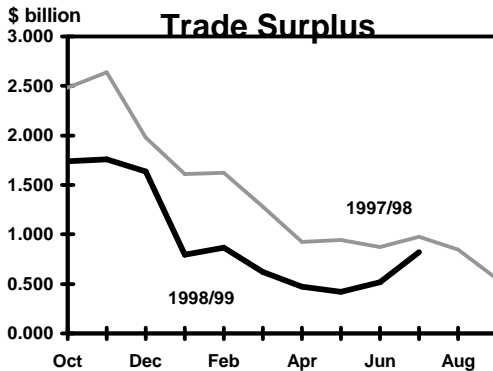


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary-U.S. agricultural exports of \$41 billion through July of fiscal 1999 are 11 percent below 1998's October-July value, while imports, at \$31.6 billion, are up 1 percent. The cumulative trade surplus is down 37 percent to \$9.6 billion. The dollar's strength and lower prices of many commodities since 1996 are major factors in the decline in U.S. export value and the trade surplus.

July 1999 export values are the lowest for the month since 1994. Nevertheless, the July monthly trade surplus is the highest since February because monthly agricultural imports fell to the lowest value since August 1998.

Exports-Bulk commodity exports of \$15 billion through July are 15 percent lower than in 1998. Since bulk export volume in total is 12 percent higher than in the 10-month period last year, the decline in export value is due to lower average prices for bulk commodities. Wheat and tobacco export values were down, but volume was up.

In percentage terms, the drop in *cotton* export value thus far in 1999 exceeds the drop in all other major U.S. agricultural exports. Cotton prices have decreased to half their high levels in 1995, and volume also is down. However, export volume and value have both gained in July 1999 from June.

Abundant world supplies and weak demand caused U.S. *soybean* exports to fall 11 percent in volume and 29 percent in value thus far in 1999. Shipments thus far in fiscal 1999 are lower to South America, Mexico, Europe, and Asia, particularly to Brazil, Japan, and China. July exports, however, rose slightly compared with June.

The value of *wheat* shipments in July rose 14 percent from June, but year-to-date wheat exports still are behind last year's pace. Wheat prices (Gulf port) in July were the lowest of the past decade. But, export volume is 13 percent above 1998. At this pace, the 1999 volume of wheat exports should exceed 1997 and 1998, but export value this year slipped from 1998. Increased wheat shipments to Latin America so far in 1999 offset declines to Asia and North Africa.

Corn now leads bulk commodity exports in value at \$4.2 billion so far in fiscal 1999, a 15-

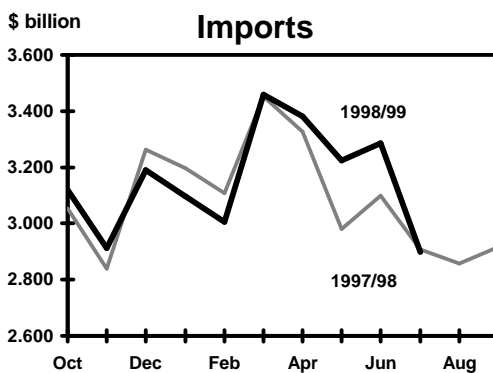
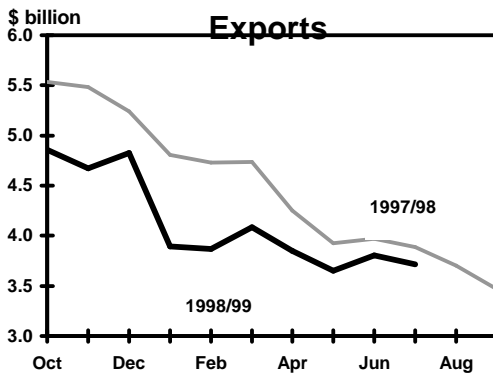
percent increase over the same period in 1998, but still far behind the pace in 1996 and 1997. Volume is 37 percent over 1998, as demand from Latin America and Asia has increased. Low corn prices (Gulf port), which in July were only two-fifths of the 1996 peak, coupled with the beginning of economic recovery in Asia, are boosting demand in world markets. Further gains in U.S. corn exports to Asia depend on how much China can export and how low China's corn prices fall.

Exports of *high-value products (HVP)*, at \$26.1 billion, are 9 percent below last year's pace. The largest declines are in poultry meats and hides and skins. Red meats, feeds and fodders, and nuts also are each more than \$100 million behind 1998's export values. So far, poultry exports to Russia are \$500 million less than in 1998. Hides and skins exports to Canada, Mexico, and to East Asia lag 1998's pace as well. The purchasing power of these countries' currencies weakened as the dollar strengthened.

Imports-While imports in July are the smallest so far this year, the cumulative value of \$31.6 billion is slightly ahead of 1998's pace. The largest gains in year-to-date imports are in fruits, vegetables, red meats, dairy products, and wine and malt beverages. Imports are expected to surpass the past year's value because U.S. consumers continue to take advantage of the dollar's high purchasing power. The major foreign sources of U.S. agricultural imports so far in 1999 are Canada, the European Union, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Indonesia, Australia, and Chile. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323]

U.S. vegetable exports rising-Vegetables are the only major HVP showing export gains in fiscal 1999. Exports so far equal \$3.6 billion. Fresh vegetables account for about a quarter of all vegetable exports. At 1.6 million tons for the 10 months, U.S. fresh vegetable exports show a 2-percent gain in quantity, while having slipped slightly in value.

Three of the five leading fresh vegetable export commodities--lettuce, broccoli, and tomatoes--show quantity gains in 1999. The growth reflects larger 1999 U.S. acreage, very low prices, and increased demand, particularly in Asian markets.



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

Quantity and unit	October-July				July			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	46,559,426	41,222,550	0	0	3,884,180	3,717,576
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	9,433,037	8,267,137	0	0	914,869	835,332
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	476,738	446,063	0	0	27,865	24,164
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	231	222	144,830	114,059	18	13	9,117	5,753
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	53	68	238,388	266,535	6	5	12,748	13,432
Swine - live (NO)	94	260	15,876	22,945	14	4	1,431	683
Sheep, live (NO)	1,070	394	45,764	15,565	29	23	1,350	810
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	31,881	26,959	0	0	3,219	3,486
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,742	1,701	3,823,606	3,664,281	180	179	386,138	386,261
Beef & veal (MT)	587	632	2,011,186	2,057,120	65	69	204,355	226,272
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	573	615	1,954,082	1,995,189	63	67	197,978	219,941
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	14	17	57,104	61,932	2	2	6,377	6,331
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	10	9	31,651	28,312	1	1	2,564	2,682
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	2	5,727	6,931	0	0	414	330
Pork (MT)	333	318	913,436	804,424	30	30	79,442	78,420
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	296	286	815,640	725,613	26	27	69,807	69,485
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	37	32	97,796	78,811	4	3	9,635	8,935
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	435	407	561,513	558,468	44	47	61,408	58,771
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	374	332	300,093	209,026	40	32	37,956	19,786
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,322,021	1,691,167	0	0	234,542	184,244
Poultry - live (NA)	48,652	48,328	100,600	94,640	4,751	4,071	11,326	7,846
Baby chicks (NO)	40,284	39,668	86,204	82,341	3,885	3,335	9,982	6,941
Other live poultry (NA)	8,369	8,660	14,396	12,299	866	736	1,344	905
Poultry meats (MT)	2,295	1,958	2,016,249	1,434,716	225	220	207,531	162,554
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	2,023	1,763	1,603,985	1,134,034	200	203	167,523	134,094
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	172	127	192,025	135,719	16	12	18,186	13,788
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	5	6	9,401	9,312	0	0	940	524
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	94	62	210,837	155,651	10	5	20,882	14,147
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	3	17,206	11,819	0	0	994	993
Eggs (NA)	0	0	187,966	149,992	0	0	14,691	12,851
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	782,639	746,990	0	0	70,182	70,569
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	7	4	6,244	3,241	0	0	236	280
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	73	72	126,228	102,322	6	8	11,654	11,103
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	6	1	12,959	2,282	0	0	370	66
Cheese (MT)	32	30	103,336	101,862	3	3	9,910	10,690
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	96,761	100,869	0	0	9,592	8,792
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	437,111	436,414	0	0	38,419	39,638
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,099	1,209	537,291	489,738	132	135	60,329	47,842
Lard (MT)	61	62	30,956	29,793	5	5	2,815	2,095
Tallow - inedible (MT)	782	827	371,279	315,877	101	98	44,479	32,456
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	256	319	135,056	144,069	25	31	13,035	13,291
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,174,094	924,924	0	0	101,279	93,565
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	15,967	14,826	824,491	697,785	1,601	1,562	76,862	74,985
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	78,552	41,594	0	0	6,174	2,206
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,749	1,266	34,366	25,070	67	102	1,583	2,239
Horse hides, whole (PC)	91	104	2,438	3,332	3	37	85	1,575
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	22,151	6,334	0	0	2,680	610
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	10,849	6,851	62,215	41,730	866	664	5,030	3,094
Furskins (NA)	0	0	149,882	109,078	0	0	8,865	8,856
Mink pelts (NO)	2,830	3,756	77,283	87,323	138	280	4,449	7,547
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	72,599	21,755	0	0	4,416	1,309
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	3	10,186	15,980	0	0	1,908	1,850
Sausage casings (MT)	14	17	51,216	56,372	2	1	4,356	4,970
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	57,128	51,201	0	0	4,076	4,961
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	198,119	180,421	0	0	24,195	16,906
Grains & feeds (MT)	72,121	85,952	11,814,873	11,897,184	7,154	9,645	1,095,685	1,205,832
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	20,706	23,432	3,123,779	2,990,297	2,315	3,008	311,067	350,032
Wheat flour (MT)	367	757	95,890	145,988	34	100	8,184	14,265
Bulqur wheat (MT)	3	14	512	2,361	0	2	19	270
Other wheat prods (MT)	64	70	63,962	68,120	8	7	7,305	6,972
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,895	2,743	989,730	905,473	211	207	71,031	65,528
Feed grains & prods (MT)	37,102	47,662	4,437,810	4,812,183	3,588	5,244	395,831	501,660
Feed grains (MT)	36,610	47,095	4,277,099	4,635,890	3,534	5,196	377,403	485,184
Barley (MT)	857	442	118,114	55,047	47	15	7,009	2,360
Corn (MT)	31,033	42,369	3,619,806	4,169,569	3,259	4,750	346,656	444,436
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,692	4,262	535,599	408,446	227	427	23,557	37,825
Oats (MT)	26	21	3,432	2,747	1	4	154	527
Rye (MT)	2	1	148	81	0	0	27	37
Feed grain prods (MT)	492	567	160,711	176,293	54	48	18,428	16,476
Popcorn (MT)	84	80	58,411	50,459	9	6	5,897	3,668
Blended food prods (MT)	219	249	58,522	70,220	11	19	3,042	5,099
Other grain prods (MT)	805	865	928,642	936,761	88	84	94,180	93,865
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	9,876	10,081	2,057,613	1,915,321	890	968	199,129	164,472
Corn by-products (MT)	4,754	4,757	593,192	479,256	439	563	56,001	48,948
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	218	223	36,217	33,172	18	16	2,697	2,657
Beet pulp (MT)	464	487	57,394	56,718	49	55	6,522	5,969
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	659	584	42,838	49,358	16	2	1,466	322
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,781	4,029	1,327,972	1,296,817	369	332	132,444	106,575
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,619	2,470	2,136,869	2,104,233	253	238	236,527	232,553
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,215	2,071	1,563,964	1,515,887	213	206	181,709	182,042
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	1,105	795	619,188	467,803	55	26	31,879	16,386
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	378	420	184,355	217,035	10	7	5,566	4,038
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	107	107	79,066	73,598	9	8	6,786	5,109
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	619	265	354,607	175,262	36	11	19,506	7,205

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	2	1,159	1,908	0	0	21	33
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,110	1,276	944,776	1,048,084	158	180	149,830	165,657
Apples - fresh (MT)	476	612	289,331	342,994	35	41	20,396	22,547
Berries - fresh (MT)	53	62	94,526	106,663	11	14	18,301	21,361
Cherries - fresh (MT)	36	40	111,046	149,029	15	13	43,435	47,377
Grapes - fresh (MT)	148	132	192,903	176,646	9	8	13,114	13,176
Melons - fresh (MT)	154	189	61,279	66,383	46	56	14,896	15,171
Peaches - fresh (MT)	41	50	41,701	49,535	18	25	16,922	23,585
Pears - fresh (MT)	137	119	74,870	70,979	4	5	2,840	3,159
Plums - fresh (MT)	21	24	21,338	23,439	13	11	11,863	10,526
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	44	50	57,782	62,415	8	8	8,063	8,754
Fruits - dried (MT)	183	172	320,303	326,278	17	13	28,109	28,320
Raisins - dried (MT)	98	88	163,518	165,666	9	7	13,692	15,180
Prunes - dried (MT)	58	59	110,411	114,755	5	4	9,921	8,659
Other dried fruits (MT)	26	25	46,374	45,857	2	2	4,497	4,481
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	119	128	117,682	124,203	10	10	10,132	9,799
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	33	37	47,031	53,472	5	4	6,679	5,565
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	69	63	87,890	84,393	8	5	9,897	6,826
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	8,963	9,973	543,992	601,957	1,292	1,103	66,163	63,339
Apple juice (HL)	325	300	39,643	37,078	21	38	2,742	5,122
Grape juice (HL)	672	750	54,034	57,377	67	67	5,772	5,252
Grapefruit juice (HL)	555	735	39,055	44,436	64	83	4,288	4,586
Orange juice (HL)	4,702	4,424	245,744	249,903	802	408	33,670	22,116
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,708	3,765	165,516	213,163	337	507	19,691	26,263
Wine (HL)	2,062	2,003	398,624	403,091	236	194	47,237	33,437
Nuts & prep (MT)	480	439	1,196,700	1,077,979	37	36	100,392	81,806
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	167	160	627,282	581,511	15	15	59,442	44,310
Filberts (MT)	19	8	35,400	15,043	1	0	1,782	282
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	173	154	174,544	158,522	15	14	15,428	16,051
Pistachios (MT)	31	23	129,464	87,686	2	2	8,660	5,189
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	59	63	140,091	141,475	2	2	5,803	6,403
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	10	7	43,526	43,530	1	1	5,588	5,317
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	22	23	46,393	50,212	1	3	3,688	4,254
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	3,573,140	3,604,229	0	0	328,291	333,573
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,559	1,591	946,609	917,475	146	166	79,750	82,607
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	15	16	43,637	46,845	0	1	1,067	2,130
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	113	136	80,338	86,351	8	11	5,879	6,888
Carrots - fresh (MT)	103	110	52,637	60,108	9	11	4,671	5,523
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	40	38	19,526	14,885	1	2	605	649
Celery - fresh (MT)	112	111	44,605	37,440	8	9	2,797	3,696
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	70	82	50,507	54,706	5	7	3,232	4,109
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	41	40	18,318	17,056	5	6	1,820	1,819
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	22	23	12,160	12,084	2	2	852	767
Garlic - fresh (MT)	6	6	7,948	9,199	1	1	812	944
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	270	273	156,668	136,236	18	16	9,547	9,204
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	5	6	16,937	13,290	0	0	353	762
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	177	175	68,536	63,220	14	17	6,855	6,201
Peppers - fresh (MT)	52	60	52,970	51,937	6	7	5,634	5,045
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	265	231	80,242	72,732	47	49	11,749	12,984
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	114	124	107,607	109,337	13	17	15,671	12,768
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	155	159	133,971	132,048	8	12	8,207	9,116
Vegetables - froz (MT)	545	562	419,617	441,363	56	42	43,641	33,966
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	66	61	53,439	51,452	6	6	4,901	5,102
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	384	404	275,729	298,307	42	29	31,046	21,665
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	96	98	90,449	91,604	9	7	7,694	7,199
Vegetables - canned (MT)	373	334	299,261	282,320	31	25	26,194	21,836
Pulses (MT)	525	475	279,102	232,768	49	28	26,263	13,493
Dried beans (MT)	394	334	230,582	180,510	37	21	21,979	10,801
Dried peas (MT)	93	94	31,861	33,693	9	4	2,919	1,594
Dried lentils (MT)	38	48	16,660	18,565	4	3	1,366	1,098
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	9	8	80,516	68,648	1	1	6,482	4,157
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,548,034	1,661,656	0	0	145,961	177,513
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	33,368	28,716	10,094,446	7,214,152	1,547	1,731	505,657	453,526
Oilcake & meal (MT)	8,045	5,833	1,860,580	952,326	490	497	94,895	78,088
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	287	403	24,564	30,322	42	34	3,550	2,708
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	33	55	3,705	5,588	1	0	114	29
Soybean meal (MT)	7,582	5,184	1,810,014	889,314	440	443	90,124	72,623
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	143	192	22,297	27,102	7	20	1,107	2,728
Oilseeds (MT)	22,705	20,609	6,362,400	4,684,923	847	1,069	243,034	265,276
Rapeseed (MT)	113	176	31,085	42,383	9	7	2,499	1,727
Safflower seeds (MT)	32	29	13,061	8,758	0	0	38	42
Soybeans (MT)	21,913	19,552	5,776,763	4,087,478	790	1,002	197,123	196,808
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	124	186	84,047	98,792	9	9	7,361	13,552
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	34	33	30,595	27,316	1	2	1,138	1,710
Other oilseeds (MT)	370	520	104,541	114,971	26	40	7,350	8,311
Protein substances (MT)	119	114	322,307	305,224	11	9	27,524	43,126
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,618	2,274	1,871,467	1,576,903	210	165	167,728	110,162
Soybean oil (MT)	1,203	946	761,686	546,287	73	51	50,778	23,904
Cottonseed oil (MT)	84	42	54,766	27,807	7	4	4,557	2,379
Sunflower oil (MT)	358	298	233,279	182,524	17	14	14,614	7,961
Corn oil (MT)	421	395	303,842	295,308	45	45	36,416	29,895
Peanut oil (MT)	5	4	5,308	3,995	0	0	273	347
Rapeseed oil (MT)	129	109	82,178	63,528	22	6	14,799	2,808
Safflower oil (MT)	31	38	37,231	38,143	6	3	7,046	3,624

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	388	442	393,177	419,309	41	43	39,246	39,245
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	186	190	1,273,844	1,260,457	9	12	61,092	63,377
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	45	49	360,080	396,726	2	3	16,283	21,050
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	97	97	691,582	665,613	4	4	33,412	29,821
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	44	44	222,182	198,118	3	5	11,396	12,506
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,403	797	2,283,954	1,190,904	124	72	195,394	98,519
Cotton linters (MT)	45	30	18,150	11,433	5	3	1,516	1,063
Essential oils (MT)	39	40	445,659	427,277	4	4	44,472	45,421
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	774	496	743,913	707,783	59	39	36,297	42,142
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,208,078	1,186,837	0	0	118,524	113,911
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	519,642	485,528	0	0	54,921	50,107
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	105	133	41,012	47,408	13	9	5,057	3,544
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	478,630	438,120	0	0	49,864	46,563
Coffee (MT)	35	42	189,012	198,183	4	4	19,626	19,862
Cocoa (MT)	28	32	60,857	70,242	2	3	5,172	6,365
Chocolate & prep (MT)	90	80	281,451	242,144	8	7	22,374	20,062
Tea & mate (MT)	17	23	70,850	94,965	2	2	7,592	8,149
Spices (MT)	24	27	56,551	59,672	2	3	5,849	5,933
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	17	22	28,330	34,039	2	2	2,886	3,347
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	3	1,386	2,064	0	0	104	86
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	386,009	347,688	0	0	30,105	32,961
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	263,108	263,730	0	0	17,833	14,543
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	745,030	656,478	0	0	84,126	66,242
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	13,772,615	12,414,671	0	0	1,449,146	1,278,077
Fertilizers (MT)	16	9	2,584,840	2,719,663	1	0	336,871	294,917
Nitrogen (MT)	8	4	2,569,593	2,710,070	0	0	335,498	294,635
Phosphate (MT)	8	5	15,247	9,593	1	0	1,373	283
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	1,875,794	2,156,432	0	0	234,675	316,811
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,049,211	1,223,979	0	0	162,714	236,237
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	535,024	570,822	0	0	38,600	57,421
Other fish prods (MT)	208	182	291,558	361,631	26	16	33,362	23,153
Ag chemicals (MT)	276	271	1,650,850	1,479,545	32	24	159,555	138,360
Fungicides (MT)	28	31	173,731	162,118	2	3	12,069	14,959
Herbicides (MT)	140	124	835,375	695,904	19	9	87,753	53,839
Insecticides (MT)	54	60	355,536	389,366	6	9	33,036	47,250
Other pesticides (MT)	53	57	286,208	232,158	5	4	26,698	22,311
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,433,890	2,647,066	0	0	327,305	243,025
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	52	39	1,549,787	1,034,736	5	3	167,648	101,466
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,884,102	1,612,330	0	0	159,657	141,560
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	4,227,242	3,411,964	0	0	390,741	284,963

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 July 1999

Wheat	metric tons			Corn	metric tons		
	Oct-Jul 1997/1998	Oct-Jul 1998/1999	Jul 1999		Oct-Jul 1997/1998	Oct-Jul 1998/1999	Jul 1999
Egypt	3,025,690	3,761,598	283,049	Japan	12,016,664	12,704,524	1,325,355
Japan	2,628,231	2,611,452	180,550	South Korea	2,898,053	5,643,043	798,435
South Korea	1,137,974	1,503,018	161,516	Mexico	3,465,994	4,552,102	262,345
Mexico	1,188,604	1,343,487	176,323	China (Taiwan)	2,934,303	3,812,753	457,761
Philippines	1,189,459	1,246,044	151,628	Egypt	1,327,842	2,492,782	347,934
European Union	909,639	1,095,388	70,575	Colombia	959,735	1,255,327	92,952
Nigeria	721,725	974,281	62,459	Venezuela	519,094	1,127,756	144,080
Russian Federation	51,232	764,802	230,240	Saudi Arabia	805,358	1,019,405	43,864
China (Taiwan)	808,241	755,680	37,905	Algeria	682,498	774,472	87,277
Israel	650,820	705,411	153,378	Turkey	351,108	668,724	92,098
World	20,705,685	23,432,310	3,008,193	World	31,032,924	42,368,874	4,750,271
Soybeans	Oct-Jul 1997/1998	Oct-Jul 1998/1999	Jul 1999	Cotton	Oct-Jul 1997/1998	Oct-Jul 1998/1999	Jul 1999
European Union	7,665,738	5,679,879	9,411	Mexico	268,481	239,254	29,807
Japan	3,116,330	3,273,913	231,286	Japan	128,887	78,278	4,181
Mexico	2,643,351	2,703,591	194,421	South Korea	142,944	64,308	3,535
China (Taiwan)	1,518,313	1,751,428	125,895	Hong Kong	32,783	53,352	3,292
China (Mainland)	1,585,593	1,251,147	69	China (Taiwan)	73,229	52,319	4,832
South Korea	1,004,104	1,080,013	72,852	Canada	53,166	52,280	3,592
Indonesia	672,606	782,755	39,899	Indonesia	89,004	43,586	4,754
Thailand	453,304	593,756	52,490	European Union	61,128	32,156	786
Israel	382,795	441,981	51,017	Guatemala	24,969	20,970	862
Turkey	183,318	230,681	20,743	Turkey	123,929	20,850	8,391
World	21,913,227	19,552,102	1,002,130	World	1,403,255	797,241	71,745

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

Quantity and unit	October-July				July			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	31,231,709	31,573,671	0	0	2,908,267	2,898,545
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	7,857,194	6,860,727	0	0	679,223	631,707
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,463	3,630	996,882	1,008,171	311	376	95,479	95,729
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	975	1,092	3,140,988	2,553,258	88	94	238,711	219,461
Cocoa & prods (MT)	741	734	1,434,875	1,311,231	65	77	124,045	114,850
Tea (MT)	128	127	218,097	203,135	16	15	23,658	22,221
Spices (MT)	123	136	381,321	419,423	12	16	38,728	53,996
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	933	941	852,022	616,117	99	78	78,631	46,513
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	407	436	0	0	1	12
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	11	11	27,911	22,316	1	1	3,295	1,849
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	85	83	37,755	34,407	10	9	4,100	3,511
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	305,030	279,240	0	0	26,204	27,912
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	69	56	461,907	412,994	11	8	46,371	45,651
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	23,374,515	24,712,944	0	0	2,229,043	2,266,837
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	5,668,090	5,854,938	0	0	582,806	564,365
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,386,592	1,207,055	0	0	101,547	77,239
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,764	1,673	942,389	853,907	94	80	63,953	49,247
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	37	27	144,036	160,635	2	2	8,020	9,940
Swine (NO)	3,358	3,318	274,079	157,962	374	312	27,400	15,965
Sheep, live (NO)	46	44	5,809	4,215	2	4	166	343
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	20,280	30,335	0	0	2,008	1,744
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	2,259,086	2,539,312	0	0	245,631	274,547
Beef & veal (MT)	712	779	1,464,257	1,669,982	85	85	166,634	186,626
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	661	711	1,295,189	1,460,535	79	79	147,978	168,556
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	51	68	169,068	209,447	6	6	18,656	18,070
Pork (MT)	220	279	566,612	594,149	24	25	57,744	55,752
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	164	214	369,857	392,695	18	19	37,615	37,333
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	56	65	196,755	201,455	6	6	20,128	18,420
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	40	44	136,744	158,077	4	4	12,076	19,786
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	0	22	0	111,471	0	3	0	15,395
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	23	20	0	0	0	15
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	36	43	52,396	64,947	4	4	5,501	7,729
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	3	14,705	19,849	0	0	1,042	1,120
Other meats & prods (MT)	8	11	24,349	32,289	1	1	2,634	3,519
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	173,551	165,259	0	0	20,017	15,302
Poultry - live (NA)	9,820	9,378	17,749	15,627	1,053	804	1,947	1,642
Poultry meat (MT)	6	10	21,139	29,238	0	1	1,581	3,487
Eggs (NA)	0	0	12,872	15,492	0	0	1,293	1,528
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	22	21	121,791	104,902	2	2	15,197	8,645
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,118,108	1,306,409	0	0	149,804	140,982
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	26,554	40,180	0	0	3,257	5,050
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	19	25	37,572	50,981	9	4	16,757	6,582
Cheese (MT)	126	160	481,839	594,274	15	16	55,386	55,316
Casein & mixtures (MT)	90	89	378,576	345,880	12	10	49,759	40,431
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	193,565	275,094	0	0	24,645	33,603
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	66	70	49,636	50,655	6	10	4,242	5,664
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	164,072	128,165	0	0	12,262	8,803
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	1	7,206	3,685	0	0	1,100	364
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	89,614	77,127	0	0	7,564	6,800
Furskins (NA)	4,641	4,694	67,252	47,353	316	423	3,597	1,639
Wool-unmfa, apparel grade(MT)	30	15	112,026	45,474	2	1	5,263	3,575
Sausage casings (MT)	12	12	64,891	61,170	1	1	6,743	5,674
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	8,787	14,716	0	0	530	1,156
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	331,342	336,723	0	0	36,768	31,424
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,416,339	2,416,867	0	0	220,117	232,342
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,689	2,003	267,009	251,776	166	256	22,388	31,169
Corn, unmilled (MT)	100	363	13,845	36,022	20	15	2,232	1,618
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,345	1,206	153,751	105,078	115	93	10,591	8,715
Barley, unmilled (MT)	706	546	95,755	66,284	45	46	5,774	5,390
Rice (MT)	245	294	161,052	159,938	21	18	13,934	10,188
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	253	288	565,752	644,196	25	30	52,232	63,380
Pasta & noodles (MT)	259	245	239,162	236,081	25	21	22,803	20,196
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	488,827	536,457	0	0	47,299	50,701
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	1,153	987	431,187	381,035	96	91	42,865	40,986
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,889	3,215	1,905,520	2,441,430	193	217	149,826	169,132
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,377	2,606	1,395,503	1,846,379	150	160	107,894	112,589
Apples, fresh (MT)	141	141	69,038	99,151	15	21	6,713	15,157
Avocados (MT)	23	49	26,232	53,244	0	2	439	1,714
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	45	56	60,721	98,004	7	5	9,046	8,450
Citrus, fresh (MT)	222	296	104,793	181,729	37	36	22,276	21,816
Grapes, fresh (MT)	416	383	439,517	544,433	14	7	22,533	11,815
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	31	41	21,491	35,523	6	6	4,071	5,162
Manoes (MT)	172	197	114,645	130,379	41	41	23,852	22,164
Melons (MT)	862	875	252,520	280,306	4	3	1,301	1,298
Peaches (MT)	34	49	26,370	43,883	0	0	10	6
Pears (MT)	67	87	45,734	72,206	0	1	36	947
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	213	223	70,352	101,129	15	22	5,210	11,225
Plums (MT)	19	28	17,686	26,819	0	0	14	28
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	49	81	86,263	98,474	2	3	2,962	2,534
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	81	99	60,141	81,100	10	12	9,430	10,272
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	512	609	510,017	595,051	42	58	41,932	56,544
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	218	281	159,054	208,525	17	32	11,837	23,802
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	294	328	350,963	386,527	26	26	30,095	32,741
Fruit juices (HL)	22,729	26,196	572,926	646,306	1,920	2,669	47,409	67,993
Apple juice (HL)	8,594	9,774	199,026	179,370	807	1,047	14,046	20,551
Grape juice (HL)	1,168	1,197	51,795	56,955	89	138	4,667	5,824
Grapefruit juice (HL)	6	6	370	382	0	1	34	75

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	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Lemon juice (HL)	347	354	6,503	5,357	48	54	1,032	833
Lime juice (HL)	146	147	3,023	4,046	29	29	773	575
Orange juice (HL)	9,148	10,745	176,147	239,526	671	897	14,592	17,866
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,064	2,378	63,464	72,642	172	299	4,949	7,846
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,255	1,595	72,598	88,029	103	203	7,316	14,423
Nuts & preps (MT)	196	190	530,496	565,873	19	20	56,610	71,017
Brazil nuts (MT)	9	6	21,691	15,425	1	1	2,161	1,999
Cashew nuts (MT)	60	55	270,963	295,969	8	8	36,039	49,567
Chestnuts (MT)	4	5	11,060	11,424	0	0	29	54
Coconut meat (MT)	62	59	51,968	54,499	7	7	6,099	7,126
Filberts (MT)	4	5	18,021	21,785	0	0	1,435	1,167
Macademia nuts (MT)	2	3	23,246	24,634	0	0	3,395	3,323
Pecans (MT)	22	27	64,027	79,616	1	1	3,289	3,226
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,200	2,062	0	0	7	72
Other nuts (MT)	31	29	68,320	60,459	2	2	4,157	4,484
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	3,705,548	3,927,256	0	0	297,535	313,296
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,399	3,279	2,286,721	2,269,976	195	199	154,855	161,798
Tomatoes (MT)	780	642	666,985	639,290	63	48	55,953	47,278
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	41	50	78,919	90,659	4	4	5,505	6,368
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	26	28	28,871	32,597	1	1	1,242	1,392
Cabbage (MT)	43	23	11,774	5,297	5	3	1,627	722
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	84	75	22,667	23,965	3	4	968	1,330
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	195	220	117,470	143,885	16	16	9,537	10,913
Celery, fresh (MT)	42	40	10,725	9,197	0	0	118	147
Cucumbers (MT)	313	316	146,700	128,913	8	12	4,618	5,711
Eggplant (MT)	38	33	29,970	22,008	0	0	160	73
Endive, fresh (MT)	3	2	5,149	5,536	0	0	451	371
Garlic (MT)	27	44	32,140	48,192	3	3	4,045	3,065
Lettuce (MT)	20	19	12,292	9,592	2	4	1,012	1,542
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	22	20	10,474	10,728	3	5	1,064	1,655
Onions (MT)	243	224	144,637	123,491	8	10	5,513	7,996
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	33	36	39,528	42,031	3	4	3,244	3,700
Peppers (MT)	270	289	302,993	282,483	15	17	21,836	24,138
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	772	735	291,118	303,228	39	44	20,752	28,167
Radishes, fresh (MT)	16	14	11,535	11,560	0	0	391	492
Squash (MT)	153	148	102,971	98,917	2	2	1,042	1,227
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	279	320	219,803	238,406	19	21	15,778	15,512
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,418,828	1,657,280	0	0	142,679	151,498
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	22	23	17,399	16,684	2	1	1,372	994
Bean cake, miso (MT)	6	6	15,492	11,441	1	1	1,361	1,039
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	34	44	18,066	24,096	3	3	1,709	2,066
Garlic, dried (MT)	9	44	3,748	29,613	1	1	244	752
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	71	75	150,024	165,605	7	7	14,061	15,100
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	56	41	93,836	82,890	5	4	8,743	8,738
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	16,575	16,175	0	0	1,361	1,362
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	2	3,358	3,168	0	0	390	257
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	5	30,125	29,669	0	0	274	1,508
Artichokes - prep (MT)	32	29	58,825	62,181	5	6	10,730	11,821
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,595	1,539	0	0	284	137
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	88	155	74,246	144,256	9	8	8,036	7,577
Waterchestnuts (MT)	29	31	17,521	19,993	3	1	1,950	1,274
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	54	59	32,185	35,293	5	6	3,005	3,438
Mustard (MT)	13	14	14,407	16,094	2	2	2,122	1,379
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	16	20	19,428	25,020	2	2	2,534	2,823
Soy sauce (MT)	32	38	32,906	39,157	3	3	3,137	3,439
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	136	130	92,176	78,404	14	20	10,667	9,678
Soups & sauces (MT)	98	139	187,622	229,206	9	11	17,152	18,924
Vinegar (HL)	249	256	31,873	32,578	34	31	3,874	4,731
Yeasts (MT)	44	45	48,875	54,451	4	4	5,049	5,538
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	458,544	539,766	0	0	44,624	48,922
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,318,781	1,268,702	0	0	158,076	128,143
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,673	1,382	565,631	477,558	175	108	73,460	36,425
Molasses (HL)	9,188	7,494	71,702	49,602	614	696	5,396	4,476
Confectionery prods (MT)	207	239	486,910	551,472	25	29	59,205	64,998
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	350	385	194,537	190,069	34	53	20,015	22,243
Spices (MT)	30	37	44,272	54,323	3	5	4,971	5,937
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	195	179	680,517	620,145	25	10	89,664	24,047
Tobacco - filler (MT)	156	144	627,597	578,105	19	8	82,587	21,368
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	37	31	15,483	15,310	6	2	2,642	618
Other tobacco (MT)	2	3	37,436	26,730	0	0	4,435	2,062
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	3,061,388	3,506,134	0	0	342,886	394,159
Wine (HL)	3,636	3,406	1,535,404	1,741,819	333	330	140,704	169,891
Malt beverages (HL)	15,190	17,329	1,361,943	1,557,054	2,077	2,186	182,906	195,823
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	164,041	207,261	0	0	19,275	28,445
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,668	3,292	1,886,889	1,716,003	336	309	175,340	170,453
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	939	856	339,553	289,194	93	75	31,764	20,631
Flaxseed (MT)	205	154	58,724	36,958	17	22	5,277	4,550
Mustard seeds (MT)	52	43	19,442	15,060	4	4	1,581	1,247
Rapeseed (MT)	354	270	110,686	74,135	30	22	8,563	4,877
Sesameseed (MT)	39	38	42,302	44,193	4	4	4,934	4,468
Soybeans (MT)	123	76	35,567	20,174	15	3	4,949	895
Sunflower seeds (MT)	27	29	8,725	9,022	1	1	619	283
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	138	245	64,108	89,653	21	20	5,841	4,311
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,657	1,468	1,387,255	1,302,208	143	150	129,307	138,443
Castor oil (MT)	36	33	26,898	27,531	0	11	119	9,387
Coconut oil (MT)	547	313	292,037	213,864	38	27	22,781	20,912
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	17	56	10,666	0	0	0	6

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	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Olive oil (MT)	136	148	304,784	299,863	15	17	29,070	37,604
Palm oil (MT)	101	112	45,570	58,484	4	8	1,975	3,573
Palm kernel oil (MT)	133	124	89,189	91,130	8	20	5,475	15,197
Peanut oil (MT)	4	16	3,835	14,376	1	0	1,226	199
Rapeseed oil (MT)	426	415	285,434	251,046	44	44	30,588	22,866
Soybean oil (MT)	23	31	15,621	19,048	3	3	1,853	1,603
Sesame oil (MT)	6	6	17,122	17,736	1	1	1,840	1,993
Other vegetable oils (MT)	246	252	306,709	298,466	29	20	34,382	25,103
Oilcake & meal (MT)	1,072	969	160,080	124,601	100	83	14,269	11,379
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	3	96	3,283	130,223	0	18	71	20,454
Cotton linters (MT)	7	28	7,310	6,003	0	2	57	411
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	234	308	373,558	403,186	9	10	20,438	21,937
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	563,248	500,815	0	0	34,581	34,034
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	345,445	385,780	0	0	18,860	22,587
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	290,906	268,960	0	0	29,799	26,531
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	13,378,443	12,594,405	0	0	1,279,127	1,238,029
Fertilizers (MT)	21,007	19,771	2,049,809	1,918,370	1,551	1,222	156,613	125,496
Potassium (MT)	8,221	7,034	637,207	610,191	517	283	45,067	25,386
Nitrogen (MT)	7,085	7,730	983,367	938,351	546	480	79,562	58,964
Phosphate (MT)	5,693	4,997	425,924	364,059	487	458	31,570	40,703
Fish (MT)	0	0	6,820,681	6,853,602	0	0	719,463	759,681
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	2,762,191	3,023,039	0	0	285,324	305,147
Shellfish (MT)	442	456	3,992,441	3,766,193	49	56	427,263	449,144
Fish prods, other (MT)	56	50	66,049	64,370	9	5	6,876	5,389
Aq chemicals (MT)	109	109	1,010,968	910,662	8	9	69,263	63,619
Fungicides (MT)	32	36	136,079	190,556	3	4	12,143	22,779
Herbicides (MT)	21	18	301,189	246,829	1	1	15,823	8,759
Insecticides (MT)	17	20	236,317	182,784	1	2	19,529	11,024
Other pesticides (MT)	39	36	337,384	290,493	3	3	21,768	21,058
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,091,169	2,606,345	0	0	292,229	255,698
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	4,535	7,242	1,702,013	1,307,220	616	691	147,924	123,545
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,389,156	1,299,125	0	0	144,305	132,152
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	12	11	405,816	305,426	2	1	41,560	33,537

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	June	July	Year to date	% Change
Exports	3,806	3,718	41,223	-11
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,524	3,113	34,040	1
Imports (customs value)	3,285	2,899	31,574	1
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	282	605	7,182	-44
Exports less customs-val. imports	520	819	9,649	-37
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	31	32	541	-6
Meat & poultry	539	549	5,099	-13
Dairy prod & eggs	89	83	897	-8
Hides & skins	94	94	925	-21
Wheat	307	350	2,990	-4
Rice	61	66	905	-9
Corn	483	444	4,170	15
Other feed grains	33	41	466	-29
Animal feeds	244	243	2,868	-27
Soybeans	193	197	4,087	-29
Vegetable oils	118	110	1,577	-16
Fruits & nuts	416	378	3,784	-2
Vegetables	360	334	3,604	1
Cotton & linters	83	100	1,202	-48
Tobacco, unmfq.	93	63	1,260	-1
Seeds & nursery	59	57	972	-4
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	111	79	1,223	-13
Meat & poultry	298	278	2,569	13
Dairy prod. & eggs	134	143	1,322	17
Grains & feeds	277	244	2,541	-1
Fruits & nuts	529	404	4,662	16
Vegetables	344	313	3,927	6
Vegetable oils	130	138	1,302	-6
Wine	183	170	1,742	13
Malt beverages	190	196	1,557	14
Coffee	244	219	2,553	-19
Cocoa	98	115	1,311	-9
Rubber, natural	48	47	616	-28
Cane & beet sugar	63	36	478	-16
Tobacco, unmfq.	129	24	620	-9
Seeds & flowers	93	79	1,290	1

Table 5--Selected U.S. Vegetable Exports

Item	Oct - July 98		Oct - July 99		Change percent
	Metric tons				
Broccoli					
Canada	70,437	72,991			4
Japan	33,797	54,398			61
Hong Kong	4,703	3,942			-16
Taiwan	2,641	4,183			58
Lettuce					
Canada	232,775	233,275			0
Hong Kong	13,498	10,806			-20
Mexico	12,969	15,022			16
Japan	3,189	4,797			50
Tomatoes					
Canada	106,482	113,568			7
Mexico	3,984	5,830			46
Belgium	895	1,104			23
UK	788	1,148			46

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