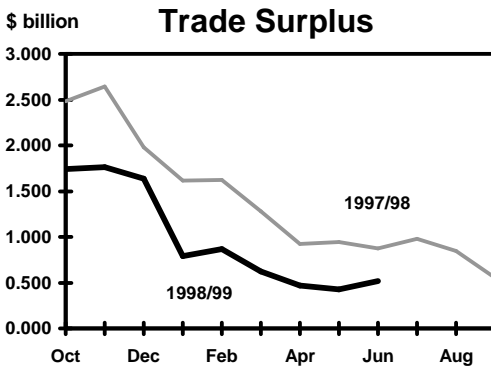


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—U.S. agricultural exports for the first three-fourths of fiscal 1999 show little change from May 1999. Cumulative 1999 exports of \$37.5 billion are 12 percent below the first nine months of 1998, while the \$28.7 billion of imports remain 1 percent above 1998. The October-June 1999 export surplus equalled \$8.8 billion, but remains 38 percent less than in 1998, the same as in the change through May 1999.

June 1999 exports and imports both rose over May 1999. June exports increased by 4 percent to \$3.8 billion, twice the 2 percent month-to-month gain in imports to \$3.3 billion. But June exports still lag far behind June 1998.

Exports—At \$13.8 billion, the cumulative value of bulk commodity exports is 16 percent less than the same period last year. Most of this decline is due to low prices for cotton, soybeans, and wheat. So far, cotton and soybeans have fallen substantially in both quantity and value. But, the quantity of wheat exported exceeds 1998. And, corn exports have increased in quantity and value from 1998.

At \$3.9 billion and 18.6 million tons, the value of U.S. soybean exports in the first nine months of 1999 is off 30 percent, while the quantity dropped 12 percent. Larger crops in Brazil and Argentina not only reduced prices and increased competition, but also reduced these countries' demand for U.S. soybean imports, which had been a factor last year.

Cotton exports show similarly large declines. Cumulative 1999 cotton exports are off 48 percent in value to just \$1.1 billion. Export quantity also dropped, to just 725,500 tons, a decline of 43 percent this year, mainly reflecting much smaller 1998 U.S. supplies.

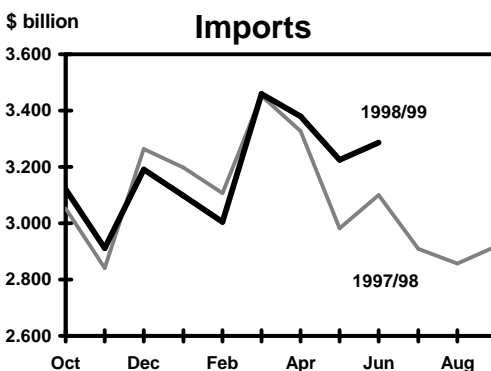
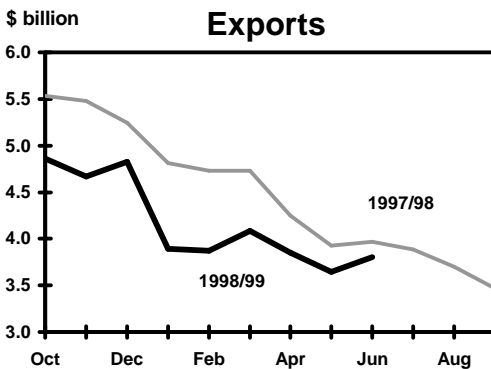
Exports of wheat, while off 6 percent in value to \$2.6 billion, are up 11 percent in quantity to 20.4 million tons. Much of the gain in quantity occurred in May and June 1999, as exports rose with the shipment of aid to Russia. June 1999 exports equalled 2.5 million tons, exceeding the 2.3 million shipped in May, and well over the 1.8 million tons shipped in each month in May and June 1998.

Corn has the rosier export picture of the bulk commodities. U.S. 1999 exports equal \$3.7 billion and 37.6 million tons, up 14 and 35

percent from the first three-fourths of 1998. The United States' success in 1999 corn shipments reflects a reduction in export competition from 1998.

High-value product (HVP) exports are down 9 percent to \$23.7 billion in 1999 compared with 1998. This decrease reflects reduced demand brought on by lower foreign income growth after last year's economic recessions. However, at \$2.6 billion, June 1999 HVP exports show the first gain since March 1999, but are still lower than in 1998. The \$3.3 billion of vegetable exports remain the only HVP showing gains in 1999, up just 1 percent. All other HVP exports are still off year-to-year, with the largest declines in hides and skins (-23%) and meat and poultry (-13%), two products, which are important exports to Asia.

Imports—So far in 1999, imports are just barely above 1998, having crept up 1.2 percent in the year-to-date. Gains still are largely in competitive import products, such as vegetables and preparations (+6%), fruits and preparations (+29%), red meat and products (+13%), wine (+13%), malt beverages (+15%), and dairy products (+20%). Vegetables remain the largest import at \$3.6 billion; fruits and red meats are second and third, at \$2.3 billion each in the year-to-date. [Carol Whitton, CWhitton@econ.ag.gov or 202-694-5287]



Import Share of U.S. Food Consumption Records Steady Gains—The import share of major foods has generally been on the rise over the past two decades. Foods with increasing import shares include fresh fruits and vegetables, vegetables for freezing, nuts and preparations, wheat, rice, fats and oils, honey and edible syrups, and fish and shellfish. However, import shares of other foods are flat or declining, including: beef, pork, poultry, dairy products and cheese, fruit juices, corn, and sugar. While exchange rates may raise or lower import shares in certain years, on average, long-term change in import shares responds more closely to growth in per capita income. Higher-value food items with relatively low domestic production are usually more responsive to income than to prices. In part, this reflects food's declining share in consumption as income levels rise. (See special article.)

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

Quantity and unit	October-June				June			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	42,675,246	37,504,974	0	0	3,970,761	3,805,750
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	8,518,168	7,431,805	0	0	914,307	820,459
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	448,873	421,899	0	0	24,537	22,477
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	213	210	135,712	108,306	21	17	11,432	7,801
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	47	62	225,640	253,103	3	4	7,478	7,423
Swine - live (NO)	80	256	14,444	22,262	11	27	1,146	2,943
Sheep, live (NO)	1,042	370	44,414	14,755	22	29	1,102	1,047
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	28,662	23,473	0	0	3,379	3,263
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,561	1,522	3,437,468	3,278,019	174	177	365,953	391,673
Beef & veal (MT)	522	563	1,806,831	1,830,848	59	64	188,853	214,328
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	510	548	1,756,105	1,775,248	57	63	182,781	208,648
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	12	15	50,727	55,600	1	1	6,072	5,679
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	9	8	29,087	25,630	1	1	3,054	2,877
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	2	5,313	6,601	0	0	359	646
Pork (MT)	303	288	833,994	726,004	36	34	93,822	86,208
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	270	259	745,833	656,127	32	31	84,681	78,608
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	33	28	88,161	69,877	4	3	9,141	7,600
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	391	361	500,105	499,696	44	47	56,713	67,539
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	334	300	262,137	189,240	34	31	23,152	20,075
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,087,479	1,506,923	0	0	243,917	170,197
Poultry - live (NA)	43,901	44,257	89,273	86,794	5,072	3,993	8,303	8,973
Baby chicks (NO)	36,399	36,333	76,222	75,400	4,430	3,388	7,166	8,212
Other live poultry (NA)	7,502	7,924	13,051	11,394	642	605	1,137	761
Poultry meats (MT)	2,070	1,738	1,808,719	1,272,162	252	212	217,210	147,589
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,824	1,560	1,436,462	999,940	218	189	168,722	114,097
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	156	115	173,840	121,931	20	16	20,548	17,197
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	5	5	8,461	8,788	1	0	1,147	686
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	85	57	189,956	141,503	14	6	26,793	15,609
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	3	16,212	10,826	0	0	1,201	1,279
Eggs (NA)	0	0	173,274	137,141	0	0	17,203	12,356
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	712,457	676,422	0	0	69,635	77,076
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	7	3	6,008	2,961	0	0	259	224
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	67	63	114,574	91,220	4	8	7,176	10,310
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	6	1	12,589	2,216	0	0	503	106
Cheese (MT)	29	27	93,426	91,172	3	3	9,651	11,030
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	87,169	92,077	0	0	9,492	10,857
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	398,692	396,776	0	0	42,554	44,550
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	967	1,074	476,962	441,897	127	95	59,073	35,468
Lard (MT)	56	58	28,141	27,698	7	8	3,132	3,799
Tallow - inedible (MT)	680	729	326,800	283,421	91	61	42,112	20,759
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	231	288	122,021	130,778	28	26	13,828	10,910
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,072,815	831,358	0	0	119,254	94,113
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	14,366	13,263	747,629	622,800	1,626	1,517	78,877	69,303
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	72,378	39,388	0	0	6,147	2,864
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,682	1,165	32,783	22,831	194	126	3,551	2,989
Horse hides, whole (PC)	88	67	2,353	1,757	5	8	119	210
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	19,471	5,724	0	0	2,972	844
Other hides & skins.ex furs(NA)	9,983	6,186	57,185	38,636	735	676	5,665	3,874
Furskins (NA)	0	0	141,017	100,222	0	0	21,923	14,030
Mink pelts (NO)	2,691	3,476	72,834	79,776	543	529	15,859	12,234
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	68,183	20,446	0	0	6,064	1,795
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	2	8,278	14,130	0	0	548	1,717
Sausage casings (MT)	12	16	46,859	51,402	1	1	4,987	5,469
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	53,052	46,240	0	0	5,169	4,319
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	173,924	163,515	0	0	21,233	17,950
Grains & feeds (MT)	64,967	76,306	10,719,188	10,691,353	6,974	9,002	1,089,846	1,186,536
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	18,391	20,424	2,812,713	2,640,265	1,830	2,453	265,335	307,378
Wheat flour (MT)	333	657	87,706	131,723	39	116	9,418	15,677
Bulqur wheat (MT)	3	12	493	2,091	0	1	3	176
Other wheat prods (MT)	57	63	56,657	61,148	6	7	6,261	6,903
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,684	2,535	918,700	839,944	394	178	115,698	60,674
Feed grains & prods (MT)	33,514	42,418	4,041,979	4,310,524	3,531	5,386	391,543	531,970
Feed grains (MT)	33,075	41,899	3,899,695	4,150,706	3,483	5,329	376,297	515,393
Barley (MT)	810	428	111,105	52,687	27	95	2,944	10,287
Corn (MT)	27,774	37,619	3,273,150	3,725,133	3,263	4,995	351,889	482,889
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,465	3,835	512,041	370,621	189	235	21,015	21,836
Oats (MT)	25	17	3,279	2,220	4	3	450	368
Rye (MT)	1	1	121	44	0	0	0	14
Feed grain prods (MT)	439	519	142,283	159,818	49	58	15,246	16,577
Popcorn (MT)	75	74	52,514	46,791	6	8	4,614	5,188
Blended food prods (MT)	208	230	55,481	65,120	31	40	8,338	12,059
Other grain prods (MT)	717	781	834,462	842,896	90	76	97,108	89,739
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	8,986	9,113	1,858,484	1,750,849	1,046	737	191,527	156,771
Corn by-products (MT)	4,315	4,194	537,191	430,307	559	316	57,615	34,326
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	200	207	33,520	30,515	27	16	3,946	2,467
Beet pulp (MT)	416	432	50,872	50,749	11	28	1,289	2,986
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	644	583	41,372	49,036	92	30	6,958	2,424
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,412	3,697	1,195,529	1,190,242	357	348	121,720	114,568
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,366	2,232	1,900,343	1,871,680	267	243	249,527	261,558
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,002	1,865	1,382,255	1,333,845	229	205	195,283	205,483
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	1,051	769	587,309	451,418	87	46	51,508	31,223
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	368	414	178,789	212,998	12	17	7,303	10,716
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	99	99	72,280	68,489	9	9	6,620	5,638
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	583	254	335,102	168,057	65	20	37,506	14,769

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	2	1,138	1,874	0	0	79	101
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	952	1,096	794,946	882,427	142	159	143,774	174,260
Apples - fresh (MT)	441	571	268,935	320,447	36	42	21,071	23,154
Berries - fresh (MT)	42	48	76,225	85,302	9	8	15,083	14,582
Cherries - fresh (MT)	21	26	67,611	101,653	12	19	44,245	72,045
Grapes - fresh (MT)	139	124	179,789	163,470	10	8	14,914	15,171
Melons - fresh (MT)	109	133	46,383	51,212	44	49	15,039	15,352
Peaches - fresh (MT)	23	25	24,779	25,950	15	16	15,997	16,586
Pears - fresh (MT)	133	114	72,030	67,819	5	5	3,240	2,694
Plums - fresh (MT)	8	13	9,475	12,913	4	4	5,046	4,262
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	36	42	49,718	53,661	6	9	9,139	10,414
Fruits - dried (MT)	166	158	292,194	297,958	16	15	28,203	29,735
Raisins - dried (MT)	89	81	149,826	150,487	10	7	15,628	14,826
Prunes - dried (MT)	53	55	100,490	106,095	4	5	8,029	10,340
Other dried fruits (MT)	24	23	41,877	41,376	3	2	4,546	4,568
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	109	119	107,550	114,404	11	15	11,492	13,899
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	28	32	40,351	47,907	4	3	6,241	4,850
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	60	58	77,993	77,567	6	6	8,309	7,592
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	7,671	8,870	477,829	538,618	1,370	1,257	75,353	70,322
Apple juice (HL)	304	262	36,901	31,956	26	30	3,771	3,630
Grape juice (HL)	605	684	48,261	52,125	62	65	5,919	5,411
Grapefruit juice (HL)	491	652	34,768	39,850	62	104	4,074	5,194
Orange juice (HL)	3,900	4,016	212,074	227,787	863	469	39,425	26,103
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,371	3,258	145,825	186,900	356	589	22,164	29,984
Wine (HL)	1,826	1,808	351,387	369,654	224	214	44,469	41,099
Nuts & prep (MT)	442	403	1,096,308	996,173	35	37	89,111	84,157
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	151	146	567,840	537,202	14	13	51,655	42,182
Filberts (MT)	18	8	33,618	14,761	0	0	1,067	327
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	158	140	159,116	142,471	14	15	14,762	16,166
Pistachios (MT)	29	22	120,804	82,497	2	2	7,785	6,521
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	57	61	134,287	135,072	3	4	6,192	9,078
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	8	7	37,938	38,213	1	1	3,894	5,920
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	21	20	42,705	45,958	2	2	3,756	3,964
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	3,244,849	3,270,656	0	0	371,661	360,317
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,413	1,426	866,859	834,868	205	188	99,980	99,214
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	15	16	42,570	44,715	1	1	2,998	3,225
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	104	125	74,459	79,463	10	13	7,018	8,481
Carrots - fresh (MT)	95	99	47,966	54,585	15	15	7,176	7,926
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	39	37	18,921	14,236	4	4	1,582	1,371
Celery - fresh (MT)	103	102	41,809	33,744	12	11	4,698	4,946
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	65	75	47,275	50,597	8	8	4,962	5,183
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	36	35	16,499	15,237	10	10	3,611	3,907
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	20	21	11,307	11,317	4	4	2,095	1,914
Garlic - fresh (MT)	5	6	7,137	8,256	0	0	461	589
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	252	257	147,122	127,033	21	22	10,598	10,609
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	5	6	16,584	12,528	0	0	399	694
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	164	158	61,681	57,019	15	15	6,279	5,928
Peppers - fresh (MT)	46	54	47,336	46,892	7	7	5,693	6,981
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	218	182	68,493	59,749	71	49	19,194	13,576
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	100	107	91,937	96,569	14	13	11,148	12,273
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	146	147	125,763	122,932	12	13	12,069	11,611
Vegetables - froz (MT)	488	520	375,976	407,396	61	58	46,162	46,071
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	60	55	48,538	46,350	5	6	4,492	5,039
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	342	375	244,683	276,642	46	42	32,373	32,314
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	87	90	82,755	84,405	10	9	9,297	8,718
Vegetables - canned (MT)	341	309	273,067	260,484	38	35	30,117	30,076
Pulses (MT)	476	448	252,839	219,275	68	42	41,294	18,526
Dried beans (MT)	357	313	208,603	169,709	58	32	37,146	15,045
Dried peas (MT)	84	89	28,942	32,099	7	6	2,866	1,788
Dried lentils (MT)	34	45	15,294	17,467	3	4	1,282	1,693
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	9	7	74,034	64,490	1	0	6,614	3,577
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,402,074	1,484,143	0	0	147,493	162,852
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	31,820	26,985	9,588,790	6,760,626	1,426	1,820	488,461	450,955
Oilcake & meal (MT)	7,555	5,336	1,765,685	874,239	468	566	87,104	86,977
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	246	369	21,014	27,614	28	46	2,186	3,240
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	32	55	3,591	5,559	1	1	104	102
Soybean meal (MT)	7,141	4,741	1,719,890	816,691	430	498	83,308	81,018
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	136	172	21,189	24,374	10	21	1,506	2,616
Oilseeds (MT)	21,858	19,540	6,119,366	4,419,647	715	1,073	220,838	246,144
Rapeseed (MT)	103	169	28,585	40,656	1	9	311	2,015
Safflower seeds (MT)	32	29	13,023	8,716	11	6	4,217	1,975
Soybeans (MT)	21,124	18,550	5,579,640	3,890,670	631	978	162,575	193,489
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	115	177	76,686	85,241	25	10	11,381	6,987
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	33	31	29,457	25,606	2	2	1,905	1,917
Other oilseeds (MT)	344	479	97,192	106,660	32	57	8,166	12,115
Protein substances (MT)	108	105	294,783	262,098	13	12	32,283	27,645
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,407	2,108	1,703,739	1,466,741	243	181	180,519	117,834
Soybean oil (MT)	1,130	896	710,908	522,383	93	61	60,418	28,853
Cottonseed oil (MT)	77	38	50,210	25,429	10	3	7,701	1,997
Sunflower oil (MT)	341	284	218,666	174,563	27	28	19,139	16,805
Corn oil (MT)	376	350	267,426	265,413	48	26	37,197	19,092
Peanut oil (MT)	5	4	5,035	3,648	0	0	277	192
Rapeseed oil (MT)	107	103	67,380	60,720	16	6	10,381	3,014
Safflower oil (MT)	25	34	30,186	34,520	2	2	2,520	2,647

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	347	399	353,931	380,064	46	54	42,885	45,234
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	177	178	1,212,752	1,197,080	14	13	108,730	93,101
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	43	46	343,797	375,676	5	6	40,988	48,810
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	93	93	658,170	635,792	6	3	50,973	23,306
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	41	40	210,786	185,611	3	4	16,769	20,984
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,279	725	2,088,560	1,092,385	125	57	192,760	81,881
Cotton linters (MT)	40	27	16,634	10,370	4	3	1,241	1,173
Essential oils (MT)	35	36	401,186	381,856	5	6	50,733	41,096
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	715	457	707,616	665,641	37	32	33,557	35,443
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,089,554	1,072,927	0	0	120,997	123,564
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	464,720	435,421	0	0	53,872	47,458
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	92	123	35,955	43,864	6	7	2,368	2,947
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	428,765	391,558	0	0	51,504	44,511
Coffee (MT)	31	38	169,387	178,321	4	5	19,794	25,062
Cocoa (MT)	26	29	55,685	63,877	3	3	6,245	7,253
Chocolate & prep (MT)	82	73	259,077	222,082	9	9	26,007	25,581
Tea & mate (MT)	15	21	63,259	86,816	2	2	6,230	8,613
Spices (MT)	21	24	50,701	53,739	3	3	5,922	5,897
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	15	20	25,443	30,692	2	2	2,861	3,565
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	3	1,281	1,978	0	0	65	136
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	355,903	314,728	0	0	27,845	32,560
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	245,275	249,187	0	0	17,898	23,555
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	660,904	590,236	0	0	94,267	97,977
Selected non-aq exports (NA)	0	0	12,323,469	11,136,594	0	0	1,532,351	1,228,364
Fertilizers (MT)	15	8	2,247,970	2,424,745	2	1	406,983	311,659
Nitrogen (MT)	8	4	2,234,095	2,415,435	1	1	404,885	310,381
Phosphate (MT)	7	5	13,874	9,310	1	1	2,097	1,278
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	1,641,118	1,839,621	0	0	151,263	199,864
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	886,498	987,742	0	0	88,525	130,925
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	496,425	513,402	0	0	32,485	39,815
Other fish prods (MT)	182	167	258,196	338,477	30	18	30,254	29,124
Aq chemicals (MT)	244	247	1,491,295	1,341,185	27	25	154,714	136,878
Fungicides (MT)	26	28	161,661	147,158	3	3	18,895	17,123
Herbicides (MT)	121	115	747,623	642,065	13	12	70,593	60,459
Insecticides (MT)	48	51	322,501	342,115	6	5	39,948	33,464
Other pesticides (MT)	49	53	259,510	209,847	5	4	25,278	25,832
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,106,585	2,404,041	0	0	380,318	270,292
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	48	36	1,382,140	933,271	6	4	194,381	105,196
Other aq machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,724,446	1,470,771	0	0	185,937	165,095
Tobacco - mfq (NA)	0	0	3,836,501	3,127,001	0	0	439,073	309,671

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 June 1999

	metric tons				metric tons		
	Oct-June 1997/1998	Oct-June 1998/1999	June		Oct-June 1997/1998	Oct-June 1998/1999	June
Wheat				Corn			
Egypt	2,759,849	3,478,549	271,748	Japan	10,814,110	11,379,169	1,378,660
Japan	2,484,032	2,430,902	152,998	South Korea	2,499,026	4,844,608	634,562
South Korea	1,065,565	1,341,502	220,426	Mexico	3,158,953	4,289,757	415,523
Mexico	957,632	1,167,164	139,639	China (Taiwan)	2,853,472	3,354,992	456,872
Philippines	1,036,220	1,094,416	169,097	Egypt	1,073,945	2,144,848	370,115
European Union	828,099	1,024,813	124,378	Colombia	866,860	1,162,375	149,900
Nigeria	563,995	911,822	139,531	Venezuela	444,221	983,676	91,583
China (Taiwan)	772,584	717,775	109,584	Saudi Arabia	743,371	975,541	256,770
Banladesh	159,947	553,627	48,722	Algeria	607,395	687,195	60,905
Israel	514,382	552,033	63,914	Dominican Republic	440,724	598,001	90,014
World	18,390,565	20,424,117	2,452,549	World	27,773,667	37,618,603	4,995,451
Soybeans				Cotton			
European Union	7,663,389	5,670,468	14,824	Mexico	215,319	209,447	14,566
Japan	2,920,055	3,042,627	251,056	Japan	118,309	74,097	5,155
Mexico	2,357,049	2,509,170	236,430	South Korea	134,609	60,774	5,133
China (Taiwan)	1,509,946	1,625,533	86,904	Hong Kong	32,396	50,060	1,896
China (Mainland)	1,540,065	1,251,078	0	Canada	47,444	48,688	3,690
South Korea	925,645	1,007,161	73,593	China (Taiwan)	70,719	47,487	4,569
Indonesia	572,507	742,856	99,239	Indonesia	83,357	38,832	3,222
Thailand	409,309	541,266	0	European Union	57,210	31,370	1,379
Israel	382,795	390,964	39,353	Guatemala	20,790	20,108	99
Malaysia	250,682	213,599	14,136	El Salvador	23,247	18,207	424
World	21,123,586	18,549,972	977,873	World	1,279,031	725,496	56,742

Import Share of Food Consumption

The import share of U.S. food consumption is the portion of food consumed domestically that is imported from foreign countries. Thus, the remaining portion of food consumed is produced in the United States. Over the past two decades, U.S. consumers have, on average, been increasing their dependence on imported foods as seen in the table on the next page. From relatively low levels in 1975 and 1980, import shares of most of the major food items that are largely produced in the United States have increased in the 1980s and 1990s.

With the exception of food not normally produced domestically, the proportion of imports in food consumption over the long-run reflects supply factors as well as consumer demand. Import demand is determined by various factors, including relative prices, tastes, and income growth. As demand factors change, supply sources and consumer preferences shift accordingly. The continuous rise in import shares of fruits and vegetables is likely related to improved transportation and storage technology as well as consumers' interest in raising the nutrient content of their diets. Short-term, or year-to-year, changes in import shares are influenced by exchange rate movements, changes in trade policy, food safety concerns, weather effects, and other temporary developments.

Structural effects on import shares include many long-term economic and non-economic determinants. The seasonal production of domestic fruits and vegetables, which are perishable, invite more imports during the off-seasons. The increasing diversity of the U.S. population correspondingly demands a greater variety of foods. Rising consumer income fuels the importation of high-value products, including fresh, exotic and specialty foods, and processed food. And open trade policies induce lower-cost producers in foreign countries to penetrate the large U.S. market.

Data Description Import share is total quantity imported divided by the quantity consumed. Thus, import share can rise if consumption falls relative to imports. Non-competitive imports (foods that have minimal U.S.-produced counterparts), like coffee, cocoa, and bananas were excluded from the table. Imports that are not directly consumed by humans, such as grains for feed, may overstate import share and were also excluded. The data sources are the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Commerce.

Animal Product Imports The import share of red meat consumption rose to 7.1 percent in 1997 from 6.4 percent in 1996, as imports increased and per capita consumption continued to decline. Red meat imports from the European Union, Canada, and Mexico were significantly higher in 1997 than 1996 and 1995. Beef and lamb import shares increased, while pork remained flat. Among dairy products, cheese consumption inched up again in 1997, but imports fell. Thus, the import share of cheese declined.

Horticultural Imports As U.S. fresh fruit consumption continues to climb faster than domestic production, imports have risen. This is especially true for citrus fruits and melons. However, the import share of fruit juices fell to 28 percent in 1997 from 31 percent in 1996 as consumption rose and imports fell. Orange juice followed this pattern. Fruit juice imports from South America were down 8 percent in 1997 from 1996. Import share for nuts has been on a long-term steady rise as per capita imports increased along with consumer income. The value of imported nuts from Asia were sharply higher in 1997 after currency devaluations in the region.

Per capita consumption of fresh vegetables continues to increase. Vegetable imports are rising at a faster pace than domestic vegetable production. Thus, the import share of fresh vegetables has risen over the past two decades. Despite a small decline in 1997, import shares of cucumbers, onions, potatoes, and tomatoes have been rising since 1975. The long-term trend for vegetables for freezing shows a steady increase, but vegetables for canning are up recently. Overall, vegetable imports from Canada and Europe expanded the most.

Grain imports--Import shares of wheat and rice appear to be on a long-term upward trend, but not corn. Imports as well as consumption of wheat flour and rice have been expanding. While corn consumption per capita is also steadily up, imports fell sharply in 1997. Wheat imports from Canada jumped 78 percent and rice imports from Asia jumped 38 percent in 1997 from 1996. Robust U.S. economic growth and the strong dollar largely account for these gains. (Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@econ.ag.gov)

Table A1--Import Shares of U.S. Food Consumption (percent) 1/

	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	1996	1997
Red meat	5.7	6.5	7.7	8.1	6.5	6.4	7.1
Beef	6.8	8.8	8.1	9.8	8.3	8.0	9.2
Pork	3.6	3.3	7.2	5.6	3.8	3.7	3.8
Lamb	6.3	9.5	9.4	10.3	18.4	21.9	24.9
Poultry meat	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Fish and shellfish	45.6	45.3	53.8	56.3	55.3	58.5	62.1
Fresh and frozen	60.7	56.8	62.8	65.8	66.0	70.6	74.3
Canned	17.8	21.8	34.9	36.0	30.8	29.8	33.0
Dairy products	1.4	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Cheese	5.8	5.8	5.6	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.1
Fats and oils	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.7	1.0
Salad & cooking oils	1.2	1.2	2.0	5.9	12.1	12.3	12.4
Fruits--fresh	23.5	24.2	28.0	30.6	33.5	34.1	34.0
Citrus	1.6	1.8	2.1	3.4	7.1	6.7	7.0
Oranges	NA	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.7
Non-citrus	NA	31.6	34.2	36.7	39.9	40.6	40.8
Apples	2.8	4.0	7.6	4.7	7.7	7.4	7.2
Grapes	5.9	13.6	28.3	37.6	38.8	42.2	41.2
Melons	8.6	10.3	9.9	15.7	17.5	18.6	22.0
Fruits--canning	NA	11.5	18.3	16.4	20.8	21.2	18.8
Fruit juices	5.7	14.2	47.8	47.6	25.0	30.5	27.7
Citrus	NA	9.2	44.6	41.4	13.0	16.8	16.2
Orange juice	3.1	10.6	51.6	46.3	14.0	18.8	17.6
Non-citrus	NA	31.4	56.4	59.0	52.9	61.2	55.2
Apple	27.4	31.0	59.9	63.9	53.7	63.4	59.4
Grape	1.0	1.9	13.5	37.2	41.0	58.8	43.4
Fresh Vegetables	5.3	5.4	7.1	7.5	9.5	11.0	10.3
Carrots	4.4	7.8	9.5	5.9	9.3	8.3	6.7
Cucumbers	21.6	36.0	36.3	33.7	38.1	42.9	39.5
Onions	4.0	5.5	8.7	10.1	10.4	13.2	12.0
Green Peppers	12.6	26.5	23.7	19.7	19.1	19.5	20.4
Potatoes	1.2	1.9	3.7	5.8	5.3	7.4	6.0
Tomatoes	21.9	22.3	24.0	20.5	30.2	34.0	32.2
Vegetables for canning	NA	2.6	7.5	7.0	4.9	5.1	5.6
Tomatoes	1.9	1.4	7.0	5.7	3.5	2.5	3.6
Vegetables for freezing	NA	1.0	2.6	6.0	8.1	8.8	11.3
Sweet corn	NA	NA	NA	3.4	2.6	3.0	3.6
Potatoes	NA	0.3	1.3	2.4	4.7	5.7	8.8
Nuts	17.3	16.8	17.2	16.9	20.6	21.1	21.8
Tree nuts	62.4	44.4	48.0	51.3	64.6	64.2	62.3
Peanuts	0.1	4.4	3.0	0.9	3.1	3.7	3.8
Pulses	3.1	4.1	4.7	6.5	5.1	6.6	6.3
Spices and herbs	79.3	81.3	83.3	88.1	96.2	91.3	86.1
Wheat	0.4	0.4	2.4	4.6	7.7	10.4	10.4
Wheat flour	0.3	0.3	0.7	1.1	2.5	2.2	2.3
Rice	0.4	0.3	5.1	7.9	10.2	10.6	13.5
Corn	0.4	0.2	1.6	0.5	1.9	1.4	1.0
Cane and beet sugar	36.5	39.1	29.6	24.9	19.1	30.9	27.9
Honey	18.9	19.7	49.0	29.4	29.6	34.8	33.8
Edible syrups	34.7	46.8	59.0	55.7	63.6	67.1	66.9

1/ The food items and their import shares were selected from Judith J. Putnam and Jane E. Allshouse, "Food Consumption, Prices, and Expenditures, 1970-1997", ERS Statistical Bulletin Number 965, April 1999, pages 136-38. Bananas, mangoes, coffee, cocoa, and tropical oils all have 100 or close to 100 percent import shares and were excluded from the list. Import shares of poultry meat, fats and oils, melons, and nuts were calculated separately. The data sources are the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Census Bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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

Quantity and unit	October-June				June			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	28,323,443	28,675,126	0	0	3,098,959	3,285,445
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	7,177,971	6,229,019	0	0	717,250	638,603
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,152	3,254	901,403	912,442	357	410	104,116	109,408
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	887	998	2,902,277	2,333,797	90	107	268,718	244,468
Cocoa & prods (MT)	676	658	1,310,830	1,196,380	65	60	117,989	98,365
Tea (MT)	112	112	194,439	180,914	14	17	22,727	21,754
Spices (MT)	112	120	342,593	365,427	13	15	42,843	44,865
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	834	863	773,391	569,604	95	82	79,600	48,497
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	406	424	0	0	56	7
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	10	10	24,616	20,466	1	1	3,009	2,087
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	75	74	33,655	30,895	8	7	3,333	3,226
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	278,826	251,328	0	0	28,249	25,603
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	58	48	415,536	367,343	5	5	46,609	40,324
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	21,145,472	22,446,106	0	0	2,381,709	2,646,842
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	5,085,284	5,290,573	0	0	596,878	616,670
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,285,046	1,129,816	0	0	120,491	109,243
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,669	1,593	878,436	804,660	124	122	79,956	72,388
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	35	25	136,016	150,695	3	3	10,029	15,059
Swine (NO)	2,985	3,006	246,679	141,997	362	364	28,833	20,137
Sheep, live (NO)	45	40	5,643	3,872	1	0	77	22
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	18,272	28,591	0	0	1,595	1,636
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	2,013,456	2,264,765	0	0	264,531	294,690
Beef & veal (MT)	627	694	1,297,623	1,483,356	93	93	184,652	204,284
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	581	632	1,147,211	1,291,979	87	84	164,087	181,098
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	46	62	150,412	191,376	6	8	20,565	23,186
Pork (MT)	195	255	508,868	538,397	23	28	56,855	61,509
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	146	196	332,241	355,362	18	23	38,780	43,120
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	50	59	176,627	183,035	5	6	18,076	18,389
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	37	40	124,668	138,291	4	4	13,558	16,434
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	0	19	0	96,076	0	2	0	11,943
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	23	5	0	0	17	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	32	38	46,896	57,217	4	5	5,590	8,082
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	3	13,663	18,729	0	0	1,360	1,071
Other meats & prods (MT)	7	10	21,715	28,770	1	1	2,498	3,310
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	153,533	149,958	0	0	17,397	18,622
Poultry - live (NA)	8,767	8,573	15,802	13,985	1,303	1,204	2,340	2,131
Poultry meat (MT)	6	9	19,559	25,751	1	1	2,026	2,984
Eggs (NA)	0	0	11,579	13,964	0	0	1,265	1,696
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	19	19	106,593	96,257	2	3	11,767	11,812
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	968,303	1,165,427	0	0	126,631	132,104
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	23,297	35,131	0	0	2,703	2,692
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	10	22	20,815	44,398	3	3	6,516	5,141
Cheese (MT)	111	144	426,454	538,958	13	13	47,995	48,433
Casein & mixtures (MT)	78	78	328,817	305,449	11	10	46,999	36,548
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	168,920	241,491	0	0	22,418	39,290
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	60	60	45,394	44,991	7	11	5,217	7,927
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	151,811	119,362	0	0	14,353	9,949
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	1	6,106	3,320	0	0	595	321
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	82,050	70,327	0	0	8,219	7,270
Furskins (NA)	4,325	4,271	63,655	45,715	339	345	5,539	2,358
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	28	14	106,763	41,899	2	1	6,266	1,818
Sausage casings (MT)	11	11	58,148	55,496	1	1	7,250	7,510
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	8,257	13,560	0	0	952	1,319
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	294,574	305,299	0	0	33,789	33,487
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,196,222	2,184,525	0	0	234,990	262,567
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,523	1,747	244,621	220,607	147	206	21,205	25,090
Corn, unmilled (MT)	81	348	11,613	34,404	14	14	1,699	1,601
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,230	1,113	143,160	96,363	132	133	13,403	11,124
Barley, unmilled (MT)	661	501	89,981	60,895	94	41	11,957	5,016
Rice (MT)	225	276	147,118	149,750	17	35	11,756	15,517
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	228	259	513,520	580,816	25	29	53,830	59,495
Pasta & noodles (MT)	234	224	216,359	215,885	25	25	23,079	24,183
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	441,529	485,756	0	0	52,520	72,665
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	1,057	896	388,322	340,049	109	123	45,542	47,874
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,697	2,998	1,755,694	2,272,298	295	330	235,046	284,832
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,227	2,446	1,287,609	1,733,791	245	260	186,459	214,655
Apples, fresh (MT)	127	120	62,325	83,994	27	32	13,993	22,315
Avocados (MT)	23	48	25,793	51,530	0	1	465	1,272
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	39	51	51,675	89,554	2	3	3,081	4,575
Citrus, fresh (MT)	186	259	82,517	159,913	19	25	4,845	10,370
Grapes, fresh (MT)	402	376	416,984	532,617	64	48	96,965	94,124
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	25	35	17,419	30,361	6	7	3,853	5,634
Mangoes (MT)	131	156	90,794	108,215	46	45	24,882	23,578
Melons (MT)	858	872	251,219	279,008	32	38	8,736	11,058
Peaches (MT)	34	49	26,360	43,877	0	0	0	0
Pears (MT)	67	86	45,698	71,260	6	7	3,442	4,770
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	198	202	65,142	89,903	26	30	7,223	16,737
Plums (MT)	19	28	17,672	26,791	0	0	0	11
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	46	78	83,300	95,940	8	12	10,786	10,198
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	71	87	50,710	70,828	10	12	8,190	10,014
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	470	552	468,085	538,508	50	70	48,587	70,177
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	202	249	147,217	184,722	20	32	13,922	24,032
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	268	302	320,869	353,785	30	38	34,665	46,145
Fruit juices (HL)	20,809	23,527	525,517	578,313	3,117	2,874	69,329	74,403
Apple juice (HL)	7,788	8,728	184,980	158,819	1,699	1,178	31,548	23,256
Grape juice (HL)	1,079	1,059	47,127	51,131	87	146	4,038	6,809
Grapefruit juice (HL)	6	5	336	307	1	1	40	60

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	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Lemon juice (HL)	299	300	5,471	4,524	50	46	958	812
Lime juice (HL)	116	117	2,251	3,471	27	37	613	762
Orange juice (HL)	8,476	9,848	161,555	221,660	840	964	18,393	19,841
Pineapple juice (HL)	1,891	2,079	58,515	64,796	207	228	6,171	6,857
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,152	1,392	65,281	73,605	205	274	7,568	16,005
Nuts & preps (MT)	176	170	473,886	494,856	17	19	49,061	60,663
Brazil nuts (MT)	8	6	19,530	13,426	1	1	2,518	2,955
Cashew nuts (MT)	52	46	234,924	246,402	7	6	29,270	35,961
Chestnuts (MT)	4	5	11,031	11,370	0	0	23	233
Coconut meat (MT)	55	52	45,869	47,373	6	8	5,308	8,431
Filberts (MT)	4	5	16,586	20,617	0	0	1,846	1,170
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	3	19,851	21,311	0	0	1,583	2,084
Pecans (MT)	21	27	60,738	76,390	1	1	4,590	5,129
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,193	1,990	0	0	146	340
Other nuts (MT)	29	26	64,163	55,976	2	2	3,777	4,362
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	3,408,013	3,613,960	0	0	329,436	344,142
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,204	3,080	2,131,865	2,108,177	234	240	176,842	179,925
Tomatoes (MT)	717	594	611,032	592,013	63	59	55,868	52,829
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	37	46	73,414	84,291	1	1	2,074	1,266
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	24	26	27,629	31,205	1	1	1,066	1,320
Cabbage (MT)	38	20	10,147	4,575	2	2	833	428
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	81	71	21,699	22,635	6	6	1,408	1,672
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	180	204	107,933	132,973	14	15	9,219	10,458
Celery, fresh (MT)	42	40	10,607	9,049	2	1	530	366
Cucumbers (MT)	305	304	142,082	123,202	14	15	8,404	7,939
Eggplant (MT)	37	33	29,810	21,936	1	1	561	683
Endive, fresh (MT)	3	2	4,698	5,166	0	0	402	436
Garlic (MT)	24	41	28,094	45,127	6	5	7,896	6,626
Lettuce (MT)	17	15	11,279	8,050	2	2	1,089	617
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	19	16	9,410	9,073	8	4	2,654	1,689
Onions (MT)	234	215	139,125	115,495	15	17	8,319	10,478
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	30	32	36,285	38,331	2	3	2,722	3,003
Peppers (MT)	255	272	281,157	258,346	16	19	25,174	27,216
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	733	691	270,366	275,060	51	60	26,564	30,676
Radishes, fresh (MT)	15	14	11,144	11,068	1	0	455	391
Squash (MT)	151	146	101,929	97,690	3	4	2,173	2,394
Other veqs - fr or froz (MT)	260	299	204,025	222,894	24	25	19,431	19,438
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,276,148	1,505,782	0	0	152,594	164,217
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	21	22	16,027	15,691	1	1	1,144	847
Bean cake, miso (MT)	5	5	14,131	10,403	1	0	1,348	856
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	31	41	16,357	22,030	2	3	1,663	1,940
Garlic, dried (MT)	8	43	3,504	28,861	1	2	460	2,013
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	64	68	135,963	150,505	8	8	15,418	17,475
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	52	37	85,092	74,152	4	4	7,680	8,235
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	15,213	14,814	0	0	1,405	1,283
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	2	2,968	2,911	0	0	297	641
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	5	29,851	28,161	1	0	3,988	2,068
Artichokes - prep (MT)	27	23	48,095	50,360	7	7	13,162	14,144
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,311	1,401	0	0	373	319
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	80	147	66,210	136,678	8	17	8,149	15,381
Waterchestnuts (MT)	26	29	15,572	18,719	2	3	1,395	1,759
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	49	54	29,180	31,855	4	6	2,703	3,373
Mustard (MT)	11	12	12,285	14,715	2	2	1,485	2,223
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	14	18	16,894	22,196	2	2	2,662	2,705
Soy sauce (MT)	29	35	29,770	35,718	3	4	2,685	3,798
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	122	109	81,509	68,726	15	12	10,279	6,975
Soups & sauces (MT)	90	129	170,470	210,282	9	13	18,838	20,926
Vinegar (HL)	216	224	27,999	27,847	27	30	3,474	3,382
Yeasts (MT)	40	41	43,827	48,913	5	4	5,553	4,759
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	413,920	490,845	0	0	48,434	49,115
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,160,705	1,140,559	0	0	173,193	151,002
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,498	1,274	492,172	441,133	278	160	91,404	62,577
Molasses (HL)	8,575	6,798	66,307	45,126	885	608	6,928	3,635
Confectionery prods (MT)	182	210	427,705	486,474	23	27	54,509	62,019
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	315	332	174,522	167,826	37	44	20,350	22,771
Spices (MT)	26	32	39,300	48,386	5	6	5,567	7,528
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	169	169	590,853	596,098	11	47	17,593	128,795
Tobacco - filler (MT)	137	136	545,010	556,737	4	32	12,585	116,589
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	31	29	12,841	14,692	6	13	1,934	5,221
Other tobacco (MT)	2	3	33,002	24,668	0	2	3,074	6,984
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	2,718,502	3,111,975	0	0	351,001	401,670
Wine (HL)	3,303	3,076	1,394,699	1,571,929	334	357	146,769	183,250
Malt beverages (HL)	13,112	15,144	1,179,037	1,361,231	2,076	2,163	184,183	190,341
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	144,765	178,816	0	0	20,049	28,079
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,333	2,984	1,711,549	1,545,550	368	362	192,480	173,671
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	846	780	307,789	268,563	114	118	40,741	29,686
Flaxseed (MT)	188	132	53,446	32,408	14	22	4,482	4,998
Mustard seeds (MT)	48	40	17,860	13,813	4	5	1,646	1,580
Rapeseed (MT)	325	249	102,122	69,258	47	14	13,933	3,193
Sesameseed (MT)	35	35	37,368	39,725	5	3	5,092	4,087
Soybeans (MT)	108	72	30,618	19,279	14	3	4,753	780
Sunflower seeds (MT)	26	28	8,107	8,739	3	1	1,004	339
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	117	225	58,267	85,342	27	69	9,831	14,710
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,515	1,318	1,257,948	1,163,765	152	142	137,155	129,729
Castor oil (MT)	36	22	26,780	18,144	8	6	6,264	4,521
Coconut oil (MT)	509	286	269,257	192,951	42	23	24,990	16,224
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	17	56	10,660	0	0	0	0

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

Quantity and unit	October-June				June			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Olive oil (MT)	121	131	275,714	262,259	17	16	35,996	35,006
Palm oil (MT)	97	104	43,595	54,911	6	12	3,287	5,612
Palm kernel oil (MT)	124	105	83,714	75,933	14	12	9,405	9,172
Peanut oil (MT)	2	16	2,608	14,177	0	0	152	243
Rapeseed oil (MT)	382	371	254,846	228,180	39	39	26,562	21,689
Soybean oil (MT)	20	28	13,768	17,444	3	4	1,806	2,291
Sesame oil (MT)	5	5	15,282	15,743	1	1	1,589	1,559
Other vegetable oils (MT)	217	232	272,328	273,363	23	29	27,104	33,412
Oilcake & meal (MT)	972	886	145,812	113,222	102	102	14,584	14,255
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	2	79	3,213	109,770	0	18	50	22,580
Cotton linters (MT)	7	26	7,254	5,591	0	4	32	675
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	225	298	353,120	381,249	10	14	23,919	26,984
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	528,667	466,781	0	0	44,362	44,215
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	326,585	363,194	0	0	19,998	21,716
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	261,108	242,429	0	0	38,775	24,730
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	12,099,316	11,356,375	0	0	1,309,757	1,286,125
Fertilizers (MT)	19,456	18,549	1,893,196	1,792,875	1,668	1,352	180,243	140,177
Potassium (MT)	7,703	6,751	592,141	584,806	438	428	43,151	41,186
Nitrogen (MT)	6,539	7,250	903,806	879,387	705	500	98,808	64,294
Phosphate (MT)	5,205	4,539	394,354	323,356	523	422	37,908	33,924
Fish (MT)	0	0	6,101,218	6,093,921	0	0	726,726	767,983
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	2,476,867	2,717,892	0	0	285,556	320,151
Shellfish (MT)	393	400	3,565,178	3,317,049	50	52	432,957	440,117
Fish prods, other (MT)	46	45	59,173	58,980	9	6	8,213	7,716
Aq chemicals (MT)	101	100	941,705	847,043	8	10	70,940	77,210
Fungicides (MT)	28	33	123,936	167,778	4	5	21,671	31,625
Herbicides (MT)	20	17	285,366	238,070	1	1	16,063	14,634
Insecticides (MT)	16	18	216,788	171,760	2	2	18,618	16,591
Other pesticides (MT)	36	32	315,615	269,435	2	3	14,587	14,360
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	2,798,941	2,350,647	0	0	290,167	268,419
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	3,919	6,550	1,554,090	1,183,675	528	631	158,866	126,795
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,244,851	1,166,972	0	0	131,300	141,624
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	10	10	364,256	271,889	1	1	41,680	32,336

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

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

Item	May	June	Year to date	% Change
Exports	3,649	3,806	37,505	-12
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,470	3,524	30,927	1
Imports (customs value)	3,225	3,285	28,675	1
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	179	282	6,578	-46
Exports less customs-val. imports	423	520	8,830	-38
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	39	31	509	-5
Meat & poultry	479	539	4,550	-13
Dairy prod & eggs	91	89	814	-8
Hides & skins	87	94	831	-23
Wheat	294	307	2,640	-6
Rice	51	61	840	-9
Corn	379	483	3,725	14
Other feed grains	42	33	426	-32
Animal feeds	250	244	2,625	-28
Soybeans	205	193	3,891	-30
Vegetable oils	122	118	1,467	-14
Fruits & nuts	366	416	3,406	-2
Vegetables	364	360	3,271	1
Cotton & linters	80	83	1,103	-48
Tobacco, unmf.	166	93	1,197	-1
Seeds & nursery	66	59	915	-4
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	103	111	1,144	-12
Meat & poultry	277	298	2,291	13
Dairy prod. & eggs	132	134	1,179	20
Grains & feeds	241	277	2,298	-2
Fruits & nuts	602	529	4,258	16
Vegetables	379	344	3,614	6
Vegetable oils	129	130	1,164	-7
Wine	163	183	1,572	13
Malt beverages	185	190	1,361	15
Coffee	239	244	2,334	-20
Cocoa	92	98	1,196	-9
Rubber, natural	55	48	570	-26
Cane & beet sugar	58	63	441	-10
Tobacco, unmf.	25	129	596	1
Seeds & flowers	149	93	1,211	0

Preliminary data.