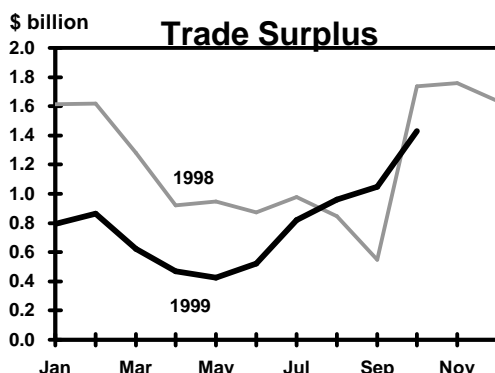


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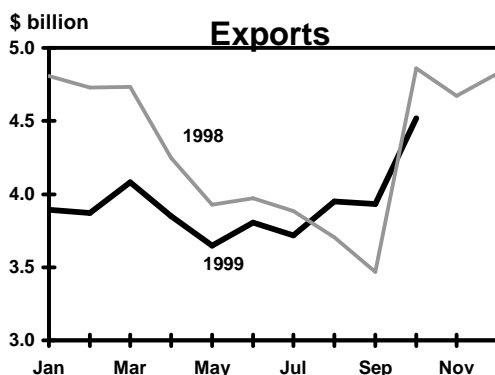


Summary—January–October 1999 U.S. agricultural exports equal \$39.3 billion, 7 percent less than the first 10 months of 1998. Imports in the same period, however, are 1 percent above 1998, at \$31.3 billion. The export surplus is off 30 percent in the year-to-date—\$8 billion compared with \$11.4 billion at this time last year.

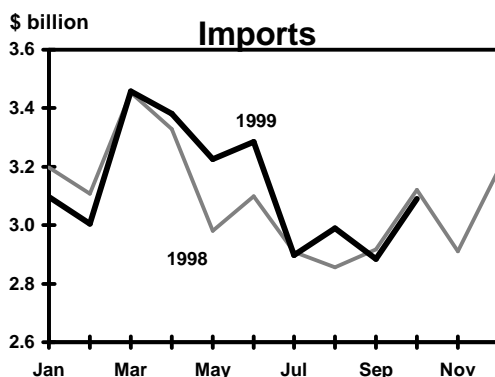
October 1999 exports of \$4.5 billion rose 15 percent from September 1999's \$3.9 billion but are 7 percent less than October 1998. Imports in October 1999, likewise, climbed 7 percent from September, but dropped 1 percent from October 1998.

Exports—Bulk commodities account for about half the decline in 1999 export value. At \$13.5 billion, bulk export value is 9 percent below 1998. But only cotton exports are falling in both quantity and value compared with 1998. The value of wheat and soybean shipments is off due to low prices, but the quantity of each is up in the calendar year-to-date. Corn exports are increasing in both quantity and value so far in 1999.

At just \$679 million dollars and 466,000 tons, year-to-date *cotton* exports are the lowest in the last decade for this 10-month period. Some of the drop occurred because the Step 2 program was not in effect for most of the year. But the decline also reflects larger foreign beginning stocks, low world consumption, and the small 1998/99 U.S. crop. Exports in October 1999 rose slightly compared with September.



The record 1998/99 U.S. *soybean* crop contributed to an 8-percent drop in prices and export value so far in 1999, but boosted soybean export volume by 13 percent. Volume has reached 16.8 million tons and value is \$3.4 billion in the year-to-date. Although still below October 1998, both quantity and value shipped in October 1999 rose sharply from September.



Wheat exports in October also gained in quantity and value compared with September, despite the fact that prices are continuing low and export competition is strengthening. But wheat export value is down in the year-to-date; January–October wheat shipments equalled \$3 billion, a 3-percent drop. At 23.6 million tons, however, wheat volume is 7 percent above the first 10 months of 1998.

In contrast, 1999 *corn* exports are the bright spot in bulk commodity exports, up 35 percent in quantity to 43.3 million tons and 19 percent in value to \$4.2 billion. Year-to-date corn export quantity is increasing to every region of the world. U.S. corn exports to the Republic of Korea show the greatest recovery in Asia due to the country's rising demand for livestock feeds and meats as economic growth boosts domestic demand. Korea's meat exports to Japan also show an increase.

At \$25.7 billion, exports of *high value products (HVP)* also are off substantially in 1999, even though rising month-to-month in October over September. Cumulative 1999 HVP exports are down by 6.4 percent from 1998. Animal feeds (-\$701 million), vegetable oils (-\$499 million), meat & poultry (-\$265 million), hides and skins (-\$150 million) and fruit and nuts (-\$120 million) account for most of the drop.

Imports—The 1-percent cumulative gain in imports so far in calendar 1999 is primarily in fruits and nuts (+\$741 million), meat and poultry (+\$340 million), vegetables (+\$173 million), wine (+\$285 million), and malt beverages (+\$159 million). Nearly offsetting declines are occurring in coffee (-\$503 million), cocoa (-\$154 million), rubber (-\$237 million), vegetable oils (-\$161 million), and cane and beet sugar (-\$183 million). [Carol Whitton, 202-694-5287, cwhitton@econ.ag.gov]

U.S. price competitiveness due to lower exchange rates is expected to improve in 2000. The dollar's inflation-adjusted value depreciated on average in 1999 from 1998 and is forecast to weaken further in 2000. However, the net effect on U.S. agricultural exports depends also on the dollar's exchange rate against competitors' currencies and exchange-rate pass-through to export prices. Exchange rates corresponding to U.S. markets for bulk and high-value exports indicate competitive gains in 2000, including lagged effects from 1999. In 1999, the dollar appreciated against currencies of competing exporters of soybeans, corn, wheat, red meats, poultry, fruits, vegetables, and cotton. The dollar is expected to remain strong in 2000 against competing exporters of soybeans, corn, and poultry. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@econ.ag.gov]

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

Quantity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	42,331,315	39,265,215	0	0	4,859,118	4,520,056
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	8,953,721	8,321,443	0	0	906,865	997,567
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	393,363	359,525	0	0	89,303	110,506
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	212	238	125,019	125,283	26	80	13,993	45,023
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	46	50	198,590	169,305	15	8	69,734	59,566
Swine - live (NO)	135	170	16,019	17,735	25	10	1,474	1,637
Sheep, live (NO)	590	374	25,221	15,794	28	30	1,080	1,505
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	28,514	31,408	0	0	3,022	2,775
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,698	1,738	3,660,566	3,818,537	173	193	363,210	432,684
Beef & veal (MT)	589	640	1,931,062	2,166,987	65	68	195,826	246,155
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	575	624	1,871,839	2,110,572	63	67	188,765	240,084
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	14	16	59,223	56,414	2	2	7,061	6,071
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	11	9	32,094	27,178	1	1	3,683	2,989
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(M	2	2	5,377	5,094	0	0	959	382
Pork (MT)	336	319	873,385	833,425	35	33	84,219	92,983
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	298	286	778,919	750,424	31	29	76,284	83,557
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	38	33	94,466	83,002	3	4	7,936	9,427
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	417	415	556,142	573,392	38	45	56,264	62,598
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	343	353	262,505	212,461	33	45	22,259	27,576
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,174,647	1,695,323	0	0	192,644	193,566
Poultry - live (NA)	49,928	45,653	95,594	91,741	5,451	4,065	9,642	7,782
Baby chicks (NO)	41,804	36,940	82,483	80,077	4,918	3,358	8,771	6,878
Other live poultry (NA)	8,124	8,713	13,111	11,664	534	707	871	903
Poultry meats (MT)	2,151	2,051	1,874,855	1,452,117	176	237	160,121	170,017
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,904	1,862	1,509,584	1,164,464	152	213	124,521	133,243
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	154	126	168,267	132,329	17	16	17,635	18,016
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	5	4	9,538	7,708	1	1	1,164	1,067
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	87	58	187,467	147,616	7	7	16,802	17,691
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	4	16,510	13,539	0	0	908	1,611
Eggs (NA)	0	0	187,688	137,926	0	0	21,973	14,156
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	761,428	756,895	0	0	78,426	91,238
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	7	3	6,817	2,890	1	0	568	295
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	72	97	121,791	136,550	6	18	9,503	26,433
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	5	2	10,446	2,665	0	0	151	56
Cheese (MT)	30	32	94,896	108,000	3	4	10,033	13,346
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	99,935	100,017	0	0	12,662	10,772
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	427,544	406,773	0	0	45,509	40,336
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,192	1,126	554,453	438,060	122	104	53,776	40,046
Lard (MT)	62	67	29,895	31,492	5	7	2,862	3,451
Tallow - inedible (MT)	873	745	393,155	266,293	84	66	35,716	22,278
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	258	314	131,403	140,275	32	30	15,199	14,317
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,100,251	949,913	0	0	96,344	96,949
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	16,189	15,152	791,529	720,201	1,609	1,615	76,694	79,200
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	66,741	40,510	0	0	6,093	4,421
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,440	1,209	27,778	24,059	139	111	2,330	1,983
Horse hides, whole (PC)	74	97	1,991	3,157	13	15	366	297
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	17,949	7,975	0	0	910	884
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	9,757	6,432	56,314	37,921	958	651	6,150	5,491
Furskins (NA)	0	0	137,948	116,091	0	0	3,800	4,672
Mink pelts (NO)	2,586	4,024	72,001	92,657	78	126	2,592	3,579
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	65,947	23,434	0	0	1,208	1,094
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	4	9,517	18,855	0	1	1,218	2,620
Sausage casings (MT)	15	16	50,474	54,005	2	2	6,094	5,047
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	55,240	49,937	0	0	6,833	6,119
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	193,781	180,392	0	0	19,017	18,792
Grains & feeds (MT)	73,631	86,535	11,458,379	11,638,394	9,103	9,193	1,307,816	1,224,092
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	22,034	23,589	3,063,296	2,974,018	2,970	2,608	358,818	318,742
Wheat flour (MT)	396	802	92,097	141,327	75	92	13,971	13,595
Bulqur wheat (MT)	4	12	677	1,970	1	0	180	3
Other wheat prods (MT)	65	75	64,678	72,510	8	10	7,758	8,991
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	3,112	2,259	1,005,112	756,316	534	328	149,091	97,540
Feed grains & prods (MT)	37,195	48,970	4,176,026	4,820,342	4,371	5,026	432,848	465,995
Feed grains (MT)	36,663	48,430	4,001,185	4,654,289	4,301	4,972	410,308	448,684
Barley (MT)	488	603	66,526	72,169	26	102	4,795	12,702
Corn (MT)	32,089	43,253	3,481,410	4,150,543	3,988	4,382	378,464	391,382
Grain sorghams (MT)	4,061	4,551	450,102	428,590	286	484	26,910	44,120
Oats (MT)	23	20	2,996	2,635	1	2	122	276
Rye (MT)	2	3	151	352	0	2	18	203
Feed grain prods (MT)	532	539	174,842	166,053	70	54	22,539	17,312
Popcorn (MT)	82	77	54,763	48,606	9	8	5,636	5,367
Blended food prods (MT)	266	235	71,682	62,812	35	31	9,365	8,030
Other grain prods (MT)	849	851	948,926	931,818	111	87	116,070	105,586
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	9,627	9,667	1,981,121	1,828,676	990	1,004	214,079	200,242
Corn by-products (MT)	4,679	4,585	546,223	462,903	486	470	51,564	49,839
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	230	212	35,452	30,978	31	19	3,912	2,645
Beet pulp (MT)	446	442	55,348	48,407	51	76	6,553	7,778
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	529	514	36,245	43,203	2	4	409	761
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,744	3,914	1,307,853	1,243,184	420	434	151,642	139,220
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,561	2,339	2,126,749	2,085,257	292	224	262,387	217,299
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,139	1,959	1,543,573	1,513,819	240	182	187,289	152,001
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	995	637	555,392	379,958	70	37	41,465	22,629
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	313	344	157,551	178,932	33	21	17,542	10,969
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	96	94	63,353	65,257	12	10	8,941	8,009
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	586	198	333,560	134,518	25	7	14,934	3,587

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	1	928	1,252	0	0	49	65
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,143	1,322	988,181	1,133,860	170	145	145,824	129,372
Apples - fresh (MT)	416	497	249,926	281,156	65	40	39,257	23,105
Berries - fresh (MT)	62	75	111,873	130,459	8	6	14,785	14,008
Cherries - fresh (MT)	37	41	113,319	152,772	1	1	1,851	843
Grapes - fresh (MT)	151	166	191,963	215,435	48	49	57,720	58,674
Melons - fresh (MT)	201	231	75,119	79,035	13	12	5,411	5,447
Peaches - fresh (MT)	79	99	74,919	95,625	3	5	3,197	4,192
Pears - fresh (MT)	102	106	60,283	60,448	21	24	12,464	13,258
Plums - fresh (MT)	52	55	51,981	52,243	6	3	5,207	3,068
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	43	53	58,798	66,688	5	5	5,932	6,776
Fruits - dried (MT)	186	157	318,055	312,092	25	17	42,567	34,423
Raisins - dried (MT)	99	81	161,451	159,847	12	8	20,582	15,051
Prunes - dried (MT)	59	54	110,147	107,179	8	6	15,400	12,759
Other dried fruits (MT)	28	23	46,457	45,067	4	4	6,585	6,612
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	125	120	118,654	117,420	16	12	15,389	12,818
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	46	37	61,397	53,071	4	4	5,972	4,835
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	66	65	85,071	88,855	8	9	11,170	13,223
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	9,212	10,941	557,574	645,037	825	983	49,978	58,971
Apple juice (HL)	268	308	36,382	38,626	26	31	3,011	3,508
Grape juice (HL)	719	756	59,235	59,765	118	97	7,581	7,380
Grapefruit juice (HL)	565	869	38,478	47,699	37	74	2,782	3,897
Orange juice (HL)	4,940	4,860	256,292	262,758	373	359	21,387	19,926
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,721	4,148	167,186	236,189	271	423	15,218	24,260
Wine (HL)	2,186	2,237	433,392	437,157	228	254	48,774	47,152
Nuts & prep (MT)	415	394	1,078,860	912,985	71	62	185,239	121,216
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	160	158	615,883	500,322	26	21	102,508	52,107
Filberts (MT)	9	4	19,183	8,316	2	2	3,762	3,893
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	152	144	156,305	149,084	18	18	18,137	19,168
Pistachios (MT)	24	19	99,011	70,418	3	2	13,182	6,834
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	41	39	98,909	95,760	18	14	35,875	28,888
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	11	7	48,004	45,498	1	1	4,584	3,939
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	18	22	41,565	43,588	2	4	7,190	6,388
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	3,469,208	3,500,797	0	0	378,743	386,749
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,483	1,542	872,693	872,289	133	159	84,247	84,845
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	15	17	44,426	48,361	0	0	711	750
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	107	126	77,501	82,466	10	11	7,472	8,173
Carrots - fresh (MT)	102	105	52,007	58,539	5	5	3,062	3,187
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	38	35	17,938	13,179	2	2	812	850
Celery - fresh (MT)	99	101	37,784	34,136	7	8	2,784	2,744
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	63	75	46,323	49,791	7	6	5,351	3,660
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	41	39	18,526	16,162	2	1	1,047	422
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	18	18	10,471	10,328	3	2	1,364	1,433
Garlic - fresh (MT)	6	6	8,703	8,635	2	1	2,364	1,105
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	252	256	139,588	129,342	29	32	17,147	16,704
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	4	6	7,896	13,079	1	1	3,154	2,697
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	181	191	69,492	62,747	24	44	7,600	10,871
Peppers - fresh (MT)	47	55	46,394	47,599	5	6	4,256	5,126
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	269	240	80,067	74,106	11	12	3,845	3,785
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	106	126	96,556	100,797	10	12	10,510	8,141
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	135	145	119,021	123,024	15	16	12,765	15,198
Vegetables - froz (MT)	547	559	424,148	435,839	57	55	44,997	42,254
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	63	61	51,657	51,139	7	6	6,007	5,087
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	384	404	279,266	296,647	39	38	28,664	27,573
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	101	95	93,224	88,054	11	11	10,326	9,594
Vegetables - canned (MT)	367	321	296,915	271,807	44	44	36,156	35,321
Pulses (MT)	521	417	272,876	201,070	66	58	33,452	27,357
Dried beans (MT)	389	280	225,447	151,043	49	36	27,827	19,341
Dried peas (MT)	93	85	30,929	30,194	13	16	4,253	5,342
Dried lentils (MT)	40	52	16,501	19,833	3	6	1,372	2,673
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	8	7	67,097	56,947	1	1	4,380	5,823
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,535,479	1,662,844	0	0	175,512	191,150
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	25,201	25,183	7,503,643	6,385,354	4,771	3,961	1,164,605	902,218
Oilcake & meal (MT)	6,929	5,450	1,442,722	893,809	685	706	113,417	128,876
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	313	368	24,766	28,076	54	26	3,907	1,903
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	15	46	1,967	4,432	4	6	787	608
Soybean meal (MT)	6,462	4,850	1,393,308	835,269	617	660	106,627	124,303
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	139	185	22,681	26,031	11	14	2,096	2,062
Oilseeds (MT)	15,825	17,706	4,261,691	4,141,394	3,849	3,007	871,875	618,907
Rapeseed (MT)	217	121	54,206	29,526	78	20	18,109	4,256
Safflower seeds (MT)	30	31	10,805	11,332	0	5	50	1,806
Soybeans (MT)	14,910	16,835	3,668,447	3,361,692	3,686	2,913	777,906	558,992
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	122	102	78,323	77,781	27	11	12,298	9,013
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	28	25	23,918	20,989	10	5	7,174	3,720
Other oilseeds (MT)	399	474	108,062	101,496	35	38	10,665	7,767
Protein substances (MT)	119	116	317,930	538,579	13	15	45,673	33,352
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,447	2,027	1,799,230	1,350,151	237	248	179,313	154,436
Soybean oil (MT)	1,100	758	706,011	391,237	86	95	55,862	41,462
Cottonseed oil (MT)	78	42	51,554	26,327	5	5	3,268	2,746
Sunflower oil (MT)	253	300	170,572	169,970	12	33	7,846	17,937
Corn oil (MT)	438	354	334,472	257,231	54	44	42,790	32,170
Peanut oil (MT)	3	5	3,213	4,459	1	1	816	998
Rapeseed oil (MT)	131	80	81,458	41,248	30	12	17,983	5,227
Safflower oil (MT)	36	30	44,426	31,521	4	1	5,015	974

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	409	458	407,523	428,158	44	57	45,732	52,922
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	165	163	1,155,601	1,107,471	8	14	81,105	116,254
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	49	48	394,102	390,446	3	3	21,516	28,517
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	74	70	537,348	489,462	4	5	25,644	39,042
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	42	45	224,151	227,562	2	5	33,944	48,695
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,227	466	1,957,933	679,316	58	36	90,314	47,804
Cotton linters (MT)	35	35	15,416	12,453	3	5	1,295	1,636
Essential oils (MT)	39	41	453,911	444,662	3	4	40,338	52,393
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	604	451	632,553	608,090	56	37	55,443	59,306
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,202,902	1,211,781	0	0	137,121	149,517
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	526,379	491,917	0	0	55,110	59,377
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	114	114	41,889	40,571	27	14	8,548	4,582
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	484,491	451,347	0	0	46,561	54,795
Coffee (MT)	39	43	194,458	198,918	5	5	21,526	21,259
Cocoa (MT)	29	35	63,784	74,121	4	5	10,575	10,101
Chocolate & prep (MT)	87	86	260,763	258,169	11	12	33,349	38,649
Tea & mate (MT)	17	22	70,227	93,509	2	2	7,861	9,596
Spices (MT)	23	26	56,266	58,578	2	3	5,256	6,550
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	19	23	29,490	34,956	2	2	3,087	3,803
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	3	1,533	1,613	1	0	359	181
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	345,418	342,621	0	0	43,404	42,671
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	251,580	238,675	0	0	32,632	26,577
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	734,475	693,722	0	0	73,058	68,634
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	13,743,951	12,230,178	0	0	1,329,496	1,195,756
Fertilizers (MT)	11	10	2,671,778	2,531,513	1	1	284,843	217,016
Nitrogen (MT)	4	5	2,657,333	2,521,456	0	1	284,215	216,074
Phosphate (MT)	7	5	14,445	10,058	0	0	628	941
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	1,952,288	2,489,612	0	0	228,318	340,028
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,163,348	1,467,884	0	0	144,245	217,767
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	479,254	612,974	0	0	63,144	87,409
Other fish prods (MT)	207	246	309,686	408,754	17	45	20,929	34,851
Ag chemicals (MT)	289	280	1,661,350	1,535,349	19	20	100,634	122,586
Fungicides (MT)	30	29	181,588	155,630	3	2	12,848	12,744
Herbicides (MT)	151	133	856,751	752,603	7	10	39,287	48,664
Insecticides (MT)	56	60	366,312	376,348	5	4	27,999	31,810
Other pesticides (MT)	52	58	256,699	250,768	5	4	20,499	29,368
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,300,356	2,440,842	0	0	295,746	220,293
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	50	34	1,480,887	883,161	4	3	133,107	74,961
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,819,469	1,557,681	0	0	162,639	145,332
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	4,158,178	3,232,862	0	0	419,956	295,834

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 October 1999

	Jan.-Oct.			metric tons	Jan.-Oct.		
	1998	1999	Oct. 1999		1998	1999	Oct. 1999
Wheat				Corn			
Egypt	3,319,098	3,579,643	802,215	Japan	11,376,274	12,649,303	1,105,458
Japan	2,564,503	2,706,874	252,470	South Korea	3,452,253	5,630,818	494,389
Mexico	1,377,350	1,457,194	162,793	Mexico	4,126,778	4,393,370	287,978
South Korea	1,221,824	1,423,353	108,277	China (Taiwan)	2,823,847	3,751,763	507,613
Philippines	1,338,979	1,422,780	99,675	Egypt	1,599,592	2,711,695	239,169
Russian Federation	34,614	1,170,252	69,450	Colombia	976,923	1,274,184	159,517
Nigeria	841,786	1,040,897	82,128	Saudi Arabia	767,034	969,717	176,663
European Union	1,101,957	834,755	34,015	Venezuela	582,398	939,483	40,645
China (Taiwan)	754,066	755,016	71,211	Canada	1,048,399	789,891	88,330
Colombia	384,090	684,665	70,126	Dominican Republic	491,617	753,239	93,935
World	22,033,922	23,589,016	2,607,652	World	32,089,008	43,253,037	4,382,166
Soybeans				Cotton			
European Union	4,443,714	3,339,215	750,332	Mexico	285,058	146,105	14,651
Japan	2,677,084	2,980,058	370,809	Japan	108,444	41,501	892
Mexico	2,438,549	2,716,516	386,307	South Korea	131,964	33,777	2,575
China (Taiwan)	733,359	1,638,077	189,733	China (Taiwan)	60,485	33,110	4,088
China (Mainland)	1,202,039	1,194,494	249,704	Indonesia	73,132	33,107	4,181
South Korea	1,074,657	934,900	126,483	Canada	51,600	32,832	3,671
Indonesia	501,867	775,484	33,099	Turkey	115,711	21,609	0
Thailand	309,440	560,373	178,570	European Union	51,461	21,376	763
Israel	256,958	453,863	58,861	Hong Kong	28,410	15,845	157
Canada	77,669	268,741	54,166	Bangladesh	32,221	11,673	608
World	14,910,196	16,834,978	2,912,965	World	1,227,206	466,304	36,279

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

Quantity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	30,970,759	31,313,095	0	0	3,120,409	3,089,173
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	7,622,832	6,654,549	0	0	689,670	624,610
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,499	3,840	1,018,160	1,035,078	326	401	89,649	96,070
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	996	1,083	2,933,740	2,430,481	97	95	225,722	186,516
Cocoa & prods (MT)	732	739	1,404,559	1,250,338	63	67	138,070	118,813
Tea (MT)	133	137	220,844	206,007	9	12	17,823	19,630
Spices (MT)	128	133	395,579	401,023	18	15	59,346	49,681
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	1,000	971	835,591	598,512	107	130	76,687	77,130
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	299	467	0	0	44	24
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	11	10	27,611	21,396	1	1	2,882	1,900
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	89	84	37,448	34,619	11	9	4,230	3,726
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	303,278	277,684	0	0	29,991	30,766
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	57	54	445,723	398,944	4	5	45,226	40,355
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	23,347,927	24,658,545	0	0	2,430,738	2,464,562
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	5,731,029	5,869,646	0	0	637,369	679,750
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,385,060	1,162,739	0	0	166,655	161,827
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,613	1,490	955,967	809,190	198	203	117,306	110,366
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	36	27	152,097	147,257	3	3	24,876	28,041
Swine (NO)	3,454	3,424	249,011	176,213	345	374	18,525	21,158
Sheep, live (NO)	39	44	4,548	4,232	2	2	221	228
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	23,437	25,846	0	0	5,727	2,035
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	2,326,358	2,656,354	0	0	240,849	297,243
Beef & veal (MT)	748	816	1,530,330	1,784,577	68	85	148,409	197,676
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	693	747	1,345,656	1,589,754	61	78	125,139	179,104
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	55	69	184,674	194,823	7	7	23,271	18,572
Pork (MT)	231	282	562,234	607,405	30	34	66,208	72,285
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	173	218	364,643	409,058	23	26	41,886	47,610
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	59	64	197,591	198,347	7	7	24,322	24,674
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	42	41	140,035	149,717	4	4	14,114	15,023
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	5	20	25,578	106,366	2	2	10,109	10,521
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	44	20	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	38	43	55,186	71,083	5	4	6,443	8,379
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	2	14,374	14,779	0	0	2,560	1,638
Other meats & prods (MT)	8	9	24,156	28,774	1	1	3,115	2,241
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	165,200	167,383	0	0	15,635	16,109
Poultry - live (NA)	10,311	9,051	17,651	16,213	1,011	998	1,498	2,191
Poultry meat (MT)	7	11	21,728	31,395	1	1	3,160	3,646
Eggs (NA)	0	0	11,275	17,124	0	0	909	1,263
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	21	21	114,545	102,650	2	2	10,068	9,009
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,163,684	1,270,023	0	0	145,744	145,374
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	26,539	37,280	0	0	3,969	2,800
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	33	24	65,125	44,435	6	2	13,270	3,753
Cheese (MT)	127	158	479,878	565,749	19	21	70,190	72,156
Casein & mixtures (MT)	91	89	381,680	331,137	8	10	31,834	35,946
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	210,462	291,421	0	0	26,480	30,720
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	65	87	48,137	58,745	6	12	4,836	7,274
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	146,354	122,746	0	0	9,347	9,586
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	1	6,552	4,201	0	0	552	725
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	85,552	76,802	0	0	7,882	8,125
Furskins (NA)	4,406	4,799	54,250	41,744	462	398	913	736
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	24	11	83,979	31,413	3	1	9,882	3,684
Sausage casings (MT)	12	11	63,737	55,835	1	1	7,223	5,333
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	10,794	16,542	0	0	1,065	1,605
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	337,726	327,866	0	0	36,133	31,714
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,380,036	2,444,455	0	0	289,211	288,240
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,668	1,955	238,575	240,264	206	124	27,298	15,077
Corn, unmilled (MT)	129	285	16,073	29,033	30	22	3,038	2,321
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,477	1,336	144,557	114,117	150	144	12,749	11,163
Barley, unmilled (MT)	594	453	76,511	54,936	67	49	8,310	6,030
Rice (MT)	235	284	151,693	148,913	23	33	15,114	15,941
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	268	309	607,648	689,695	40	44	104,795	112,391
Pasta & noodles (MT)	252	231	233,081	226,732	27	24	24,785	24,073
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	508,402	547,763	0	0	55,479	59,415
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	1,043	987	403,495	393,000	91	97	37,642	41,828
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,724	3,114	1,837,039	2,351,267	164	191	137,735	138,459
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,231	2,507	1,351,445	1,752,723	115	133	87,521	79,527
Apples, fresh (MT)	132	153	71,241	105,295	7	11	3,417	3,925
Avocados (MT)	38	32	39,456	39,809	14	10	14,572	13,304
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	58	73	92,945	102,434	27	30	39,840	23,668
Citrus, fresh (MT)	214	286	94,580	170,408	19	18	5,075	5,555
Grapes, fresh (MT)	380	363	391,149	498,326	1	2	1,260	1,102
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	43	41	30,871	35,871	2	0	1,470	61
Mangoes (MT)	190	214	124,849	138,495	3	6	2,258	5,293
Melons (MT)	727	770	215,566	246,668	15	19	4,198	5,888
Peaches (MT)	27	42	20,205	35,453	0	0	0	0
Pears (MT)	67	86	43,623	70,946	1	1	1,161	2,283
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	210	238	66,943	109,275	21	28	8,546	11,331
Plums (MT)	18	25	15,142	24,008	0	0	27	39
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	47	80	83,014	94,041	0	1	233	757
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	80	103	61,861	81,694	6	8	5,465	6,319
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	493	607	485,594	598,544	49	58	50,213	58,932
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	201	291	145,268	212,641	18	28	13,321	19,097
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	292	316	340,326	385,903	30	29	36,892	39,835
Fruit juices (HL)	22,003	26,862	545,357	654,677	2,158	2,341	51,707	54,915
Apple juice (HL)	8,322	9,744	173,617	186,533	800	907	14,020	18,428
Grape juice (HL)	925	1,443	43,668	62,400	75	216	3,754	8,338
Grapefruit juice (HL)	6	11	391	572	0	2	31	97

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Quantity and unit	January-October				October			
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	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Lemon juice (HL)	426	409	7,892	5,260	57	49	1,292	533
Lime juice (HL)	134	184	3,473	3,803	14	40	702	734
Orange juice (HL)	8,980	10,882	188,612	227,754	914	878	20,125	16,772
Pineapple juice (HL)	1,941	2,527	59,182	74,924	169	174	4,804	4,353
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,270	1,662	68,524	93,430	130	74	6,978	5,661
Nuts & preps (MT)	188	182	498,378	599,152	20	23	51,956	74,482
Brazil nuts (MT)	9	7	17,982	16,879	1	1	2,157	1,877
Cashew nuts (MT)	59	61	270,423	354,192	5	6	23,619	36,574
Chestnuts (MT)	2	2	4,406	4,740	1	1	2,823	2,846
Coconut meat (MT)	64	60	54,218	58,759	7	7	5,753	6,807
Filberts (MT)	3	4	14,002	18,679	1	1	3,123	4,618
Macademia nuts (MT)	3	4	24,025	25,748	1	1	4,506	4,838
Pecans (MT)	16	16	50,850	57,444	2	3	4,223	10,090
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	787	1,843	0	0	79	19
Other nuts (MT)	32	27	61,685	60,868	3	2	5,673	6,813
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	3,600,989	3,773,986	0	0	314,737	335,382
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,193	3,101	2,180,194	2,129,716	243	251	167,411	171,191
Tomatoes (MT)	765	641	649,075	601,042	39	40	41,440	38,274
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	41	53	76,783	91,242	6	8	10,299	12,597
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	23	26	25,404	27,412	1	1	1,369	1,351
Cabbage (MT)	35	30	10,579	7,671	3	6	589	1,399
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	65	69	18,466	22,273	9	8	2,179	1,843
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	178	210	111,077	138,734	23	24	14,334	16,110
Celery, fresh (MT)	41	35	10,264	8,453	2	1	511	482
Cucumbers (MT)	244	259	129,278	111,935	12	19	5,322	7,601
Edamame (MT)	29	24	24,402	16,268	0	0	192	271
Endive, fresh (MT)	3	2	4,997	4,776	0	0	562	494
Garlic (MT)	30	42	36,108	44,396	1	0	1,506	435
Lettuce (MT)	22	24	12,469	12,325	0	1	290	775
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	22	22	10,370	10,820	1	1	729	516
Onions (MT)	228	208	126,561	112,261	12	16	8,086	9,454
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	32	36	38,198	40,310	3	3	2,773	3,147
Peppers (MT)	275	286	295,158	262,119	22	17	17,214	15,362
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	732	704	284,018	307,802	69	66	30,299	32,319
Radishes, fresh (MT)	13	11	9,609	9,100	1	1	599	626
Squash (MT)	127	109	88,150	76,427	13	10	7,553	6,855
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	287	310	219,226	224,349	27	28	21,563	21,282
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,420,795	1,644,271	0	0	147,327	164,191
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	23	20	17,275	13,895	3	2	2,276	1,443
Bean cake, miso (MT)	5	6	12,862	11,295	0	1	1,042	1,105
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	32	43	17,715	24,175	3	4	2,122	2,558
Garlic, dried (MT)	15	26	7,145	19,164	5	1	2,390	420
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	68	75	142,675	167,832	6	8	14,032	17,762
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	51	42	87,867	84,613	3	4	7,143	8,586
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	14,646	15,006	0	0	1,240	1,175
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	2	2,923	3,409	0	0	292	436
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	4	25,196	23,434	0	0	255	118
Artichokes - prep (MT)	35	36	67,167	76,503	2	2	3,608	5,165
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,796	1,442	0	0	356	123
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	87	126	76,378	119,314	9	5	8,783	6,036
Waterchestnuts (MT)	29	30	16,870	19,326	2	1	1,583	910
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	53	60	31,281	34,576	6	7	3,693	3,600
Mustard (MT)	13	14	14,823	15,755	1	1	1,424	1,527
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	18	21	22,024	25,924	2	2	2,721	2,630
Soy sauce (MT)	31	35	31,569	36,095	3	3	3,417	3,133
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	138	136	90,527	79,519	10	15	7,826	8,828
Soups & sauces (MT)	102	140	187,448	229,234	14	19	23,282	28,989
Vinegar (HL)	265	268	31,927	33,841	33	31	4,178	3,925
Yeasts (MT)	45	45	50,832	54,476	5	5	5,920	6,066
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	469,847	555,445	0	0	49,742	59,656
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,458,794	1,331,212	0	0	134,738	111,895
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,829	1,408	683,112	499,880	134	68	53,181	24,225
Molasses (HL)	9,541	6,578	70,957	42,755	1,123	235	4,866	1,529
Confectionery prods (MT)	222	260	512,431	589,462	25	30	59,147	67,877
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	362	423	192,294	199,115	34	42	17,543	18,264
Spices (MT)	35	41	46,334	54,171	3	4	5,039	5,167
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	199	185	672,260	590,370	18	11	78,221	25,352
Tobacco - filler (MT)	152	151	624,856	552,901	15	8	74,900	23,206
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	45	30	17,862	12,682	3	3	1,395	1,251
Other tobacco (MT)	2	3	29,542	24,787	0	0	1,926	896
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	3,131,557	3,631,212	0	0	406,219	446,792
Wine (HL)	3,375	3,348	1,490,254	1,774,988	448	443	237,554	267,707
Malt beverages (HL)	16,354	17,894	1,460,043	1,618,919	1,646	1,642	149,707	155,912
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	181,260	237,305	0	0	18,957	23,173
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,518	3,207	1,860,081	1,640,536	306	294	176,123	145,065
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	821	844	300,572	269,007	51	56	19,034	17,516
Flaxseed (MT)	158	160	45,431	37,464	5	6	1,194	1,406
Mustard seeds (MT)	46	39	17,560	13,518	6	3	1,870	1,105
Rapeseed (MT)	255	189	78,532	50,501	6	16	1,577	3,252
Sesameseed (MT)	38	34	42,351	41,320	4	3	4,536	3,593
Soybeans (MT)	137	71	38,852	16,579	20	19	5,459	3,987
Sunflower seeds (MT)	22	21	7,657	6,520	4	3	1,179	942
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	164	330	70,189	103,105	7	4	3,219	3,230
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,648	1,449	1,412,000	1,250,901	161	142	145,496	115,335
Castor oil (MT)	43	39	32,017	33,517	2	4	1,293	3,668
Coconut oil (MT)	510	260	299,289	180,816	39	17	27,338	11,700
Cottonseed oil (MT)	12	10	7,540	5,365	12	0	7,499	0

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	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Olive oil (MT)	133	134	281,201	282,095	15	11	28,789	26,739
Palm oil (MT)	96	116	46,012	56,402	3	11	1,942	3,958
Palm kernel oil (MT)	132	176	91,703	126,024	14	25	9,813	16,895
Peanut oil (MT)	26	9	24,009	8,355	6	0	5,536	306
Rapeseed oil (MT)	414	425	279,869	236,331	37	45	23,714	21,298
Soybean oil (MT)	23	31	15,897	17,238	4	3	2,672	1,768
Sesame oil (MT)	6	6	15,949	18,629	1	1	1,743	1,980
Other vegetable oils (MT)	253	243	318,512	286,130	29	25	35,156	27,023
Oilcake & meal (MT)	1,049	913	147,510	120,628	94	97	11,593	12,214
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	2	102	3,243	132,642	0	1	20	1,099
Cotton linters (MT)	4	34	3,199	7,223	1	1	176	232
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	238	325	371,563	405,497	12	13	28,426	29,912
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	529,835	499,139	0	0	44,784	49,603
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	376,196	412,919	0	0	43,114	48,628
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	302,036	260,440	0	0	31,165	29,590
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	13,066,100	12,885,126	0	0	1,259,209	1,388,909
Fertilizers (MT)	20,593	19,817	2,024,740	1,938,121	1,945	2,232	190,876	214,015
Potassium (MT)	7,916	7,257	650,353	615,784	625	747	52,138	58,861
Nitrogen (MT)	7,177	7,494	977,491	923,607	810	836	104,491	105,595
Phosphate (MT)	5,491	5,056	393,226	392,547	510	648	33,920	49,311
Fish (MT)	0	0	6,713,772	7,233,048	0	0	734,627	871,327
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	2,825,192	3,146,365	0	0	282,706	315,280
Shellfish (MT)	438	479	3,823,321	4,027,325	53	60	447,135	549,684
Fish prods, other (MT)	59	49	65,259	59,358	1	6	4,786	6,363
Aq chemicals (MT)	102	104	954,585	848,916	6	5	56,234	48,915
Fungicides (MT)	33	34	133,373	180,600	2	1	9,243	4,633
Herbicides (MT)	18	17	267,206	208,729	1	0	15,849	3,755
Insecticides (MT)	18	21	235,948	192,595	0	1	3,764	6,757
Other pesticides (MT)	34	32	318,059	266,993	3	3	27,378	33,770
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,002,966	2,546,478	0	0	244,237	215,675
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	5,449	7,192	1,651,109	1,198,985	725	872	142,559	97,249
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,351,857	1,347,492	0	0	101,678	118,426
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	11	13	370,037	318,563	1	1	33,235	38,977

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	Sept.	Oct.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	3,931	4,520	39,265	-7
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,097	3,319	33,759	-15
Imports (customs value)	2,883	3,089	31,313	1
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	834	1,201	5,506	128
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,047	1,431	7,952	-30
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	34	118	451	-8
Meat & poultry	545	603	5,271	-5
Dairy prod & eqqs	92	105	895	-6
Hides & skins	84	97	950	-14
Wheat	303	319	2,974	-3
Rice	49	98	756	-25
Corn	441	391	4,151	19
Other feed grains	60	57	504	-3
Animal feeds	254	329	2,722	-20
Soybeans	375	559	3,362	-8
Vegetable oils	127	154	1,350	-25
Fruits & nuts	383	397	3,643	-3
Vegetables	322	387	3,501	1
Cotton & linters	45	49	692	-65
Tobacco, unmfq.	51	116	1,107	-4
Seeds & nursery	70	86	847	-4
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	121	164	1,179	-16
Meat & poultry	279	301	2,688	14
Dairy prod. & eqqs	135	147	1,287	10
Grains & feeds	278	300	2,565	1
Fruits & nuts	348	364	4,640	19
Vegetables	309	335	3,774	5
Vegetable oils	118	115	1,251	-11
Wine	191	268	1,775	19
Malt beverages	144	156	1,619	11
Coffee	188	187	2,430	-17
Cocoa	113	119	1,250	-11
Rubber, natural	54	77	599	-28
Cane & beet sugar	72	24	500	-27
Tobacco, unmfq.	67	25	590	-12
Seeds & flowers	119	128	1,318	3

Preliminary data.

Table 5--The dollar's trade-weighted exchange rate

	1998	1999	2000
	(1995=100)		
U.S. MARKETS			
Total agric.	119.8	117.0	112.4
High-value prod.	117.6	115.8	111.2
Soybeans	124.6	120.0	115.1
Corn	126.8	118.3	114.1
Wheat	116.3	120.4	117.3
Red meats	130.7	121.1	114.6
Vegetables	117.3	115.0	110.1
Fruits & juices	120.4	117.3	112.1
Poultry	106.7	117.2	114.8
Cotton	126.5	117.4	112.9
U.S. COMPETITORS			
Total agric.	115.3	120.1	115.8
High-value prod.	115.6	120.0	115.5
Soybeans	103.4	142.9	142.1
Corn	109.0	112.6	113.0
Wheat	113.1	114.6	109.8
Red meats	114.5	119.5	115.0
Vegetables	105.8	108.1	105.3
Fruits & juices	112.4	115.9	113.3
Poultry	108.9	121.9	119.3
Cotton	111.2	117.3	114.6

Forecast source: Oxford Economic Forecasting