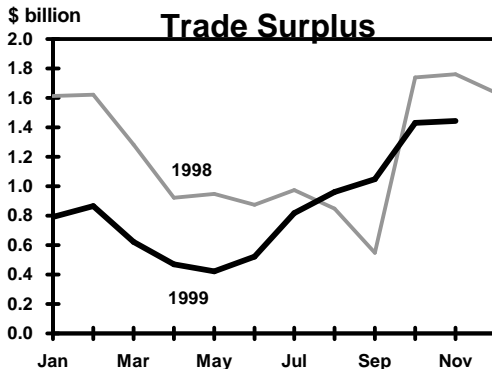


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Summary—January–November 1999 U.S. agricultural exports were nearly \$44 billion, 7 percent less than the same period in 1998. Cumulative imports of \$34.5 billion increased 2 percent from 1998. The year-to-date trade surplus dropped to \$9.4 billion from \$13 billion last year, a 28-percent decline.

Exports in November of \$4.6 billion were \$109 million higher than the previous month, while imports were \$96 million more. The November export value is about the same as in November 1998, whereas imports rose by \$273 million. Thus, the \$1.4 billion trade surplus in November is \$315 million lower than in November 1998.

Exports—Of the \$3.1 billion year-to-date export decline, \$1.5 billion was due to bulk commodities, 9 percent below the same period in 1998. This decline is steeper than the decrease in high-value exports in 1999. Among the bulk exports, cotton had the largest decline, in value and in percentage terms. Only corn increased in 1999, in volume and value.

The 16-percent gain in cumulative *corn* export value from 1998 to 1999—\$3.5 to \$4.5 billion—was due to larger volume shipments, since average corn prices (Gulf port) were 11 percent lower than in 1998. The quantity shipped was 11 million metric tons (mmt) more than last year as competition from China was weaker. Export prices for corn were the lowest since 1987. Year-to-date sales to Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan grew sharply, as corn demand for feed use expanded in those markets.

Although year-to-date *wheat* volume exports of 26 mmt were up 1.7 mmt from 1998, wheat export value was down \$79 million. The reason is that average wheat prices in 1999 were also the lowest since 1987. Furthermore, the dollar appreciated 3.5 percent on average against currencies of major U.S. markets for wheat last year. Food aid shipments to Russia and sales to South America made up much of the gain in export volume.

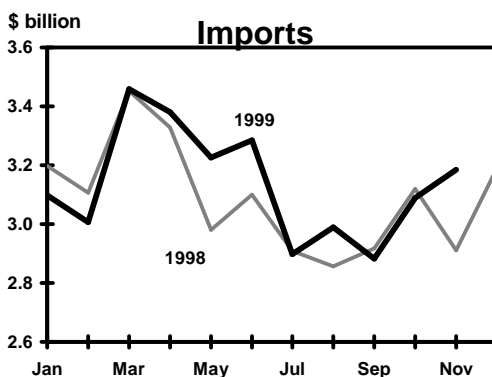
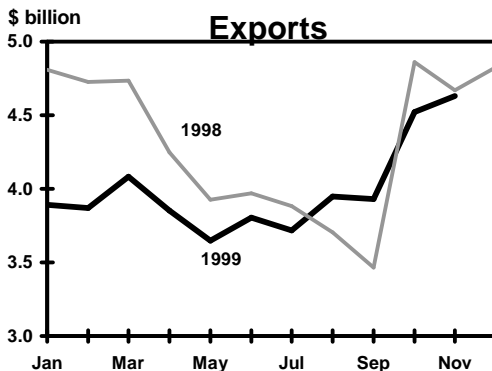
The increase in *soybean* volume shipments from 18 mmt in 1998 to 20 mmt in 1999 was not enough to offset the 19-percent fall in soybean prices. Thus, the cumulative export value has declined \$317 million in the first 11 months of 1999. Abundant supplies in world markets were exacerbated by the dollar's

appreciation with respect to the currencies of U.S. competitors, primarily Brazil, despite the dollar's depreciation against most currencies of U.S. markets in 1999. While U.S. sales to East and Southeast Asia were noticeably up in 1999, sales to Europe, normally the major market, plunged 24 percent.

The 64-percent drop in *cotton* export value from 1998 is accounted for by the 60-percent decline in volume shipments, coupled with a 21-percent retreat in cotton prices. While the dollar depreciated in U.S. cotton markets in 1999, it appreciated against competitors' currencies. As a result, exports in the first 11 months of 1999 were only \$800 million, in contrast to \$2.2 billion in the same period of 1998. Shipments to Asia and Latin America suffered the most.

Exports of high-value products (HVP), \$29 billion in 1999, are 5 percent below 1998. Except for red meat, vegetables, and sugar products, major HVP exports declined in value. There was a five-fold plunge in poultry sales to Russia. The loss of HVP sales to the European Union (EU) was most pronounced for hides, feeds, and nuts. Again, the dollar's competitiveness in U.S. HVP markets and against competitors turned worse in 1999.

Imports—The modest gain in imports in 1999, from \$34 to \$35 billion, was largely accounted for by competitive imports—meat, fruits, vegetables, and wine. This rise in competitive imports was supported by the dollar's appreciation. Noncompetitive imports of coffee, cocoa, and rubber were down due to lower world prices. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@econ.ag.gov]



U.S. agricultural exports have shifted closer to home. Canada and Mexico now account for more than a quarter of total U.S. export value, up from 17 percent in 1995 (see table 5). Export shares to Asia and the EU are both down—to 19 from 26 percent, and 13 from 15 percent, respectively. Canada and Mexico, largely due to NAFTA, import a lot more U.S. meat, grains, oilseeds, and horticulture products relative to other regions. Japan's share of U.S. exports of meat, oilseeds, and horticulture products is lower in 1999. The EU's share of U.S. oilseeds exports is one-half its 1995 value.

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

Quantity and unit	January-November				November			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	47,002,258	43,893,942	0	0	4,670,942	4,628,727
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	9,800,228	9,337,605	0	0	846,507	1,016,162
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	477,759	482,413	0	0	84,396	122,888
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	249	292	144,415	153,355	36	54	19,396	28,072
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	57	69	256,474	258,807	11	18	57,883	89,502
Swine - live (NO)	176	172	19,531	18,269	42	2	3,512	534
Sheep, live (NO)	627	411	26,756	17,450	38	37	1,534	1,656
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	30,584	34,533	0	0	2,070	3,125
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,870	1,927	4,020,091	4,251,624	173	189	359,525	433,086
Beef & veal (MT)	652	708	2,130,279	2,420,563	62	68	199,217	253,576
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	636	691	2,063,057	2,357,797	61	67	191,218	247,225
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	16	18	67,222	62,766	2	2	7,998	6,351
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	11	10	34,997	30,032	1	1	2,903	2,855
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	2	6,571	5,644	0	0	1,194	550
Pork (MT)	368	353	953,010	927,281	32	33	79,625	93,856
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	328	315	851,088	833,277	30	29	72,169	82,853
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	40	38	101,923	94,005	3	5	7,456	11,003
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	455	459	606,517	631,969	37	43	50,375	58,577
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	382	396	288,716	236,133	39	43	26,211	23,672
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	2,343,028	1,897,229	0	0	168,381	201,906
Poultry - live (NA)	55,150	49,003	105,412	100,637	5,222	3,350	9,818	8,896
Baby chicks (NO)	45,738	39,689	90,550	88,044	3,934	2,749	8,067	7,967
Other live poultry (NA)	9,412	9,314	14,862	12,593	1,287	601	1,751	929
Poultry meats (MT)	2,313	2,290	2,016,699	1,628,084	162	239	141,844	175,967
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	2,045	2,076	1,614,469	1,297,552	141	214	104,885	133,088
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	166	141	182,657	150,712	12	15	14,390	18,383
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	6	5	11,026	9,338	1	1	1,488	1,630
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	96	68	208,547	170,482	8	9	21,080	22,865
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	4	17,122	14,796	0	0	612	1,258
Eggs (NA)	0	0	203,795	153,712	0	0	16,107	15,785
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	834,809	847,848	0	0	73,381	90,953
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	8	5	7,042	3,435	0	2	225	545
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	75	112	126,668	159,057	3	15	4,877	22,508
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	5	2	10,568	2,993	0	0	122	328
Cheese (MT)	33	35	105,721	120,501	3	4	10,825	12,501
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	109,640	112,923	0	0	9,705	12,906
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	475,170	448,938	0	0	47,626	42,165
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,303	1,209	602,185	475,721	110	84	47,732	37,661
Lard (MT)	67	74	32,400	35,049	5	7	2,506	3,557
Tallow - inedible (MT)	945	795	423,537	285,648	73	50	30,382	19,356
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	291	340	146,248	155,023	32	26	14,844	14,748
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	1,183,691	1,044,921	0	0	83,441	95,008
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	17,612	16,704	857,819	799,223	1,423	1,552	66,290	79,022
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	71,349	43,969	0	0	4,608	3,459
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,550	1,305	29,539	25,897	109	96	1,760	1,838
Horse hides, whole (PC)	89	104	2,297	3,297	15	7	306	139
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	18,402	8,844	0	0	452	870
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	10,573	7,108	62,839	42,509	816	676	6,525	4,588
Furskins (NA)	0	0	141,447	121,182	0	0	3,499	5,092
Mink pelts (NO)	2,665	4,115	74,554	95,312	79	91	2,553	2,655
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	66,893	25,871	0	0	945	2,437
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	4	10,501	20,848	0	0	984	1,992
Sausage casings (MT)	17	18	55,573	61,047	2	2	5,099	7,042
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	60,331	54,833	0	0	5,090	4,896
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	212,260	201,122	0	0	18,479	20,730
Grains & feeds (MT)	82,319	95,574	12,684,928	12,824,854	8,688	9,039	1,226,550	1,186,460
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	24,263	25,995	3,348,798	3,270,951	2,229	2,406	285,501	296,933
Wheat flour (MT)	441	847	103,094	148,494	45	46	10,997	7,167
Bulqur wheat (MT)	6	12	990	2,011	2	0	313	41
Other wheat prods (MT)	72	84	71,467	80,187	7	9	6,789	7,677
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	3,467	2,655	1,121,392	861,398	355	395	116,281	105,082
Feed grains & prods (MT)	41,980	53,967	4,656,609	5,280,093	4,785	4,997	480,582	459,751
Feed grains (MT)	41,380	53,368	4,462,177	5,094,268	4,717	4,938	460,993	439,980
Barley (MT)	531	641	71,236	77,226	42	38	4,710	5,058
Corn (MT)	36,333	47,564	3,896,199	4,533,976	4,244	4,311	414,789	383,433
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,489	5,138	491,363	479,936	428	587	41,261	51,346
Oats (MT)	24	21	3,229	2,740	2	1	232	105
Rye (MT)	2	4	151	390	0	0	0	38
Feed grain prods (MT)	600	598	194,431	185,824	69	59	19,590	19,771
Popcorn (MT)	90	85	59,781	53,318	8	8	5,018	4,712
Blended food prods (MT)	298	248	81,554	66,196	32	13	9,871	3,384
Other grain prods (MT)	935	943	1,048,134	1,034,204	85	93	99,208	102,386
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	10,767	10,738	2,193,109	2,028,002	1,140	1,071	211,988	199,326
Corn by-products (MT)	5,293	5,081	603,736	511,236	614	496	57,513	48,333
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	255	232	39,277	33,649	25	20	3,825	2,672
Beet pulp (MT)	505	519	63,052	57,549	59	76	7,704	9,142
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	531	520	36,606	44,252	2	6	361	1,049
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	4,184	4,387	1,450,438	1,381,316	441	473	142,585	138,132
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,829	2,586	2,347,855	2,305,622	268	247	221,106	220,365
Fruits - fr (MT)	2,366	2,163	1,704,872	1,670,170	228	204	161,299	156,352
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	1,073	704	600,942	417,522	78	67	45,550	37,564
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	350	385	176,232	200,071	37	41	18,681	21,139
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	108	103	72,192	71,996	12	9	8,839	6,739
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	614	215	351,157	144,115	27	17	17,597	9,597

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	2	1	1,361	1,341	1	0	433	89
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,293	1,460	1,103,929	1,252,648	150	138	115,749	118,788
Apples - fresh (MT)	489	554	290,546	313,929	73	57	40,619	32,774
Berries - fresh (MT)	65	77	116,500	137,180	2	3	4,627	6,722
Cherries - fresh (MT)	38	41	113,962	153,107	1	0	644	335
Grapes - fresh (MT)	187	209	236,791	270,361	36	43	44,828	54,926
Melons - fresh (MT)	211	239	79,193	83,141	10	8	4,074	4,106
Peaches - fresh (MT)	80	100	75,245	96,203	0	1	326	577
Pears - fresh (MT)	123	125	73,210	72,654	21	20	12,927	12,206
Plums - fresh (MT)	54	56	53,158	52,869	1	1	1,177	626
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	49	58	65,324	73,204	5	5	6,526	6,516
Fruits - dried (MT)	203	175	349,689	345,118	17	17	31,634	33,026
Raisins - dried (MT)	108	88	177,113	173,664	9	7	15,662	13,817
Prunes - dried (MT)	64	60	121,040	119,007	6	6	10,893	11,829
Other dried fruits (MT)	31	27	51,536	52,447	3	4	5,079	7,380
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	137	133	131,804	130,889	12	14	13,150	13,469
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	50	41	67,087	58,532	4	4	5,690	5,461
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	73	73	94,405	100,913	6	8	9,334	12,058
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	9,937	11,904	604,527	701,978	725	963	46,953	56,941
Apple juice (HL)	298	346	39,564	43,236	30	38	3,182	4,610
Grape juice (HL)	784	812	63,658	64,359	65	56	4,423	4,594
Grapefruit juice (HL)	624	939	41,881	52,050	59	69	3,403	4,351
Orange juice (HL)	5,244	5,317	276,083	286,620	304	457	19,791	23,862
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,988	4,491	183,340	255,714	267	344	16,154	19,525
Wine (HL)	2,386	2,474	477,129	482,989	201	238	43,737	45,832
Nuts & prep (MT)	483	474	1,237,479	1,070,094	68	79	158,619	157,109
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	178	186	684,880	569,780	18	27	68,997	69,458
Filberts (MT)	12	6	23,922	12,038	3	2	4,739	3,722
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	172	167	176,455	171,961	20	23	20,150	22,877
Pistachios (MT)	27	22	110,690	80,083	3	2	11,679	9,665
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	61	58	138,194	133,059	19	19	39,286	37,299
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	12	8	52,464	49,998	1	1	4,460	4,500
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	22	27	50,874	53,176	4	5	9,309	9,587
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	3,844,433	3,892,876	0	0	375,225	392,079
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,632	1,704	957,578	959,862	149	162	84,885	87,573
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	15	17	44,963	48,984	0	0	536	622
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	120	138	85,844	90,478	13	12	8,343	8,013
Carrots - fresh (MT)	108	111	55,641	62,067	6	6	3,635	3,528
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	42	38	19,594	14,643	4	3	1,656	1,465
Celery - fresh (MT)	111	111	41,884	37,908	11	10	4,101	3,772
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	71	81	51,893	53,634	8	6	5,570	3,843
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	42	40	18,904	16,624	1	1	378	462
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	21	21	11,753	11,617	3	3	1,282	1,289
Garlic - fresh (MT)	7	8	10,208	10,119	1	1	1,505	1,484
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	283	286	153,606	143,299	30	29	14,018	13,957
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	4	7	10,157	15,305	1	1	2,260	2,226
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	203	229	77,011	72,449	23	38	7,519	9,702
Peppers - fresh (MT)	53	61	51,313	54,398	6	6	4,919	6,798
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	283	255	84,968	79,562	14	15	4,901	5,456
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	116	139	107,607	111,206	11	13	11,051	10,409
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	152	162	132,233	137,569	17	18	13,212	14,546
Vegetables - froz (MT)	610	623	473,787	485,203	63	63	49,639	49,363
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	68	68	56,130	56,957	5	7	4,473	5,818
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	431	449	314,234	329,472	47	45	34,968	32,825
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	111	106	103,423	98,774	11	11	10,199	10,720
Vegetables - canned (MT)	404	362	326,966	306,548	37	42	30,051	34,740
Pulses (MT)	586	470	303,193	229,409	65	54	30,317	28,339
Dried beans (MT)	437	317	249,045	172,838	48	38	23,599	21,795
Dried peas (MT)	106	94	36,164	33,758	13	8	5,236	3,563
Dried lentils (MT)	44	59	17,983	22,813	4	8	1,482	2,980
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	9	8	75,644	63,286	1	1	8,547	6,339
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,707,265	1,848,569	0	0	171,785	185,725
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	29,124	29,358	8,475,383	7,274,398	3,923	4,176	971,740	889,045
Oilcake & meal (MT)	7,536	6,071	1,544,528	1,002,812	608	621	101,805	109,003
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	356	403	28,077	30,772	43	35	3,312	2,695
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	22	52	2,626	4,951	7	5	659	519
Soybean meal (MT)	7,010	5,423	1,489,526	939,688	548	573	96,217	104,419
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	148	194	24,299	27,401	10	8	1,618	1,369
Oilseeds (MT)	18,870	21,074	4,945,342	4,801,732	3,045	3,368	683,651	660,338
Rapeseed (MT)	226	138	56,518	32,912	9	16	2,311	3,386
Safflower seeds (MT)	38	37	12,232	13,265	8	5	1,428	1,933
Soybeans (MT)	17,774	20,110	4,283,717	3,966,956	2,864	3,275	615,269	605,264
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	160	127	91,556	87,943	37	24	13,234	10,162
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	33	31	28,546	25,570	5	6	4,628	4,582
Other oilseeds (MT)	509	505	128,756	109,396	110	30	20,694	7,901
Protein substances (MT)	130	128	344,017	565,690	11	12	26,087	27,111
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,717	2,213	1,985,513	1,469,855	270	186	186,283	119,704
Soybean oil (MT)	1,256	810	800,946	415,275	156	52	94,934	24,038
Cottonseed oil (MT)	81	47	53,728	29,427	3	6	2,173	3,100
Sunflower oil (MT)	273	339	183,199	189,868	20	38	12,626	19,899
Corn oil (MT)	463	384	354,648	277,889	26	30	20,176	20,657
Peanut oil (MT)	4	6	4,313	4,821	1	0	1,100	362
Rapeseed oil (MT)	151	87	94,160	44,324	20	7	12,703	3,076
Safflower oil (MT)	37	32	44,634	33,015	0	1	208	1,494

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	453	508	449,886	475,235	44	50	42,362	47,077
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	187	181	1,302,613	1,232,841	23	18	147,012	125,370
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	51	50	413,977	408,598	2	2	19,875	18,152
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	91	80	645,380	565,578	16	11	108,033	76,116
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	45	50	243,256	258,665	4	5	19,104	31,103
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	1,400	565	2,216,567	799,612	173	99	258,634	120,296
Cotton linters (MT)	37	41	16,711	14,460	3	7	1,295	2,007
Essential oils (MT)	42	45	493,040	493,649	3	4	39,129	48,987
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	652	518	720,866	698,187	48	67	88,313	90,098
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,329,756	1,363,125	0	0	126,854	151,343
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	578,828	541,664	0	0	52,448	49,747
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	130	127	48,064	44,600	16	12	6,176	4,029
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	530,764	497,065	0	0	46,273	45,718
Coffee (MT)	43	48	213,445	219,538	4	5	18,987	20,621
Cocoa (MT)	32	45	70,619	98,245	3	10	6,835	24,123
Chocolate & prep (MT)	96	99	289,425	297,743	9	13	28,661	39,574
Tea & mate (MT)	20	24	80,628	101,139	3	2	10,401	7,630
Spices (MT)	25	29	62,469	65,164	2	3	6,203	6,585
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	20	25	32,598	37,971	2	2	3,108	3,015
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	3	1,745	1,660	0	0	212	48
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	379,503	380,185	0	0	34,085	37,565
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	282,266	274,023	0	0	30,686	35,347
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	788,973	747,443	0	0	54,498	53,721
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	14,903,716	13,411,612	0	0	1,159,765	1,181,434
Fertilizers (MT)	12	11	2,934,431	2,774,596	1	1	262,653	243,083
Nitrogen (MT)	4	5	2,919,492	2,764,235	0	1	262,159	242,779
Phosphate (MT)	8	5	14,939	10,361	0	0	494	304
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	2,144,488	2,721,154	0	0	192,200	231,542
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,270,491	1,590,178	0	0	107,143	122,294
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	543,178	693,117	0	0	63,923	80,143
Other fish prods (MT)	224	275	330,819	437,859	18	28	21,133	29,105
Aq chemicals (MT)	308	303	1,763,533	1,659,242	19	22	102,182	123,894
Fungicides (MT)	34	31	197,561	170,371	4	2	15,973	14,741
Herbicides (MT)	159	144	896,016	798,507	8	11	39,265	45,904
Insecticides (MT)	60	65	397,098	414,840	3	5	30,786	38,492
Other pesticides (MT)	55	62	272,858	275,524	3	4	16,159	24,757
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,543,765	2,650,194	0	0	243,409	209,352
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	54	37	1,583,286	952,748	4	2	102,399	69,588
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,960,479	1,697,446	0	0	141,010	139,765
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	4,517,499	3,606,426	0	0	359,321	373,564

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

Table 2- Leading markets in calendar 1998 and 1999 and November 1999

Wheat	metric tons			Corn	metric tons		
	Jan-Nov 1998	Jan-Nov 1999	November 1999		Jan-Nov 1998	Jan-Nov 1999	November 1999
Egypt	3,715,079	3,766,108	186,465	Japan	12,750,146	13,937,457	1,288,154
Japan	2,773,477	2,946,836	239,962	South Korea	4,130,089	5,907,303	276,485
Mexico	1,475,072	1,642,034	184,840	Mexico	4,555,673	4,664,493	271,123
Philippines	1,418,845	1,526,841	104,061	China (Taiwan)	3,158,187	4,284,194	532,431
South Korea	1,350,601	1,511,146	87,793	Egypt	1,847,006	2,774,694	62,999
Russian Federation	34,614	1,170,252	0	Colombia	1,120,971	1,473,080	198,896
European Union	1,234,493	1,142,564	307,809	Saudi Arabia	862,221	1,112,979	143,262
Nigeria	960,959	1,123,850	82,953	Venezuela	697,206	1,031,264	91,781
China (Taiwan)	860,539	788,154	33,138	Canada	1,117,242	876,584	86,693
Colombia	455,771	731,283	46,618	Algeria	724,402	831,996	162,170
World	24,263,184	25,995,065	2,406,049	World	36,333,300	47,564,495	4,311,458
Soybeans	Jan-Nov 1998	Jan-Nov 1999	November 1999	Cotton	Jan-Nov 1998	Jan-Nov 1999	November 1999
European Union	5,576,470	4,278,603	939,388	Mexico	338,816	171,483	25,378
Japan	3,071,986	3,299,597	319,539	Japan	124,867	51,604	10,103
Mexico	2,781,870	2,937,423	220,907	Indonesia	81,141	42,578	9,471
China (Taiwan)	950,183	1,872,355	234,278	China (Taiwan)	68,441	41,118	8,007
China (Mainland)	1,348,523	1,527,132	332,638	South Korea	151,526	40,760	6,983
South Korea	1,253,876	1,076,113	141,213	Canada	60,204	36,368	3,535
Indonesia	535,950	919,438	143,954	Turkey	117,310	27,133	5,524
Thailand	436,919	656,515	96,142	European Union	55,608	22,655	1,279
Israel	256,958	517,858	63,995	Hong Kong	42,708	19,971	4,126
Canada	80,697	297,069	28,328	Thailand	37,437	15,057	3,815
World	17,774,429	20,109,679	3,274,701	World	1,400,242	565,354	99,050

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

Quantity and unit	January-November				November			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	33,882,460	34,497,795	0	0	2,911,701	3,184,700
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	8,253,327	7,291,859	0	0	630,496	637,309
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,863	4,230	1,121,301	1,126,862	364	390	103,141	91,784
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,088	1,187	3,152,464	2,637,255	92	104	218,725	206,774
Cocoa & prods (MT)	786	821	1,516,580	1,378,356	54	82	112,021	128,018
Tea (MT)	141	147	237,940	224,442	9	11	17,096	18,435
Spices (MT)	142	148	446,778	449,561	15	15	51,199	48,538
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	1,087	1,056	897,143	650,115	86	85	61,552	51,604
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	316	475	0	0	16	8
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	12	11	29,592	22,823	1	1	1,981	1,426
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	96	91	40,694	38,280	7	8	3,246	3,660
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	329,069	304,290	0	0	25,791	26,606
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	61	59	481,450	459,400	4	5	35,727	60,456
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	25,629,132	27,205,936	0	0	2,281,205	2,547,391
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	6,353,265	6,559,727	0	0	622,236	690,080
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,550,114	1,354,594	0	0	165,054	191,855
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,867	1,767	1,071,372	929,357	255	277	115,405	120,166
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	42	30	187,363	197,332	5	3	35,265	50,075
Swine (NO)	3,751	3,776	261,178	194,960	297	352	12,166	18,747
Sheep, live (NO)	42	49	4,831	4,735	3	5	283	503
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	25,371	28,210	0	0	1,934	2,364
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	2,568,058	2,928,577	0	0	241,700	272,222
Beef & veal (MT)	818	888	1,684,280	1,957,667	70	72	153,950	173,090
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	756	811	1,474,631	1,742,574	63	64	128,975	152,820
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	62	77	209,649	215,093	7	8	24,975	20,270
Pork (MT)	261	314	624,488	681,021	30	32	62,254	73,616
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	195	242	404,026	452,668	23	24	39,382	43,610
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	66	73	220,463	228,353	7	9	22,872	30,007
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	46	45	153,736	163,006	4	4	13,702	13,288
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	7	22	34,672	114,799	2	1	9,094	8,433
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	44	20	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	43	47	61,271	78,947	4	4	6,085	7,864
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	2	16,907	16,463	0	0	2,533	1,685
Other meats & prods (MT)	9	10	27,333	31,452	1	1	3,177	2,679
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	182,177	186,990	0	0	16,978	19,607
Poultry - live (NA)	11,387	10,129	19,502	18,366	1,076	1,078	1,850	2,153
Poultry meat (MT)	8	13	24,989	35,784	1	1	3,261	4,388
Eggs (NA)	0	0	12,362	18,909	0	0	1,088	1,786
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	24	23	125,325	113,931	2	2	10,779	11,280
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,300,737	1,416,746	0	0	137,053	146,723
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	31,361	40,510	0	0	4,822	3,230
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	35	25	70,055	46,530	2	1	4,931	2,095
Cheese (MT)	144	177	547,389	633,334	17	19	67,510	67,584
Casein & mixtures (MT)	100	100	418,248	371,009	9	11	36,568	39,872
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	233,684	325,364	0	0	23,222	33,942
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	70	97	51,778	66,276	5	11	3,641	7,531
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	155,226	132,667	0	0	8,872	9,921
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	2	1	6,854	4,498	0	0	301	298
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	93,386	85,898	0	0	7,834	9,096
Furskins (NA)	4,598	4,939	54,986	42,271	192	140	736	526
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	26	12	90,137	33,964	2	1	6,158	2,550
Sausage casings (MT)	13	12	70,712	60,410	1	1	6,975	4,575
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	12,255	18,263	0	0	1,461	1,721
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	372,072	361,241	0	0	34,345	33,375
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,631,612	2,726,977	0	0	251,576	282,522
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,824	2,083	258,269	256,816	156	128	19,694	16,552
Corn, unmilled (MT)	187	312	21,442	31,857	58	27	5,369	2,824
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,576	1,532	153,287	131,674	99	197	8,729	17,557
Barley, unmilled (MT)	658	504	83,989	61,553	63	51	7,479	6,617
Rice (MT)	261	323	167,904	169,601	26	40	16,210	20,688
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	301	348	689,275	783,120	33	39	81,627	93,425
Pasta & noodles (MT)	278	255	257,822	251,167	27	25	24,741	24,436
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	559,484	609,336	0	0	51,082	61,573
Feeds & foddors, ex oilcake(MT)	1,142	1,095	440,140	431,851	99	109	36,645	38,851
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,921	3,342	1,974,541	2,519,156	196	227	137,502	167,889
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,375	2,674	1,435,012	1,862,457	143	167	83,567	109,733
Apples, fresh (MT)	137	160	73,759	108,717	5	6	2,518	3,422
Avocados (MT)	51	46	54,262	60,138	14	14	14,806	20,329
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	61	77	98,408	108,613	3	4	5,463	6,179
Citrus, fresh (MT)	241	321	110,478	200,489	27	36	15,898	30,081
Grapes, fresh (MT)	381	363	391,367	498,678	0	0	218	352
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	43	42	31,533	36,995	1	1	662	1,123
Mangoes (MT)	194	219	128,110	142,715	4	5	3,261	4,220
Melons (MT)	775	830	230,443	264,615	48	60	14,878	17,947
Peaches (MT)	28	42	21,111	36,076	1	0	905	623
Pears (MT)	68	88	46,059	76,016	1	2	2,436	5,070
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	244	265	79,712	117,837	34	27	12,770	8,561
Plums (MT)	18	25	15,188	24,030	0	0	45	22
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	49	81	86,720	96,901	1	2	3,705	2,861
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	86	113	67,862	90,637	6	10	6,002	8,943
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	546	668	539,529	656,699	53	60	53,935	58,156
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	224	321	162,251	231,631	23	30	16,984	18,990
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	322	347	377,277	425,068	30	30	36,951	39,165
Fruit juices (HL)	24,310	29,736	601,930	718,275	2,307	2,874	56,573	63,597
Apple juice (HL)	8,967	10,792	184,359	207,946	645	1,048	10,742	21,413
Grape juice (HL)	1,027	1,636	49,214	69,998	102	193	5,546	7,598
Grapefruit juice (HL)	7	51	413	998	0	40	22	426

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	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Lemon juice (HL)	438	454	8,079	5,713	12	45	188	453
Lime juice (HL)	142	190	4,023	4,176	8	6	551	373
Orange juice (HL)	10,257	12,017	217,720	248,626	1,277	1,134	29,108	20,872
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,146	2,761	64,912	80,778	205	234	5,730	5,853
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,327	1,835	73,209	100,041	57	173	4,686	6,610
Nuts & preps (MT)	211	204	557,325	673,859	23	22	58,947	74,707
Brazil nuts (MT)	9	8	19,387	18,804	1	1	1,405	1,924
Cashew nuts (MT)	63	68	292,687	393,643	5	6	22,264	39,451
Chestnuts (MT)	5	4	11,220	9,623	3	2	6,814	4,882
Coconut meat (MT)	71	66	60,072	65,520	7	7	5,854	6,762
Filberts (MT)	4	5	18,214	22,219	1	1	4,212	3,541
Macadamia nuts (MT)	3	4	26,700	29,201	0	1	2,675	3,454
Pecans (MT)	20	18	60,566	64,763	5	2	9,717	7,320
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	851	2,146	0	0	64	303
Other nuts (MT)	35	30	67,628	67,939	3	2	5,943	7,071
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	3,949,054	4,154,969	0	0	348,066	380,983
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,492	3,424	2,380,463	2,340,707	299	323	200,269	210,991
Tomatoes (MT)	807	684	699,340	638,916	42	43	50,264	37,873
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	46	60	86,593	103,432	5	7	9,810	12,190
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	25	28	27,575	29,895	2	2	2,171	2,483
Cabbage (MT)	38	34	11,487	8,762	4	4	908	1,091
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	75	78	21,021	24,534	9	9	2,555	2,261
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	202	234	126,483	154,901	24	24	15,405	16,167
Celery, fresh (MT)	44	36	10,973	8,742	3	1	709	289
Cucumbers (MT)	281	301	140,666	129,348	37	42	11,388	17,413
Eqplant (MT)	33	27	27,941	18,869	4	4	3,539	2,600
Endive, fresh (MT)	3	2	5,577	5,243	0	0	580	467
Garlic (MT)	31	43	37,523	44,914	1	0	1,416	518
Lettuce (MT)	23	24	12,810	12,809	0	0	340	484
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	23	22	10,785	11,059	1	0	415	240
Onions (MT)	247	238	138,752	128,904	19	30	12,191	16,643
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	35	39	40,724	43,813	2	3	2,525	3,502
Peppers (MT)	295	306	314,100	284,907	19	19	18,942	22,788
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	805	783	313,785	344,429	73	79	29,768	36,627
Radishes, fresh (MT)	15	13	11,122	10,571	2	2	1,513	1,471
Squash (MT)	146	128	99,687	88,037	20	20	11,537	11,610
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	318	343	243,519	248,622	31	32	24,293	24,274
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,568,592	1,814,262	0	0	147,797	169,991
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	26	22	19,893	15,325	4	3	2,618	1,430
Bean cake, miso (MT)	6	6	14,090	12,814	1	1	1,228	1,519
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	36	48	19,925	26,841	4	4	2,210	2,666
Garlic, dried (MT)	22	27	11,051	19,602	7	1	3,906	439
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	75	83	156,071	184,873	6	8	13,396	17,041
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	55	47	95,175	93,895	3	5	7,308	9,283
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	2	15,815	16,238	0	0	1,168	1,233
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	3	3,257	3,770	0	0	334	360
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	4	25,257	24,077	0	0	61	643
Artichokes - prep (MT)	36	38	69,330	81,497	1	2	2,163	4,994
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,973	1,594	0	0	177	152
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	103	130	91,474	124,155	16	4	15,096	4,841
Waterchestnuts (MT)	31	31	18,403	20,246	2	2	1,533	921
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	58	67	34,256	38,040	5	7	2,975	3,464
Mustard (MT)	14	15	16,545	17,325	1	1	1,722	1,571
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	20	24	24,187	28,756	2	3	2,162	2,832
Soy sauce (MT)	35	39	35,579	39,438	4	3	4,010	3,342
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	147	156	96,592	88,719	9	20	6,065	9,200
Soups & sauces (MT)	116	163	211,088	259,231	14	22	23,640	29,997
Vinegar (HL)	292	297	35,524	37,447	27	29	3,597	3,606
Yeasts (MT)	50	50	56,243	60,397	5	5	5,410	5,921
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	516,867	619,982	0	0	47,020	64,537
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,567,066	1,465,656	0	0	108,272	134,444
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,913	1,508	720,156	545,294	84	99	37,044	45,414
Molasses (HL)	10,225	7,150	76,043	45,811	685	572	5,086	3,057
Confectionery prods (MT)	244	287	563,440	653,599	22	27	51,009	64,137
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	398	479	207,427	220,951	36	57	15,134	21,836
Spices (MT)	37	44	50,983	59,295	3	4	4,649	5,124
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	206	193	696,914	615,334	7	8	24,654	24,964
Tobacco - filler (MT)	158	158	645,743	576,181	5	6	20,888	23,279
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	46	31	19,104	13,331	2	1	1,242	649
Other tobacco (MT)	2	3	32,066	25,823	0	0	2,524	1,036
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	3,490,567	4,034,262	0	0	359,010	403,050
Wine (HL)	3,798	3,804	1,711,045	2,013,482	423	456	220,791	238,494
Malt beverages (HL)	17,722	19,431	1,582,575	1,761,445	1,367	1,537	122,532	142,527
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	196,947	259,334	0	0	15,687	22,030
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,830	3,498	2,025,341	1,801,713	312	292	165,259	161,177
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	895	891	325,133	285,885	74	47	24,561	16,878
Flaxseed (MT)	165	168	47,399	39,330	7	8	1,967	1,866
Mustard seeds (MT)	51	43	19,122	14,929	5	5	1,562	1,411
Rapeseed (MT)	295	205	89,500	53,952	40	16	10,968	3,450
Sesameseed (MT)	41	38	45,621	45,564	3	4	3,270	4,244
Soybeans (MT)	147	78	42,137	18,184	10	7	3,285	1,605
Sunflower seeds (MT)	27	26	9,335	7,756	5	4	1,678	1,237
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	167	334	72,020	106,170	3	4	1,831	3,066
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,781	1,612	1,540,085	1,385,122	133	163	128,086	134,221
Castor oil (MT)	43	39	32,107	33,623	0	0	90	107
Coconut oil (MT)	544	303	322,119	212,556	34	44	22,830	31,740
Cottonseed oil (MT)	12	10	7,540	5,383	0	0	0	19

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	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
Olive oil (MT)	150	147	317,068	314,299	17	13	35,866	32,205
Palm oil (MT)	100	129	48,227	60,586	4	12	2,214	4,185
Palm kernel oil (MT)	144	192	100,020	137,283	12	16	8,317	11,259
Peanut oil (MT)	26	10	24,204	8,626	0	0	194	271
Rapeseed oil (MT)	457	474	307,443	260,154	43	49	27,574	23,823
Soybean oil (MT)	27	34	18,347	18,843	4	3	2,450	1,604
Sesame oil (MT)	6	7	17,513	21,115	1	1	1,564	2,486
Other vegetable oils (MT)	273	267	345,498	312,653	19	24	26,986	26,522
Oilcake & meal (MT)	1,154	995	160,122	130,706	105	82	12,612	10,078
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	3	103	4,316	133,765	1	1	1,073	1,123
Cotton linters (MT)	7	35	3,771	7,345	3	1	573	121
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	251	368	394,908	432,429	13	43	23,344	26,932
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	571,025	546,068	0	0	41,190	46,929
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	428,062	469,804	0	0	51,866	56,884
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	328,451	287,303	0	0	26,415	26,863
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	14,217,786	14,310,809	0	0	1,151,685	1,425,682
Fertilizers (MT)	22,354	22,034	2,191,027	2,165,245	1,761	2,218	166,287	227,124
Potassium (MT)	8,453	8,251	699,393	695,363	538	994	49,041	79,579
Nitrogen (MT)	7,905	8,249	1,064,665	1,021,468	728	756	87,174	97,861
Phosphate (MT)	5,986	5,523	422,909	441,838	495	467	29,684	49,291
Fish (MT)	0	0	7,381,554	8,084,380	0	0	667,782	851,333
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	3,088,102	3,448,916	0	0	262,910	302,551
Shellfish (MT)	485	536	4,223,483	4,571,631	47	58	400,162	544,306
Fish prods, other (MT)	61	51	69,969	63,834	2	2	4,710	4,475
Aq chemicals (MT)	109	112	1,020,131	908,282	7	8	65,546	59,366
Fungicides (MT)	35	36	148,105	194,233	2	2	14,732	13,633
Herbicides (MT)	19	18	288,383	220,363	1	1	21,177	11,634
Insecticides (MT)	18	23	241,883	197,456	1	2	5,936	4,861
Other pesticides (MT)	37	35	341,759	296,230	3	3	23,701	29,237
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	3,224,375	2,789,491	0	0	221,409	243,013
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	6,188	8,022	1,766,601	1,315,238	740	830	115,492	116,253
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,457,774	1,474,253	0	0	105,918	126,760
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	12	15	400,699	363,410	1	2	30,661	44,847

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	Oct.	Nov.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,520	4,629	43,894	-7
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,319	3,439	37,198	-7
Imports (customs value)	3,089	3,185	34,498	2
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	1,201	1,190	6,696	-6
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,431	1,444	9,396	-28
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	118	132	583	0
Meat & poultry	603	609	5,880	-3
Dairy prod & eqqs	105	107	1,002	-4
Hides & skins	97	95	1,045	-12
Wheat	319	297	3,271	-2
Rice	98	105	861	-23
Corn	391	383	4,534	16
Other feed grains	57	57	560	-1
Animal feeds	329	308	3,031	-19
Soybeans	559	605	3,967	-7
Vegetable oils	154	120	1,470	-26
Fruits & nuts	397	434	4,078	-3
Vegetables	387	392	3,893	1
Cotton & linters	49	122	814	-64
Tobacco, unmfq.	116	125	1,233	-5
Seeds & nursery	86	125	972	-3
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	164	194	1,373	-13
Meat & poultry	301	277	2,964	14
Dairy prod. & eqqs	147	149	1,436	9
Grains & feeds	300	293	2,858	2
Fruits & nuts	364	398	5,038	18
Vegetables	335	381	4,155	5
Vegetable oils	115	134	1,385	-10
Wine	268	238	2,013	18
Malt beverages	156	143	1,761	11
Coffee	187	207	2,637	-16
Cocoa	119	128	1,378	-9
Rubber, natural	77	52	650	-28
Cane & beet sugar	24	45	545	-24
Tobacco, unmfq.	25	25	615	-12
Seeds & flowers	128	131	1,448	4
Preliminary data.				

Table 5: U.S. agricultural export shares by region 1/

	1990	1995	1999
Percent			
Total ag. exports			
Japan	21	20	19
Canada, Mexico	17	17	26
Latin America 2/	6	8	9
Asia 3/	20	26	19
European Union	18	15	13
Rest of World	18	14	14
Animal products			
Japan	33	32	29
Canada, Mexico	22	17	28
Latin America	6	5	6
Asia	21	24	23
European Union	11	7	5
Rest of World	8	15	10
Grains and feeds			
Japan	19	18	20
Canada, Mexico	11	11	20
Latin America	8	10	13
Asia	19	28	18
European Union	12	11	8
Rest of World	31	21	21
Oilseeds and products			
Japan	16	13	11
Canada, Mexico	11	13	19
Latin America	6	7	9
Asia	17	23	25
European Union	31	31	16
Rest of World	19	12	20
Horticultural products			
Japan	18	20	17
Canada, Mexico	36	31	36
Latin America	6	6	7
Asia	11	15	13
European Union	23	21	21
Rest of World	7	7	6

1/ 1999 shares are based on Jan-Nov values.

2/ Excludes Mexico.

3/ Excludes the Middle East and Japan.