000 | 193 | 48 | 308,402 | 76,108 |
| Cotton linters (MT) | 30 | 17 | 12,881 | 6,565 | 2 | 2 | 919 | 849 |
| Essential oils (MT) | 22 | 21 | 252,982 | 245,552 | 4 | 5 | 52,068 | 50,722 |
| Seeds - field & garden (MT) | 505 | 341 | 566,500 | 529,158 | 73 | 65 | 81,910 | 86,333 |
| Sugar & tropical prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 731,559 | 717,097 | 0 | 0 | 125,190 | 120,573 |
| Sugar & related prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 299,048 | 289,993 | 0 | 0 | 59,192 | 49,955 |
| Sugar - cane or beet (MT) | 62 | 92 | 25,026 | 32,578 | 12 | 12 | 4,617 | 4,186 |
| Related sugar prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 274,022 | 257,415 | 0 | 0 | 54,575 | 45,769 |
| Coffee (MT) | 20 | 24 | 114,840 | 113,575 | 4 | 5 | 19,505 | 21,116 |
| Cocoa (MT) | 18 | 20 | 39,092 | 43,607 | 3 | 3 | 6,694 | 6,337 |
| Chocolate & prep (MT) | 56 | 50 | 183,239 | 152,367 | 8 | 7 | 23,894 | 21,716 |
| Tea & mate (MT) | 10 | 13 | 44,331 | 60,316 | 2 | 3 | 6,763 | 10,570 |
| Spices (MT) | 14 | 15 | 33,552 | 34,921 | 2 | 3 | 5,861 | 6,759 |
| Rubber - crude natural (MT) | 10 | 14 | 16,627 | 20,754 | 2 | 3 | 3,199 | 3,735 |
| Fibers ex cotton (MT) | 1 | 2 | 830 | 1,564 | 0 | 1 | 83 | 386 |
| Other misc veg prods (MT) | 0 | 0 | 253,153 | 216,054 | 0 | 0 | 38,496 | 35,195 |
| Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 167,740 | 170,657 | 0 | 0 | 32,752 | 32,425 |
| Beverages ex juices (NA) | 0 | 0 | 410,320 | 359,080 | 0 | 0 | 68,132 | 66,983 |
| Selected non-ag exports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 8,019,924 | 7,523,459 | 0 | 0 | 1,573,296 | 1,508,345 |
| Fertilizers (MT) | 11 | 5 | 1,354,782 | 1,615,570 | 1 | 1 | 264,103 | 225,379 |
| Nitrogen (MT) | 7 | 3 | 1,346,418 | 1,610,555 | 1 | 0 | 263,058 | 224,035 |
| Phosphate (MT) | 4 | 3 | 8,364 | 5,015 | 1 | 1 | 1,045 | 1,344 |
| Fish & shellfish (MT) | 0 | 0 | 1,211,372 | 1,259,743 | 0 | 0 | 255,978 | 343,183 |
| Fish - fr or prep (MT) | 0 | 0 | 633,095 | 654,670 | 0 | 0 | 119,075 | 155,649 |
| Shellfish (MT) | 0 | 0 | 392,022 | 394,702 | 0 | 0 | 80,364 | 96,231 |
| Other fish prods (MT) | 124 | 109 | 186,256 | 210,371 | 25 | 23 | 56,539 | 91,303 |
| Ag chemicals (MT) | 148 | 163 | 906,403 | 855,620 | 38 | 50 | 212,965 | 203,544 |
| Fungicides (MT) | 17 | 19 | 104,724 | 95,485 | 4 | 3 | 22,037 | 17,311 |
| Herbicides (MT) | 71 | 72 | 426,361 | 396,202 | 23 | 19 | 126,189 | 119,851 |
| Insecticides (MT) | 29 | 31 | 198,947 | 228,259 | 6 | 6 | 42,196 | 41,511 |
| Other pesticides (MT) | 30 | 41 | 176,372 | 135,675 | 5 | 22 | 22,544 | 24,871 |
| Farm machinery (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,014,141 | 1,587,655 | 0 | 0 | 411,121 | 297,781 |
| Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) | 29 | 24 | 872,546 | 605,813 | 6 | 4 | 189,586 | 116,755 |
| Other ag machinery & parts (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,141,595 | 981,842 | 0 | 0 | 221,535 | 181,026 |
| Tobacco - mfg (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,533,226 | 2,204,870 | 0 | 0 | 429,128 | 438,457 |

Table contains 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 March 1999

| Wheat | Oct.-Mar. | Oct.-Mar. | Mar. 1999 | --Metric tons-- | | | |
|------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | 1997/1998 | 1998/1999 | | Oct.-Mar. | Oct.-Mar. | Oct.-Mar. | Mar. 1999 |
| | | | | Corn | 1997/1998 | 1998/1999 | Mar. 1999 |
| Egypt | 2,310,290 | 2,443,022 | 445,943 | Japan | 7,437,580 | 7,535,793 | 1,311,716 |
| Japan | 1,627,418 | 1,689,262 | 253,450 | South Korea | 1,254,740 | 3,018,837 | 527,849 |
| Mexico | 562,103 | 832,239 | 162,655 | Mexico | 1,770,115 | 2,716,704 | 799,800 |
| South Korea | 728,246 | 826,880 | 256,799 | China (Taiwan) | 2,298,971 | 2,196,098 | 271,870 |
| Philippines | 596,628 | 685,327 | 58,424 | Egypt | 949,186 | 1,230,608 | 293,257 |
| European Union | 462,660 | 624,217 | 51,411 | Venezuela | 398,403 | 842,654 | 281,776 |
| Nigeria | 329,865 | 555,282 | 23,280 | Colombia | 614,282 | 716,158 | 105,778 |
| Pakistan | 1,301,750 | 511,338 | 12,028 | Saudi Arabia | 564,566 | 636,231 | 120,298 |
| Banladesh | 149,946 | 504,905 | 0 | Algeria | 453,043 | 515,844 | 40,999 |
| China (Taiwan) | 442,981 | 427,342 | 74,751 | Chile | 146,136 | 391,513 | 0 |
| World | 12,957,122 | 13,325,315 | 1,778,368 | World | 18,955,444 | 24,407,774 | 4,391,633 |
| Soybeans | Oct.-Mar. | Oct.-Mar. | Mar. 1999 | | | | |
| | 1997/1998 | 1998/1999 | | | Cotton | 1997/1998 | 1998/1999 |
| European Union | 7,411,458 | 5,241,377 | 432,774 | Mexico | 134,927 | 174,194 | 17,377 |
| Japan | 2,167,991 | 2,229,208 | 321,387 | Japan | 88,367 | 60,331 | 5,194 |
| Mexico | 1,734,665 | 1,716,131 | 278,970 | South Korea | 87,482 | 47,652 | 2,441 |
| China (Taiwan) | 1,466,304 | 1,125,966 | 243,297 | Hong Kong | 24,427 | 41,844 | 617 |
| China (Mainland) | 1,521,365 | 1,030,481 | 82 | Canada | 29,780 | 37,066 | 3,387 |
| South Korea | 739,267 | 710,529 | 207,876 | China (Taiwan) | 51,078 | 33,936 | 3,620 |
| Indonesia | 502,857 | 469,151 | 126,959 | Indonesia | 61,139 | 29,774 | 1,747 |
| Thailand | 336,532 | 370,201 | 84,121 | European Union | 43,068 | 23,689 | 3,568 |
| Israel | 267,087 | 293,073 | 77,486 | Guatemala | 10,881 | 19,579 | 306 |
| Malaysia | 235,682 | 174,698 | 39,898 | El Salvador | 13,958 | 15,521 | 81 |
| World | 18,751,691 | 15,109,902 | 1,943,628 | World | 904,650 | 576,122 | 48,191 |

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

| Quantity and uni | October-March | | | | March | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| Total agricultural imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 18,915,353 | 18,784,161 | 0 | 0 | 3,452,781 | 3,458,301 |
| Noncompetitive ad imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 4,937,209 | 4,222,617 | 0 | 0 | 911,181 | 768,313 |
| Bananas & plantains (MT) | 2,077 | 2,041 | 584,619 | 566,010 | 394 | 380 | 111,337 | 107,498 |
| Coffee, incl prods (MT) | 599 | 675 | 2,015,136 | 1,593,777 | 115 | 141 | 375,741 | 318,274 |
| Cocoa & prods (MT) | 486 | 454 | 960,513 | 858,334 | 90 | 81 | 164,858 | 140,887 |
| Tea (MT) | 65 | 63 | 116,442 | 112,950 | 17 | 15 | 27,656 | 23,739 |
| Spices (MT) | 75 | 80 | 224,703 | 245,468 | 12 | 12 | 35,811 | 33,296 |
| Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT) | 557 | 591 | 527,726 | 400,715 | 105 | 96 | 94,806 | 60,438 |
| Silk - raw (MT) | 0 | 0 | 292 | 335 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 63 |
| Wool, unmfed - carpet (MT) | 6 | 6 | 15,775 | 13,241 | 1 | 1 | 2,334 | 2,488 |
| Fibers, excl cotton (MT) | 51 | 51 | 22,804 | 21,281 | 9 | 9 | 4,162 | 4,048 |
| Essential oils (NA) | 0 | 0 | 192,759 | 168,177 | 0 | 0 | 39,823 | 31,566 |
| Druas - crude natural (MT) | 43 | 33 | 276,442 | 242,328 | 5 | 7 | 54,622 | 46,017 |
| Competitive ad imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 13,978,144 | 14,561,545 | 0 | 0 | 2,541,600 | 2,689,988 |
| Animals & prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 3,396,631 | 3,492,636 | 0 | 0 | 578,735 | 620,245 |
| Animals-live, ex poultry (NO) | 0 | 0 | 881,512 | 788,729 | 0 | 0 | 149,176 | 147,970 |
| Cattle and calves (NO) | 1,166 | 1,169 | 591,658 | 565,640 | 209 | 235 | 112,813 | 116,697 |
| Horses, mules, burros (NO) | 17 | 17 | 103,728 | 110,404 | 3 | 3 | 6,952 | 9,019 |
| Swine (NO) | 1,987 | 2,013 | 169,236 | 88,449 | 352 | 327 | 25,812 | 15,721 |
| Sheep, live (NO) | 38 | 31 | 4,990 | 3,024 | 8 | 7 | 1,059 | 709 |
| Other live animals (NO) | 0 | 0 | 11,901 | 21,213 | 0 | 0 | 2,540 | 5,825 |
| Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT) | 0 | 0 | 1,319,790 | 1,421,799 | 0 | 0 | 238,891 | 263,018 |
| Beef & veal (MT) | 397 | 423 | 829,397 | 905,792 | 76 | 79 | 152,844 | 167,480 |
| Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT) | 367 | 383 | 731,704 | 775,109 | 71 | 72 | 136,834 | 147,562 |
| Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT) | 30 | 40 | 97,693 | 130,683 | 5 | 7 | 16,010 | 19,918 |
| Pork (MT) | 132 | 171 | 351,863 | 356,577 | 21 | 32 | 55,713 | 65,931 |
| Pork - fr or froz (MT) | 99 | 131 | 228,688 | 231,762 | 15 | 25 | 34,559 | 44,597 |
| Pork - prep or pres (MT) | 34 | 40 | 123,174 | 124,815 | 6 | 7 | 21,154 | 21,334 |
| Mutton, goat & lamb (MT) | 23 | 28 | 82,286 | 89,347 | 6 | 6 | 20,654 | 18,290 |
| Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT) | 0 | 13 | 0 | 60,458 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 12,571 |
| Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT) | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Variety meats - fr or froz (MT) | 20 | 25 | 31,045 | 35,944 | 4 | 4 | 5,153 | 6,200 |
| Other meats - fr or froz (MT) | 1 | 2 | 10,407 | 15,154 | 0 | 0 | 1,383 | 2,116 |
| Other meats & prods (MT) | 5 | 6 | 14,787 | 18,980 | 1 | 1 | 3,145 | 3,001 |
| Poultry and prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 104,253 | 99,223 | 0 | 0 | 14,436 | 18,374 |
| Poultry - live (NA) | 5,469 | 5,760 | 10,185 | 9,214 | 858 | 986 | 1,392 | 1,607 |
| Poultry meat (MT) | 4 | 6 | 13,537 | 17,421 | 1 | 1 | 2,231 | 3,149 |
| Eggs (NA) | 0 | 0 | 8,485 | 8,065 | 0 | 0 | 1,026 | 1,491 |
| Feathers & down - crude (MT) | 12 | 12 | 72,046 | 64,522 | 2 | 2 | 9,787 | 12,127 |
| Dairy products (NA) | 0 | 0 | 632,709 | 785,268 | 0 | 0 | 100,097 | 120,144 |
| Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT) | 0 | 0 | 16,882 | 26,823 | 0 | 0 | 3,803 | 3,106 |
| Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT) | 4 | 15 | 8,525 | 32,167 | 2 | 3 | 3,193 | 4,917 |
| Cheese (MT) | 74 | 102 | 287,358 | 380,620 | 11 | 14 | 41,867 | 54,613 |
| Casein & mixtures (MT) | 51 | 50 | 212,375 | 197,888 | 8 | 8 | 32,871 | 29,672 |
| Other dairy prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 107,569 | 147,770 | 0 | 0 | 18,363 | 27,836 |
| Fats, oils, & greases (MT) | 39 | 35 | 30,213 | 26,808 | 6 | 8 | 5,333 | 5,750 |
| Hides & skins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 108,248 | 81,572 | 0 | 0 | 18,754 | 15,683 |
| Sheep & lamb skins (MT) | 1 | 1 | 4,420 | 2,479 | 0 | 0 | 1,025 | 533 |
| Other hides & skins (NA) | 0 | 0 | 54,823 | 47,376 | 0 | 0 | 9,307 | 9,060 |
| Furskins (NA) | 3,354 | 2,421 | 49,005 | 31,717 | 558 | 442 | 8,422 | 6,090 |
| Wool - unmfed, apparel grades (MT) | 21 | 11 | 81,206 | 34,381 | 3 | 1 | 12,309 | 2,477 |
| Sausage casings (MT) | 7 | 7 | 38,075 | 37,988 | 1 | 1 | 5,697 | 7,397 |
| Bull semen (NA) | 0 | 0 | 4,517 | 9,360 | 0 | 0 | 1,444 | 1,775 |
| Misc animal prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 196,107 | 207,508 | 0 | 0 | 32,598 | 37,658 |
| Grains & feeds (MT) | 0 | 0 | 1,505,664 | 1,468,146 | 0 | 0 | 243,258 | 238,053 |
| Wheat, ex seed (MT) | 1,045 | 1,146 | 172,124 | 147,076 | 192 | 187 | 30,875 | 23,014 |
| Corn, unmilled (MT) | 45 | 283 | 7,052 | 27,258 | 7 | 60 | 932 | 5,433 |
| Oats, unmilled (MT) | 951 | 697 | 113,990 | 61,321 | 114 | 79 | 13,901 | 8,979 |
| Barley, unmilled (MT) | 382 | 323 | 55,430 | 39,604 | 81 | 60 | 10,726 | 7,380 |
| Rice (MT) | 159 | 180 | 102,529 | 101,376 | 30 | 34 | 17,712 | 17,575 |
| Biscuits & wafers (MT) | 154 | 178 | 359,268 | 416,472 | 25 | 27 | 51,888 | 55,240 |
| Pasta & noodles (MT) | 154 | 153 | 141,659 | 145,963 | 28 | 24 | 25,839 | 23,993 |
| Other grains & prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 290,195 | 307,089 | 0 | 0 | 50,648 | 57,850 |
| Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT) | 732 | 588 | 263,416 | 221,987 | 118 | 93 | 40,736 | 38,588 |
| Fruits & prods (MT) | 1,611 | 1,773 | 1,086,678 | 1,332,580 | 428 | 436 | 264,167 | 285,488 |
| Fruits - fr or froz (MT) | 1,293 | 1,422 | 764,704 | 990,770 | 370 | 369 | 208,864 | 221,120 |
| Apples, fresh (MT) | 52 | 35 | 20,273 | 21,324 | 13 | 11 | 6,146 | 7,924 |
| Avocados (MT) | 22 | 46 | 24,787 | 49,182 | 0 | 1 | 450 | 1,360 |
| Berries, excl strawberries (MT) | 32 | 42 | 39,316 | 72,204 | 2 | 3 | 4,692 | 6,896 |
| Citrus, fresh (MT) | 134 | 177 | 68,203 | 114,149 | 16 | 25 | 5,480 | 14,309 |
| Grapes, fresh (MT) | 271 | 259 | 262,324 | 290,605 | 98 | 65 | 83,114 | 63,669 |
| Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT) | 4 | 9 | 4,402 | 8,541 | 2 | 4 | 2,281 | 3,192 |
| Mangoes (MT) | 22 | 43 | 21,573 | 40,395 | 13 | 14 | 10,935 | 12,998 |
| Melons (MT) | 477 | 485 | 138,995 | 154,783 | 159 | 157 | 46,813 | 45,370 |
| Peaches (MT) | 33 | 49 | 26,138 | 43,581 | 3 | 9 | 2,322 | 6,891 |
| Pears (MT) | 37 | 45 | 27,835 | 39,218 | 20 | 22 | 13,102 | 16,359 |
| Pineapples, fresh or frozen (MT) | 125 | 122 | 44,261 | 45,739 | 24 | 25 | 6,462 | 7,682 |
| Plums (MT) | 19 | 26 | 16,959 | 25,002 | 4 | 9 | 3,391 | 7,775 |
| Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT) | 20 | 32 | 37,686 | 42,198 | 9 | 15 | 18,982 | 19,323 |
| Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT) | 44 | 53 | 31,953 | 43,850 | 8 | 10 | 4,695 | 7,373 |
| Fruits - prep or pres (MT) | 318 | 350 | 321,974 | 341,810 | 57 | 66 | 55,303 | 64,368 |
| Pineapples - canned or prep (MT) | 140 | 159 | 104,368 | 117,188 | 25 | 30 | 18,474 | 22,775 |
| Other fruits - prep or pres (MT) | 178 | 191 | 217,606 | 224,622 | 33 | 36 | 36,829 | 41,593 |
| Fruit juices (HL) | 13,586 | 14,718 | 352,276 | 361,271 | 2,679 | 2,277 | 68,751 | 59,361 |
| Apple juice (HL) | 4,564 | 5,106 | 118,536 | 87,499 | 705 | 690 | 17,370 | 13,274 |
| Grape juice (HL) | 803 | 719 | 34,816 | 36,076 | 124 | 119 | 5,925 | 5,711 |
| Grapefruit juice (HL) | 3 | 3 | 201 | 174 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 39 |
| Lemon juice (HL) | 161 | 209 | 3,179 | 3,226 | 34 | 40 | 561 | 515 |
| Lime juice (HL) | 67 | 61 | 1,203 | 2,247 | 14 | 19 | 195 | 353 |
| Orange juice (HL) | 6,011 | 6,649 | 108,557 | 155,440 | 1,400 | 1,017 | 28,781 | 23,492 |
| Pineapple juice (HL) | 1,299 | 1,338 | 40,809 | 41,544 | 276 | 263 | 8,934 | 8,784 |
| Other fruit juice (HL) | 678 | 634 | 44,975 | 35,064 | 125 | 127 | 6,938 | 7,192 |
| Nuts & prods (MT) | 119 | 117 | 339,507 | 332,474 | 16 | 15 | 44,355 | 44,885 |
| Brazil nuts (MT) | 4 | 3 | 12,444 | 8,181 | 0 | 0 | 793 | 897 |
| Cashew nuts (MT) | 36 | 29 | 164,046 | 148,529 | 5 | 4 | 21,962 | 23,337 |
| Chestnuts (MT) | 4 | 5 | 10,909 | 11,005 | 0 | 0 | 137 | 24 |
| Coconut meat (MT) | 39 | 34 | 32,761 | 29,382 | 6 | 6 | 5,272 | 5,767 |
| Filberts (MT) | 3 | 4 | 13,447 | 16,290 | 0 | 1 | 1,688 | 2,453 |
| Macademia nuts (MT) | 2 | 2 | 16,812 | 15,803 | 0 | 0 | 2,697 | 2,919 |

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

| Quantity and uni | October-March | | | | March | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------|------------------|-----------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| Pecans (MT) | 19 | 24 | 47,720 | 63,801 | 2 | 1 | 5,188 | 4,529 |
| Pistachio nuts (MT) | 0 | 0 | 940 | 1,139 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 475 |
| Other nuts (MT) | 12 | 15 | 40,429 | 38,343 | 2 | 2 | 6,582 | 4,486 |
| Vegetables & preps (NA) | 0 | 0 | 2,301,940 | 2,457,142 | 0 | 0 | 483,014 | 447,222 |
| Vegetables - fr or froz (MT) | 2,221 | 2,169 | 1,464,165 | 1,495,424 | 540 | 463 | 327,285 | 270,417 |
| Tomatoes (MT) | 463 | 397 | 393,712 | 427,793 | 127 | 94 | 115,334 | 61,637 |
| Asparagus, fresh or frozen (MT) | 34 | 43 | 67,107 | 79,023 | 8 | 10 | 14,007 | 15,635 |
| Beans, fresh or frozen (MT) | 19 | 21 | 21,298 | 25,090 | 4 | 4 | 5,437 | 4,509 |
| Cabbage (MT) | 32 | 15 | 8,194 | 3,657 | 4 | 3 | 1,052 | 614 |
| Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT) | 67 | 54 | 17,706 | 16,436 | 7 | 8 | 2,078 | 3,269 |
| Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz (MT) | 141 | 159 | 82,965 | 102,250 | 19 | 33 | 11,284 | 21,397 |
| Celery, fresh (MT) | 27 | 29 | 6,596 | 6,717 | 12 | 8 | 2,615 | 1,623 |
| Cucumbers (MT) | 233 | 228 | 101,238 | 85,356 | 47 | 40 | 24,849 | 18,587 |
| Eggplant (MT) | 29 | 25 | 21,622 | 15,503 | 7 | 6 | 5,989 | 4,614 |
| Endive, fresh (MT) | 1 | 1 | 2,524 | 3,596 | 0 | 0 | 395 | 509 |
| Garlic (MT) | 8 | 26 | 10,987 | 29,813 | 3 | 9 | 3,503 | 7,409 |
| Lettuce (MT) | 11 | 10 | 7,960 | 6,069 | 2 | 3 | 1,601 | 1,892 |
| Okra, fresh or frozen (MT) | 6 | 5 | 4,167 | 3,871 | 2 | 1 | 1,174 | 1,155 |
| Onions (MT) | 151 | 140 | 93,189 | 73,018 | 60 | 40 | 19,279 | 14,969 |
| Peas, incl chickpeas (MT) | 22 | 22 | 27,366 | 27,434 | 5 | 6 | 5,531 | 7,943 |
| Peppers (MT) | 185 | 198 | 196,296 | 170,258 | 37 | 38 | 25,174 | 26,915 |
| Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT) | 486 | 461 | 174,797 | 179,904 | 130 | 98 | 41,798 | 34,609 |
| Radishes, fresh (MT) | 12 | 11 | 8,974 | 9,370 | 3 | 2 | 2,075 | 1,557 |
| Squash (MT) | 121 | 116 | 80,368 | 75,958 | 27 | 18 | 17,912 | 12,946 |
| Other veas - fr or froz (MT) | 172 | 206 | 137,102 | 154,309 | 36 | 41 | 26,197 | 28,629 |
| Vegetables-prep/pres (NA) | 0 | 0 | 837,775 | 961,718 | 0 | 0 | 155,729 | 176,805 |
| Bamboo shoots, preserved (MT) | 16 | 17 | 12,351 | 11,954 | 2 | 2 | 1,356 | 1,507 |
| Bean cake, miso (MT) | 4 | 3 | 10,391 | 7,032 | 0 | 1 | 1,177 | 1,231 |
| Cucumbers, preserved (MT) | 24 | 30 | 11,576 | 14,798 | 4 | 6 | 1,850 | 2,691 |
| Garlic, dried (MT) | 6 | 37 | 2,377 | 23,816 | 1 | 3 | 491 | 2,220 |
| Olives - prep or pres (MT) | 43 | 44 | 92,979 | 96,870 | 8 | 9 | 16,243 | 20,037 |
| Mushrooms, canned (MT) | 39 | 23 | 62,607 | 47,141 | 12 | 4 | 18,389 | 8,334 |
| Mushrooms, dried (MT) | 1 | 1 | 9,968 | 10,006 | 0 | 0 | 1,292 | 1,230 |
| Onions, preserved (MT) | 1 | 1 | 1,899 | 1,444 | 0 | 0 | 246 | 152 |
| Hops, incl extract (MT) | 3 | 4 | 18,876 | 22,665 | 1 | 1 | 4,370 | 6,293 |
| Artichokes - prep (MT) | 10 | 8 | 16,589 | 18,786 | 2 | 2 | 4,178 | 4,768 |
| Asparagus - prep (MT) | 0 | 1 | 813 | 968 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 96 |
| Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT) | 52 | 80 | 41,643 | 74,606 | 8 | 11 | 7,075 | 11,016 |
| Waterchestnuts (MT) | 17 | 16 | 10,517 | 10,148 | 3 | 5 | 1,646 | 2,908 |
| Beans & peas, dried (MT) | 35 | 36 | 20,634 | 21,277 | 4 | 7 | 2,841 | 4,063 |
| Mustard (MT) | 7 | 7 | 8,091 | 8,406 | 1 | 1 | 1,853 | 1,554 |
| Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT) | 9 | 12 | 10,375 | 14,951 | 2 | 3 | 2,460 | 3,066 |
| Sov sauce (MT) | 20 | 21 | 20,665 | 21,887 | 3 | 2 | 3,101 | 2,676 |
| Starches, excl wheat & corn (MT) | 80 | 76 | 53,926 | 48,195 | 18 | 17 | 9,865 | 10,235 |
| Soups & sauces (MT) | 63 | 85 | 119,306 | 144,723 | 11 | 13 | 19,561 | 22,868 |
| Vinegar (HL) | 132 | 143 | 18,362 | 18,342 | 23 | 21 | 3,008 | 2,586 |
| Yeasts (MT) | 26 | 28 | 28,440 | 32,566 | 5 | 5 | 4,976 | 5,797 |
| Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA) | 0 | 0 | 265,391 | 311,136 | 0 | 0 | 49,713 | 61,477 |
| Sugar & related prods (NA) | 0 | 0 | 698,887 | 700,266 | 0 | 0 | 116,684 | 132,370 |
| Sugar - cane & beet (MT) | 825 | 818 | 266,245 | 258,907 | 84 | 217 | 31,250 | 46,889 |
| Molasses (HL) | 5,495 | 4,634 | 42,565 | 28,834 | 1,389 | 976 | 11,427 | 6,049 |
| Confectionery prods (MT) | 118 | 134 | 277,401 | 308,321 | 23 | 26 | 52,005 | 59,431 |
| Other sugar & related prods (MT) | 198 | 207 | 112,676 | 104,204 | 40 | 38 | 22,002 | 20,000 |
| Spices (MT) | 14 | 18 | 22,885 | 27,804 | 3 | 3 | 4,118 | 4,118 |
| Tobacco - unmf (MT) | 127 | 98 | 478,142 | 386,754 | 15 | 16 | 51,810 | 65,634 |
| Tobacco - filler (MT) | 110 | 87 | 448,846 | 366,231 | 12 | 14 | 47,209 | 61,444 |
| Tobacco - scrap (MT) | 15 | 11 | 7,165 | 6,546 | 3 | 2 | 1,437 | 818 |
| Other tobacco (MT) | 1 | 1 | 22,131 | 13,977 | 0 | 0 | 3,164 | 3,372 |
| Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL) | 0 | 0 | 1,746,116 | 1,980,202 | 0 | 0 | 315,909 | 375,613 |
| Wine (HL) | 2,224 | 2,068 | 953,427 | 1,057,848 | 337 | 326 | 164,568 | 183,731 |
| Malt beverages (HL) | 7,824 | 9,101 | 706,072 | 821,676 | 1,502 | 1,885 | 133,778 | 170,656 |
| Other beverages (HL) | 0 | 0 | 86,617 | 100,678 | 0 | 0 | 17,564 | 21,226 |
| Oilseeds & prods (MT) | 2,252 | 2,005 | 1,128,832 | 1,038,682 | 405 | 381 | 200,827 | 190,287 |
| Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) | 530 | 478 | 182,394 | 159,751 | 104 | 109 | 34,029 | 31,950 |
| Flaxseed (MT) | 135 | 74 | 37,388 | 19,269 | 24 | 20 | 6,731 | 4,947 |
| Mustard seeds (MT) | 33 | 26 | 12,221 | 9,079 | 5 | 4 | 1,898 | 1,437 |
| Rapeseed (MT) | 222 | 205 | 70,591 | 56,800 | 28 | 29 | 9,984 | 9,157 |
| Sesameseed (MT) | 22 | 25 | 22,848 | 28,450 | 5 | 4 | 4,773 | 4,690 |
| Soybeans (MT) | 60 | 58 | 16,727 | 15,805 | 20 | 5 | 5,666 | 1,473 |
| Sunflower seeds (MT) | 19 | 25 | 5,566 | 7,500 | 4 | 4 | 1,172 | 948 |
| Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) | 38 | 65 | 17,052 | 22,848 | 19 | 44 | 3,805 | 9,297 |
| Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT) | 1,052 | 915 | 842,925 | 802,570 | 171 | 172 | 148,174 | 145,006 |
| Castor oil (MT) | 17 | 8 | 12,948 | 6,616 | 4 | 0 | 3,117 | 124 |
| Coconut oil (MT) | 391 | 217 | 199,670 | 146,163 | 51 | 32 | 28,669 | 23,182 |
| Cottonseed oil (MT) | 0 | 17 | 52 | 10,657 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Olive oil (MT) | 78 | 82 | 182,956 | 164,730 | 15 | 13 | 34,827 | 26,337 |
| Palm oil (MT) | 73 | 73 | 31,227 | 39,935 | 15 | 25 | 6,189 | 13,896 |
| Palm kernel oil (MT) | 82 | 77 | 54,309 | 55,598 | 11 | 23 | 7,217 | 16,871 |
| Peanut oil (MT) | 2 | 16 | 2,185 | 13,586 | 0 | 0 | 206 | 351 |
| Rapeseed oil (MT) | 251 | 252 | 164,305 | 159,813 | 49 | 46 | 33,695 | 27,126 |
| Soybean oil (MT) | 15 | 17 | 9,848 | 10,899 | 2 | 3 | 1,161 | 2,111 |
| Sesame oil (MT) | 4 | 4 | 10,904 | 10,262 | 1 | 1 | 1,755 | 2,045 |
| Other vegetable oils (MT) | 140 | 153 | 174,521 | 184,310 | 23 | 28 | 31,337 | 32,961 |
| Oilcake & meal (MT) | 670 | 612 | 103,513 | 76,361 | 130 | 101 | 18,623 | 13,332 |
| Cotton, excl linters (MT) | 0 | 18 | 310 | 30,677 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 13,660 |
| Cotton linters (MT) | 5 | 11 | 6,070 | 2,623 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 533 |
| Seeds - field & garden (MT) | 109 | 163 | 189,444 | 235,959 | 43 | 66 | 53,925 | 90,554 |
| Cut flowers (NA) | 0 | 0 | 351,483 | 299,741 | 0 | 0 | 51,294 | 50,959 |
| Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA) | 0 | 0 | 215,366 | 249,129 | 0 | 0 | 33,653 | 42,476 |
| Other vegetable prods (MT) | 0 | 0 | 157,912 | 165,457 | 0 | 0 | 31,099 | 28,530 |
| Selected non-ag imports (NA) | 0 | 0 | 8,019,808 | 7,478,742 | 0 | 0 | 1,393,536 | 1,308,010 |
| Fertilizers (MT) | 13,139 | 12,761 | 1,253,945 | 1,218,844 | 2,473 | 2,303 | 236,805 | 225,739 |
| Potassium (MT) | 5,494 | 4,747 | 405,830 | 413,596 | 897 | 985 | 73,220 | 85,415 |
| Nitrogen (MT) | 4,197 | 4,961 | 576,666 | 599,161 | 949 | 851 | 115,857 | 104,665 |
| Phosphate (MT) | 3,445 | 3,049 | 270,177 | 203,267 | 627 | 466 | 47,440 | 34,772 |
| Fish (MT) | 0 | 0 | 4,069,932 | 4,009,643 | 0 | 0 | 588,563 | 624,881 |
| Fish fresh or prep (MT) | 0 | 0 | 1,622,649 | 1,760,120 | 0 | 0 | 268,455 | 328,625 |
| Shellfish (MT) | 261 | 267 | 2,409,527 | 2,209,444 | 36 | 35 | 311,231 | 284,728 |
| Fish prods, other (MT) | 20 | 26 | 37,756 | 40,078 | 3 | 7 | 8,878 | 11,528 |
| Aa chemicals (MT) | 67 | 64 | 640,646 | 545,537 | 15 | 14 | 118,841 | 133,527 |

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

| Quantity and uni | October-March | | | | March | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-----------|----------------|------|------------------|---------|
| | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | | Thousand units | | Thousand dollars | |
| | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 | 1998 | 1999 |
| Fungicides (MT) | 17 | 19 | 73,425 | 97,104 | 4 | 4 | 18,581 | 25,574 |
| Herbicides (MT) | 14 | 10 | 194,476 | 150,758 | 4 | 3 | 32,988 | 41,347 |
| Insecticides (MT) | 9 | 12 | 129,088 | 97,096 | 3 | 3 | 35,487 | 28,889 |
| Other pesticides (MT) | 27 | 23 | 243,658 | 200,579 | 3 | 4 | 31,784 | 37,718 |
| Farm machinery (NA) | 0 | 0 | 1,809,190 | 1,521,863 | 0 | 0 | 404,239 | 288,703 |
| Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) | 2,270 | 4,616 | 994,014 | 786,021 | 661 | 747 | 219,243 | 132,413 |
| Other ag mach & parts (NA) | 0 | 0 | 815,177 | 735,842 | 0 | 0 | 184,996 | 156,290 |
| Tobacco - mfg (NA) | 7 | 6 | 246,094 | 182,854 | 1 | 1 | 45,088 | 35,159 |

Table contains preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns indicate none or less than 500 ui

Table 4--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ millic

| Item | Feb. | Mar. | Year to date | % Change |
|--|-------|-------|--------------|----------|
| Agricultural exports | 3,870 | 4,082 | 26,200 | -14 |
| Imports (c.i.f.) | 3,275 | 3,744 | 20,276 | -1 |
| Imports (customs value) | 3,006 | 3,458 | 18,784 | -1 |
| Trade balance: | | | | |
| Exports less c.i.f. import | 595 | 338 | 5,924 | -42 |
| Exports less customs-valued import | 865 | 624 | 7,416 | -36 |
| Exports by major commodity group (million) | | | | |
| Live animals | 30 | 35 | 389 | -5 |
| Meat & poultry | 491 | 507 | 2,989 | -14 |
| Dairy prod & eggs | 83 | 97 | 544 | -11 |
| Hides & skins | 94 | 110 | 556 | -23 |
| Wheat | 231 | 235 | 1,739 | -14 |
| Rice | 109 | 89 | 659 | 3 |
| Corn | 381 | 444 | 2,424 | 6 |
| Other feed grains | 73 | 57 | 308 | -39 |
| Animal feeds | 302 | 303 | 1,866 | -30 |
| Soybeans | 380 | 380 | 3,205 | -36 |
| Vegetable oils | 169 | 148 | 1,088 | -9 |
| Fruits & nuts | 328 | 363 | 2,312 | -1 |
| Vegetables | 328 | 382 | 2,181 | 3 |
| Cotton & linters | 65 | 77 | 883 | -42 |
| Tobacco, unmfq | 149 | 144 | 791 | 5 |
| Seeds & nursery | 116 | 119 | 700 | -5 |
| Imports customs value by major commodity group (million) | | | | |
| Live animals | 109 | 150 | 798 | -11 |
| Meat & poultry | 212 | 266 | 1,439 | 8 |
| Dairy prod. & eggs | 110 | 122 | 793 | 24 |
| Grains & feeds | 237 | 251 | 1,545 | -4 |
| Fruits & nuts | 488 | 497 | 2,592 | 10 |
| Vegetables | 435 | 447 | 2,457 | 7 |
| Vegetable oils | 112 | 145 | 803 | -5 |
| Wine | 128 | 184 | 1,058 | 11 |
| Malt beverages | 142 | 171 | 822 | 16 |
| Coffee | 285 | 318 | 1,594 | -21 |
| Cocoa | 139 | 141 | 858 | -11 |
| Rubber, natura | 60 | 60 | 401 | -24 |
| Cane & beet sugar | 29 | 47 | 259 | -3 |
| Tobacco, unmfq | 54 | 66 | 387 | -19 |
| Seeds & flowers | 141 | 184 | 785 | 4 |
| Preliminary data | | | | |

Table 5--Sources of U.S. agricultural import

| | Oct.-Mar. 1998 | Oct.-Mar. 1999 | Change |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| | \$ millior | | |
| W. Hemisphere | 10,289 | 10,165 | -124 |
| Canada | 3,884 | 3,866 | -19 |
| Mexico | 2,472 | 2,497 | 25 |
| C. America | 1,390 | 1,063 | -327 |
| S. America | 2,542 | 2,739 | 197 |
| Rest of world | 8,627 | 8,620 | -7 |
| Europe | 3,916 | 4,161 | 245 |
| Asia | 3,194 | 3,012 | -182 |
| Oceania | 925 | 947 | 22 |
| Africa | 592 | 500 | -92 |