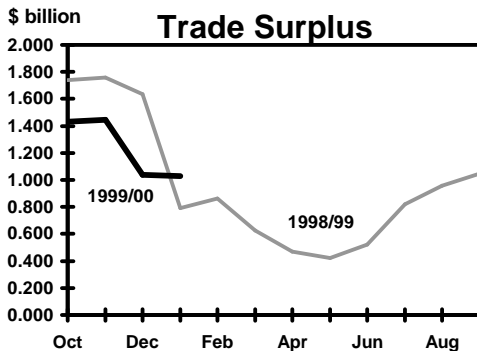


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—The \$17.8 billion October-January value of U.S. agricultural exports is almost \$500 million less than the same period in fiscal 1999. This export decline, combined with larger imports, reduced the cumulative trade surplus to less than \$5 billion, which is \$1 billion lower than its 1999 counterpart.

Exports in January 2000 were almost \$200 million below December 1999's value. Imports fell by \$183 million, leaving the January trade surplus at \$1 billion.

Exports—Bulk commodity exports were largely responsible for the total farm export drop thus far in fiscal 2000. The \$716-million decline in bulk shipments was accounted for by cotton, soybeans, and wheat. Nevertheless, exports of bulk products in January were up \$4 million from December as rice shipments surged.

Both export value and volume of *wheat* have fallen significantly thus far in the fiscal year, compared with 1999. The current export value of \$1.1 billion is down 11 percent, while volume shipments have dropped by more than 550 million metric tons (mmt). Wheat prices, at record lows over the past decade, exacerbated the decline as other wheat exporters have flooded the world market. In addition, wheat demand by Japan, China, and South Korea was smaller. Among major world exporters, Canada, Australia, and Argentina have higher wheat production projected for 1999/2000.

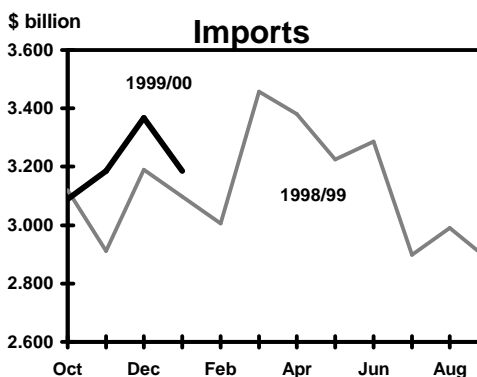
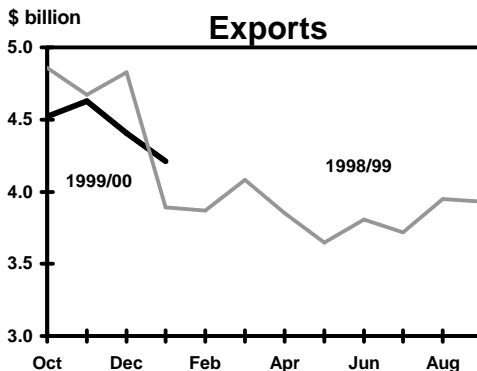
Cotton exports are also down sharply in fiscal 2000 by \$233 million. This is due to smaller volume shipments, 14 percent lower thus far (except linters). Export prices are at record lows for the past decade. Volume declined the steepest to Mexico, followed by East Asia. Larger exports from Uzbekistan, the African Franc Zone, and Australia are behind the world's abundant cotton supply.

Soybean exports are down by close to \$200 million in cumulative value despite higher volume shipments. More than 600 million tons over last year have been shipped thus far. While recent export prices have inched up from last summer's low levels, they are still depressed. Demand from Latin America and the European Union for U.S. soybeans has shrunk as South American export sales continue at high levels.

While year-to-date volume shipments of *corn* are up by more than 600 million tons in fiscal 2000, export value is down, but by only 4 percent. And even though export prices have recovered somewhat recently, larger exports by China and Argentina are displacing out U.S. exports. Significantly lower U.S. sales to Mexico, South Korea, and Japan have recently undermined corn's notable export gains in fiscal 1999.

Exports of *high-value products* (HVP) are ahead of last year's pace by \$233 million, offsetting a third of the cumulative decline in bulk commodity exports. Red meats are providing more than their share in export earnings, up by \$373 million. Poultry, hides, vegetables, and sugar products shored up U.S. HVP exports by more than \$200 million. However, vegetable oils, fruits, and nuts are behind last year's pace. Russia, East Asia, and Southeast Asia are the leading markets for U.S. animal products so far this fiscal year.

Imports—Agricultural imports are up by more than half a billion dollars in the October-January period. Strong U.S. import demand for animals, red meats, fruits, nuts, wine, and malt beverages are behind the surge. Driving this demand is U.S. per capita income, now above \$30,000 per year, up 5 percent from 1998. The purchasing power of the dollar is also up by 15 percent from 1997. However, the import value of coffee, cocoa, and rubber is down in spite of higher volumes because prices remain low. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@ers.usda.gov]



Exports to NAFTA accounted for more than a quarter of total U.S. farm export value in fiscal 1999. NAFTA partners' market share doubled over the past decade. Vegetables were the largest exports to Canada, followed closely by grains in 1999. Among the fastest-growing exports to Canada were feed grains and grain products, totaling \$1.2 billion in 1999. Grains led exports to Mexico, followed by oilseeds. The best export performers to Mexico were feed grains, wheat, soybeans, and vegetable oils, which amounted to \$3 billion in 1999. Canada's overall market remains \$1 billion larger than Mexico's. (See table 5.)

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

Quantity and unit	October-January				January			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	18,247,793	17,765,090	0	0	3,890,866	4,211,137
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	3,372,656	3,916,470	0	0	745,061	954,569
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	285,743	355,577	0	0	26,197	63,261
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	118	214	62,309	119,449	19	43	10,500	25,785
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	40	47	196,886	216,346	3	10	9,028	33,051
Swine - live (NO)	154	25	11,737	3,492	35	8	2,868	793
Sheep, live (NO)	151	138	5,681	6,352	48	37	1,808	1,677
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	9,130	9,938	0	0	1,994	1,955
Meats & meat prods (MT)	672	815	1,402,873	1,775,583	156	227	328,750	479,296
Beef & veal (MT)	250	287	780,240	1,014,331	60	81	189,387	269,237
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	243	280	751,581	991,100	59	80	183,343	264,778
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	7	6	28,659	23,231	2	1	6,044	4,459
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	4	4	12,462	12,148	1	1	2,843	3,379
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	1	1	3,698	1,760	0	0	771	404
Pork (MT)	126	155	309,518	404,920	29	50	71,136	119,867
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	115	135	279,790	359,010	26	44	65,418	106,972
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	12	20	29,728	45,910	2	6	5,719	12,896
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	153	195	209,922	246,425	36	58	48,223	65,478
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	137	174	87,033	95,998	30	37	16,390	20,931
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	700,813	758,154	0	0	152,680	171,231
Poultry - live (NA)	20,550	15,756	38,279	35,118	4,409	3,716	9,684	8,215
Baby chicks (NO)	16,985	12,400	32,878	30,506	3,365	2,829	8,017	7,145
Other live poultry (NA)	3,566	3,356	5,401	4,612	1,044	887	1,667	1,069
Poultry meats (MT)	742	946	588,861	658,994	179	239	127,974	148,627
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	655	853	453,156	510,207	162	219	101,582	117,876
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	56	60	61,825	71,316	11	13	10,472	15,189
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	3	3	4,621	5,123	1	1	986	1,153
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	28	30	69,260	72,348	6	6	14,933	14,408
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	1	1	4,272	6,163	0	0	1,034	1,732
Eggs (NA)	0	0	69,401	57,879	0	0	13,988	12,658
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	294,180	332,927	0	0	62,339	65,050
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	2	2	1,296	1,377	0	0	218	327
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	21	57	32,655	81,836	6	9	8,543	11,884
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	0	1	641	1,131	0	0	135	311
Cheese (MT)	12	13	41,126	43,801	3	3	9,007	8,380
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	41,116	48,495	0	0	8,661	11,503
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	177,346	156,287	0	0	35,775	32,646
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	483	382	210,579	157,517	110	75	47,486	30,174
Lard (MT)	25	31	12,399	14,520	7	10	3,412	4,243
Tallow - inedible (MT)	325	243	135,968	87,568	72	45	29,381	15,859
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	133	108	62,211	55,429	31	20	14,692	10,073
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	351,927	395,977	0	0	96,437	107,814
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	5,775	6,361	276,101	325,604	1,467	1,630	73,380	87,377
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	20,894	15,490	0	0	6,122	4,150
Calf skins, whole (PC)	525	418	8,910	8,889	170	132	2,837	3,097
Horse hides, whole (PC)	42	76	997	2,402	4	18	90	669
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	2,071	4,390	0	0	415	1,098
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	3,272	2,673	21,542	17,987	781	698	4,510	3,799
Furskins (NA)	0	0	21,413	21,214	0	0	9,083	7,623
Mink pelts (NO)	595	559	15,108	14,006	321	248	6,473	5,335
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	6,305	7,208	0	0	2,609	2,288
Wool & mohair (MT)	1	2	5,433	8,033	0	0	1,132	1,917
Sausage casings (MT)	8	8	22,912	22,087	2	2	5,608	4,883
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	21,604	20,035	0	0	4,456	4,597
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	76,592	90,581	0	0	19,976	26,345
Grains & feeds (MT)	34,536	35,329	4,954,480	4,680,664	7,302	8,078	1,096,929	1,094,021
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	9,811	9,257	1,272,938	1,133,678	1,986	1,953	279,995	234,791
Wheat flour (MT)	297	326	68,284	44,304	49	58	19,112	9,153
Bulqur wheat (MT)	5	0	870	43	2	0	260	0
Other wheat prods (MT)	30	36	29,182	32,809	7	9	7,147	8,884
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	1,438	1,355	461,422	386,343	294	348	109,741	100,961
Feed grains & prods (MT)	18,275	19,725	1,854,447	1,851,189	3,821	4,737	387,968	460,615
Feed grains (MT)	18,034	19,518	1,776,578	1,782,033	3,782	4,695	374,915	446,065
Barley (MT)	158	259	19,789	31,464	59	67	6,716	7,077
Corn (MT)	16,239	16,895	1,598,966	1,537,282	3,223	3,993	319,585	380,521
Grain sorghums (MT)	1,629	2,357	156,807	212,447	498	634	48,384	58,315
Oats (MT)	8	4	997	490	2	0	230	66
Rye (MT)	0	3	18	351	0	1	0	86
Feed grain prods (MT)	242	207	77,869	69,156	39	42	13,053	14,550
Popcorn (MT)	33	32	21,012	19,117	7	7	4,567	4,360
Blended food prods (MT)	117	81	33,982	22,232	24	11	6,822	2,991
Other grain prods (MT)	363	341	390,583	388,975	84	63	83,103	85,474
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	4,166	4,175	821,760	801,974	1,029	893	198,214	186,792
Corn by-products (MT)	1,964	1,871	203,239	197,355	433	326	49,708	41,731
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	98	80	14,974	11,578	22	23	3,802	3,678
Beet pulp (MT)	218	244	26,803	28,239	59	40	6,667	5,243
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	172	217	16,481	15,348	92	101	8,793	6,864
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	1,715	1,765	560,263	549,454	423	403	129,245	129,276
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,049	965	859,853	826,704	240	252	180,831	181,738
Fruits - fr (MT)	873	815	602,924	595,872	201	223	121,605	137,048
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	323	319	185,803	185,012	96	126	54,781	70,975
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	168	153	84,060	79,694	62	53	30,575	28,294
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	45	40	32,195	31,444	11	11	8,134	7,807
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	109	123	68,576	72,283	22	63	15,862	34,730

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	2	972	1,592	0	0	210	144
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	550	496	417,121	410,859	105	97	66,824	66,073
Apples - fresh (MT)	288	216	161,522	125,103	80	61	43,483	35,500
Berries - fresh (MT)	13	15	26,232	31,421	2	3	3,151	5,918
Cherries - fresh (MT)	3	2	2,974	1,900	0	0	75	296
Grapes - fresh (MT)	108	127	132,803	159,066	3	5	4,927	7,231
Melons - fresh (MT)	32	32	14,302	16,020	4	6	2,090	3,180
Peaches - fresh (MT)	4	6	4,219	5,588	0	0	444	520
Pears - fresh (MT)	77	77	45,704	45,467	13	16	7,643	9,449
Plums - fresh (MT)	8	4	6,988	4,203	0	1	291	400
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	18	18	22,377	22,090	4	3	4,719	3,578
Fruits - dried (MT)	79	65	143,653	126,327	17	12	33,743	24,775
Raisins - dried (MT)	40	29	70,896	55,788	9	4	17,185	8,869
Prunes - dried (MT)	27	24	51,975	48,582	6	6	12,617	12,839
Other dried fruits (MT)	12	12	20,782	21,956	1	2	3,941	3,067
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	56	46	53,720	46,257	13	10	12,390	9,502
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	16	12	24,176	17,515	4	2	6,231	3,255
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	25	27	35,380	40,733	5	5	6,862	7,157
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	3,199	3,504	199,225	211,842	839	788	50,261	47,665
Apple juice (HL)	104	124	11,747	14,855	26	26	3,166	3,191
Grape juice (HL)	290	244	21,088	20,305	50	48	4,658	4,640
Grapefruit juice (HL)	171	241	11,747	13,737	45	44	3,194	2,536
Orange juice (HL)	1,515	1,596	88,351	86,699	466	417	23,793	21,428
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,118	1,299	66,292	76,245	252	253	15,450	15,870
Wine (HL)	753	882	159,767	170,815	168	213	34,226	44,052
Nuts & prep (MT)	220	243	562,476	484,635	36	44	95,935	92,535
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	76	91	300,391	226,475	14	20	54,257	50,932
Filberts (MT)	6	7	11,730	11,420	0	1	863	1,089
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	67	75	67,998	75,786	14	15	14,412	14,215
Pistachios (MT)	12	7	46,134	33,185	3	2	11,685	7,395
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	45	43	94,997	88,811	3	3	7,518	8,144
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	3	3	15,728	18,567	1	1	3,739	5,473
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	11	16	25,498	30,391	2	3	3,461	5,286
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	1,470,574	1,518,852	0	0	339,429	335,971
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	582	638	347,155	358,471	148	156	90,125	92,081
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	2	2	5,504	5,064	1	1	3,583	2,728
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	53	49	35,382	34,066	14	15	9,486	9,726
Carrots - fresh (MT)	27	27	15,721	16,458	8	8	4,796	4,778
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	13	12	5,754	5,560	4	4	1,939	1,746
Celery - fresh (MT)	44	42	14,730	17,592	13	11	4,056	6,213
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	34	26	23,176	17,309	10	8	6,837	4,866
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	4	3	2,235	2,220	1	1	452	794
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	10	10	5,004	5,655	2	2	1,172	1,506
Garlic - fresh (MT)	4	4	5,730	4,611	1	0	776	703
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	116	118	57,845	62,451	28	28	13,166	15,666
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	3	2	7,427	7,308	0	0	872	729
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	86	139	30,138	37,170	18	26	7,115	7,777
Peppers - fresh (MT)	22	23	18,499	22,417	6	6	5,002	5,778
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	48	56	17,244	18,935	11	12	4,064	4,077
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	45	50	45,959	39,214	10	12	11,483	9,196
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	70	74	56,808	62,441	20	20	15,324	15,801
Vegetables - froz (MT)	234	227	183,992	176,640	58	53	44,830	40,614
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	24	24	20,349	19,766	6	5	5,075	4,612
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	167	161	123,133	117,980	42	39	30,000	27,852
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	43	41	40,509	38,894	11	9	9,755	8,150
Vegetables - canned (MT)	145	152	119,855	123,748	27	29	23,337	24,348
Pulses (MT)	243	207	119,719	106,320	48	30	23,531	15,641
Dried beans (MT)	172	148	94,437	83,474	28	21	16,705	12,282
Dried peas (MT)	53	34	18,230	12,475	15	4	4,962	1,445
Dried lentils (MT)	18	25	7,051	10,370	5	5	1,865	1,914
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	3	4	36,849	38,081	1	1	11,663	7,492
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	663,004	715,592	0	0	145,943	155,797
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	15,555	15,979	3,930,364	3,498,951	3,207	3,781	807,344	841,046
Oilcake & meal (MT)	2,586	2,796	438,734	498,392	604	697	102,895	123,120
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	168	132	12,718	9,984	35	18	2,657	1,485
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	28	19	3,048	1,919	11	5	1,068	485
Soybean meal (MT)	2,328	2,581	413,902	477,479	536	657	96,393	118,804
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	62	64	9,066	9,009	21	16	2,777	2,345
Oilseeds (MT)	11,885	12,340	2,720,154	2,476,383	2,383	2,891	552,191	595,527
Rapeseed (MT)	108	69	25,710	14,875	6	16	1,637	3,536
Safflower seeds (MT)	9	11	1,753	3,807	0	0	194	38
Soybeans (MT)	11,347	11,967	2,445,615	2,249,552	2,295	2,830	500,787	534,769
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	130	81	51,891	37,385	12	8	8,515	5,823
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	20	16	16,285	13,192	2	2	1,686	1,883
Other oilseeds (MT)	225	151	53,150	36,189	56	23	12,006	6,809
Protein substances (MT)	47	45	125,750	121,383	12	11	27,366	42,668
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,084	843	771,476	524,176	221	193	152,258	122,400
Soybean oil (MT)	524	263	326,260	115,342	112	45	68,530	19,701
Cottonseed oil (MT)	19	26	12,319	14,255	5	5	3,482	2,797
Sunflower oil (MT)	124	148	81,316	77,831	28	37	18,668	20,503
Corn oil (MT)	165	154	128,448	102,294	26	44	19,095	27,185
Peanut oil (MT)	2	2	2,372	2,034	0	1	221	548
Rapeseed oil (MT)	65	41	40,404	18,076	10	9	6,611	3,684
Safflower oil (MT)	12	4	11,666	4,148	0	1	73	1,545

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	173	205	168,692	190,196	40	52	35,577	46,436
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	75	57	497,894	417,992	19	17	113,572	114,798
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	6	7	54,810	59,583	1	1	4,979	9,992
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	55	34	357,277	243,507	15	12	91,757	91,504
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	14	16	85,807	114,902	4	3	16,836	13,302
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	488	421	736,370	503,786	34	143	58,692	167,079
Cotton linters (MT)	11	20	4,645	6,238	3	3	1,297	1,099
Essential oils (MT)	13	15	154,715	175,669	4	4	39,502	36,709
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	224	240	354,126	335,270	59	58	103,241	96,282
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	495,332	547,534	0	0	112,905	111,516
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	201,225	207,503	0	0	44,064	45,819
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	72	46	25,333	15,647	15	9	5,427	3,125
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	175,891	191,855	0	0	38,638	42,693
Coffee (MT)	17	21	76,912	85,805	4	5	16,306	19,605
Cocoa (MT)	14	21	30,693	46,970	3	3	6,265	6,577
Chocolate & prep (MT)	35	44	108,454	136,551	7	8	23,742	24,093
Tea & mate (MT)	9	8	40,908	33,365	2	2	13,258	6,956
Spices (MT)	10	10	22,893	24,871	2	2	5,390	5,852
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	8	8	13,197	12,003	2	2	3,623	2,454
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	1	1,049	466	1	0	257	160
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	147,543	144,669	0	0	32,358	27,672
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	111,020	110,986	0	0	24,127	23,902
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	236,753	214,012	0	0	55,157	40,482
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	4,759,069	4,236,117	0	0	1,003,261	865,249
Fertilizers (MT)	3	4	1,153,648	854,419	1	1	248,979	182,663
Nitrogen (MT)	2	2	1,150,877	851,888	0	0	248,132	182,087
Phosphate (MT)	1	1	2,771	2,530	0	0	847	575
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	702,136	869,762	0	0	122,794	130,143
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	379,680	472,743	0	0	58,187	64,128
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	239,870	295,216	0	0	43,962	51,306
Other fish prods (MT)	69	105	82,587	101,804	16	14	20,644	14,710
Aq chemicals (MT)	82	79	470,681	460,144	20	20	120,868	125,104
Fungicides (MT)	12	8	58,775	47,374	2	2	12,591	7,711
Herbicides (MT)	36	39	176,458	202,070	9	11	49,282	72,821
Insecticides (MT)	19	16	149,651	117,449	5	4	38,077	24,273
Other pesticides (MT)	15	15	85,797	93,252	4	3	20,917	20,300
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	1,062,748	887,118	0	0	229,503	207,761
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	15	10	419,678	285,324	3	3	65,243	59,807
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	643,069	601,794	0	0	164,260	147,954
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	1,369,856	1,164,673	0	0	281,118	219,578

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

Table 2- Leading markets in fiscal 1999 and 2000 and January 2000

Wheat	Oct-Jan	Oct-Jan	January	metric tons	Oct-Jan	Oct-Jan	January
	1998/99	1999/00	2000		1998/99	1999/00	2000
Egypt	1,789,016	1,958,851	378,888	Japan	5,104,420	4,838,877	1,388,316
Japan	1,175,725	1,013,832	261,053	China (Taiwan)	1,557,057	1,908,625	421,765
Mexico	471,926	696,137	166,568	South Korea	2,164,291	1,234,178	325,604
European Union	603,578	614,291	57,769	Mexico	1,698,585	1,114,236	167,861
Philippines	402,193	575,620	157,426	Egypt	856,534	920,892	301,161
South Korea	524,887	483,991	134,862	Colombia	465,532	692,418	221,581
Pakistan	499,310	409,948	0	Iran	0	446,249	0
Nigeria	357,409	369,101	126,861	Saudi Arabia	429,429	414,944	33,935
China (Taiwan)	332,851	337,560	113,140	Chile	276,900	411,523	127,729
Colombia	129,314	233,532	61,888	Algeria	364,393	339,720	73,497
World	9,810,923	9,256,756	1,952,916	World	16,238,663	16,895,405	3,992,597
Soybeans	Oct-Jan	Oct-Jan	January	Cotton	Oct-Jan	Oct-Jan	January
	1998/99	1999/00	2000		1998/99	1999/00	2000
European Union	4,521,062	4,146,710	1,342,145	Mexico	145,596	97,461	27,709
Japan	1,519,360	1,432,810	363,855	Indonesia	25,717	43,773	14,912
China (Mainland)	1,053,235	1,174,423	299,398	Turkey	3,338	38,232	16,533
Mexico	1,215,411	1,119,666	162,664	China (Taiwan)	29,843	35,366	11,169
China (Taiwan)	723,048	723,960	226,464	Japan	48,796	28,919	9,237
South Korea	564,346	504,384	141,323	South Korea	43,086	25,231	6,891
Thailand	380,580	401,962	64,251	Hong Kong	41,001	19,164	7,953
Indonesia	275,527	386,047	63,000	Thailand	7,720	18,196	6,524
Israel	142,689	170,913	14,487	Canada	31,700	16,190	5,204
Canada	34,382	162,584	50,132	Brazil	40	15,300	9,223
World	11,346,504	11,966,552	2,830,443	World	488,315	421,043	143,300

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

Quantity and unit	October-January				January			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	12,320,872	12,825,764	0	0	3,098,068	3,184,583
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	2,759,919	2,704,050	0	0	709,563	745,079
Bananas & plantains (MT)	1,321	1,495	365,274	363,516	342	373	92,121	93,222
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	416	451	990,218	947,271	110	132	267,340	292,416
Cocoa & prods (MT)	293	362	578,615	531,883	100	111	179,318	141,141
Tea (MT)	38	44	73,082	76,387	11	11	18,608	17,965
Spices (MT)	58	58	185,150	191,687	12	13	32,313	44,313
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	401	434	279,952	268,058	94	131	62,054	85,024
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	272	66	0	0	188	10
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	4	3	8,707	7,044	1	1	1,858	2,146
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	33	29	13,724	13,592	7	6	3,017	3,112
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	107,827	110,190	0	0	24,213	26,729
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	23	24	157,098	194,356	7	9	28,532	39,001
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	9,560,952	10,121,714	0	0	2,388,505	2,439,504
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	2,374,987	2,710,520	0	0	512,472	608,833
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	533,324	684,237	0	0	95,246	107,284
Cattle and calves (NO)	756	798	367,847	360,179	137	140	62,292	58,580
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	12	20	91,911	232,055	2	12	13,590	25,481
Swine (NO)	1,397	1,425	58,985	81,473	383	339	16,467	20,218
Sheep, live (NO)	16	16	1,568	1,538	7	5	661	532
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	13,013	8,992	0	0	2,236	2,473
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	949,234	1,134,338	0	0	220,115	283,142
Beef & veal (MT)	282	316	607,769	735,860	70	84	147,752	186,912
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	255	287	513,561	662,167	63	76	126,245	168,620
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	28	29	94,208	73,694	7	7	21,507	18,292
Pork (MT)	113	129	235,562	287,401	25	32	49,487	69,835
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	87	99	152,591	186,885	19	25	34,439	47,853
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	27	30	82,971	100,516	5	7	15,048	21,982
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	18	19	57,603	62,761	4	5	12,033	15,169
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	17	17	24,781	31,837	4	4	6,109	7,592
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	1	11,141	7,215	0	0	2,228	1,628
Other meats & prods (MT)	4	3	12,372	9,265	1	1	2,507	2,006
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	66,339	76,458	0	0	16,154	17,925
Poultry - live (NA)	3,922	3,713	6,198	7,748	933	730	1,597	1,677
Poultry meat (MT)	4	5	11,812	15,886	1	1	2,548	3,875
Eggs (NA)	0	0	5,078	6,198	0	0	1,725	1,561
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	8	8	43,250	46,626	2	2	10,284	10,812
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	556,239	556,272	0	0	109,035	124,759
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	20,085	14,333	0	0	7,654	5,552
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	11	5	23,699	8,644	1	1	2,846	1,247
Cheese (MT)	74	72	275,186	254,712	15	12	49,955	43,375
Casein & mixtures (MT)	35	40	140,864	150,158	7	11	25,702	42,123
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	96,405	128,425	0	0	22,877	32,461
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	22	42	16,605	29,208	7	9	4,683	7,135
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	52,630	56,509	0	0	19,669	23,025
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	0	0	1,459	1,704	0	0	288	335
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	30,586	32,347	0	0	6,846	7,390
Furskins (NA)	1,573	1,563	20,586	22,459	649	696	12,535	15,299
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	9	5	29,271	13,970	3	2	8,190	5,667
Sausage casings (MT)	5	4	25,744	21,104	1	1	5,570	5,891
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	5,763	6,419	0	0	1,862	1,725
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	139,837	132,004	0	0	31,947	32,280
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	1,004,275	1,061,813	0	0	217,503	226,753
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	736	470	95,242	57,120	209	89	26,459	10,164
Corn, unmilled (MT)	172	79	16,902	9,002	47	14	4,643	1,786
Oats, unmilled (MT)	519	577	43,539	51,378	111	117	9,280	10,079
Barley, unmilled (MT)	223	264	27,225	34,632	31	49	3,678	6,897
Rice (MT)	120	133	69,959	71,018	36	30	18,875	16,882
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	125	145	302,148	347,272	25	30	53,587	65,081
Pasta & noodles (MT)	106	100	100,171	98,645	25	24	24,198	23,364
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	202,579	240,786	0	0	44,573	58,798
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	380	409	146,510	151,959	89	91	32,208	33,702
Fruits & preps (MT)	924	1,080	755,242	812,229	324	360	269,252	268,738
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	698	850	533,396	588,928	256	301	207,458	215,070
Apples, fresh (MT)	20	26	11,017	13,260	4	4	2,282	2,884
Avocados (MT)	41	38	43,947	54,707	4	6	4,433	8,784
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	35	40	57,141	45,372	3	4	6,205	10,123
Citrus, fresh (MT)	119	149	75,291	107,543	39	35	28,378	22,149
Grapes, fresh (MT)	98	89	137,329	126,309	72	66	88,783	84,607
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	4	6	3,932	5,793	1	2	663	2,207
Mangoes (MT)	23	31	21,485	27,055	8	11	7,748	9,281
Melons (MT)	199	286	69,752	81,116	73	113	29,646	30,269
Peaches (MT)	24	21	23,690	19,918	16	14	14,876	12,428
Pears (MT)	4	6	5,897	10,609	1	1	1,227	1,089
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	82	99	33,123	35,767	15	22	5,011	8,448
Plums (MT)	7	7	7,668	7,533	5	6	4,747	5,404
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	9	10	13,424	14,206	5	5	6,413	7,057
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	33	41	29,699	39,740	9	11	7,047	10,341
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	225	230	221,846	223,301	68	60	61,794	53,668
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	101	108	74,267	68,455	35	27	25,024	16,135
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	124	122	147,579	154,846	33	33	36,770	37,532
Fruit juices (HL)	10,098	10,846	245,461	253,114	2,965	2,819	72,761	68,839
Apple juice (HL)	3,722	3,983	62,603	85,274	1,168	1,165	20,122	26,307
Grape juice (HL)	478	771	24,350	33,138	142	188	7,204	8,805
Grapefruit juice (HL)	2	94	120	1,962	1	34	35	1,035
Lemon juice (HL)	122	147	2,208	1,670	29	17	375	276

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Lime juice (HL)	34	65	1,740	1,771	7	12	185	476
Orange juice (HL)	4,469	4,489	105,631	83,799	1,212	1,058	30,687	19,678
Pineapple juice (HL)	840	830	25,355	19,725	284	221	9,130	4,830
Other fruit juice (HL)	432	468	23,455	25,775	122	124	5,023	7,432
Nuts & preps (MT)	88	87	241,058	298,905	18	19	57,555	63,965
Brazil nuts (MT)	2	3	6,325	7,717	1	0	1,288	1,451
Cashew nuts (MT)	19	28	97,086	171,995	5	7	25,355	41,838
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	10,787	9,204	0	0	183	126
Coconut meat (MT)	24	27	19,738	26,176	4	7	3,093	6,348
Filberts (MT)	3	3	12,064	12,202	0	0	1,470	1,002
Macadamia nuts (MT)	1	2	12,054	14,426	0	0	1,334	2,889
Pecans (MT)	21	11	52,792	31,128	5	2	15,068	5,532
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	617	878	0	0	338	347
Other nuts (MT)	11	8	29,595	25,179	3	2	9,426	4,432
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	1,574,466	1,597,523	0	0	486,022	453,238
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	1,293	1,357	952,963	922,939	411	425	333,717	292,507
Tomatoes (MT)	208	230	287,307	189,681	87	91	137,046	63,128
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	23	29	45,017	49,467	7	7	15,491	13,842
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	14	15	16,693	20,057	5	5	5,140	6,415
Cabbage (MT)	11	15	2,619	4,077	2	3	549	880
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	38	34	10,547	8,950	11	9	3,443	2,455
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	96	100	61,633	65,171	23	28	14,841	18,177
Celery, fresh (MT)	14	7	3,416	2,509	5	2	1,169	1,132
Cucumbers (MT)	143	149	49,024	57,565	48	50	15,127	20,027
Eggplant (MT)	15	15	8,330	9,523	5	6	2,095	3,538
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	1	2,483	1,679	0	0	621	283
Garlic (MT)	9	4	13,419	4,289	5	3	7,293	2,409
Lettuce (MT)	5	6	3,037	4,596	2	2	1,334	2,039
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	3	2	2,095	1,593	1	1	494	522
Onions (MT)	79	93	47,156	59,595	23	23	12,705	18,090
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	11	14	13,614	14,474	3	4	4,662	3,703
Peppers (MT)	120	120	115,703	133,642	44	47	37,598	52,058
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	288	307	116,544	142,182	75	80	28,167	35,561
Radishes, fresh (MT)	7	6	6,296	5,591	2	2	2,130	2,413
Squash (MT)	78	78	48,871	47,431	25	26	17,646	17,176
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	128	132	99,160	100,865	36	36	26,167	28,660
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	621,503	674,585	0	0	152,305	160,731
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	13	10	9,072	5,950	3	2	1,874	1,460
Bean cake, miso (MT)	2	3	4,745	5,573	1	1	1,055	1,434
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	18	19	9,187	10,221	6	6	2,707	2,704
Garlic, dried (MT)	30	4	18,610	2,333	10	1	6,722	673
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	28	30	60,191	66,471	7	7	14,026	13,990
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	15	22	30,830	41,623	4	6	7,245	10,960
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	1	1	7,061	7,709	0	0	2,554	2,449
Onions, preserved (MT)	1	1	1,153	1,365	0	0	296	216
Hops, incl extract (MT)	1	2	9,210	11,148	0	1	2,642	4,737
Artichokes - prep (MT)	4	8	9,702	17,074	1	2	2,295	3,981
Asparagus - prep (MT)	0	0	786	595	0	0	109	86
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	59	21	54,539	24,953	14	5	13,043	5,986
Waterchestnuts (MT)	8	8	5,592	4,912	2	3	1,375	1,519
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	23	29	13,938	14,945	6	7	3,612	3,743
Mustard (MT)	5	5	5,661	5,777	1	1	1,454	1,238
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	7	9	9,256	10,169	2	2	1,927	2,296
Soy sauce (MT)	15	13	16,064	13,136	4	3	3,934	3,141
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	43	78	27,912	37,617	12	21	6,670	9,128
Soups & sauces (MT)	59	82	97,676	115,056	14	18	24,281	26,116
Vinegar (HL)	102	115	13,533	13,824	21	24	2,589	2,731
Yeasts (MT)	19	20	21,864	22,992	4	5	5,003	4,969
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	194,923	241,143	0	0	46,893	57,176
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	470,962	458,451	0	0	112,689	88,330
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	510	319	183,399	126,640	157	46	52,906	14,453
Molasses (HL)	2,987	2,448	18,739	13,204	400	907	3,620	5,441
Confectionery prods (MT)	86	103	201,228	240,542	18	22	38,703	49,795
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	136	183	67,596	78,065	33	40	17,459	18,642
Spices (MT)	12	15	19,288	21,632	3	3	4,689	5,101
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	68	62	266,669	192,814	25	15	89,843	46,618
Tobacco - filler (MT)	59	52	252,980	184,471	24	14	86,999	45,279
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	9	10	5,583	4,259	2	1	574	365
Other tobacco (MT)	1	0	8,106	4,085	0	0	2,270	974
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	1,316,447	1,459,854	0	0	243,059	286,885
Wine (HL)	1,482	1,574	745,681	815,998	280	318	122,551	137,554
Malt beverages (HL)	5,631	6,011	508,650	559,048	1,159	1,385	106,570	129,532
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	62,117	84,808	0	0	13,938	19,799
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	1,344	1,224	701,878	629,159	358	311	175,235	153,439
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	301	213	104,059	75,034	90	54	29,474	21,703
Flaxseed (MT)	39	41	10,502	9,139	22	11	5,690	2,533
Mustard seeds (MT)	18	17	6,133	5,331	4	5	1,393	1,561
Rapeseed (MT)	144	62	38,403	13,443	38	12	9,596	2,734
Sesameseed (MT)	17	15	19,453	17,944	4	5	4,804	5,238
Soybeans (MT)	44	40	12,198	9,219	12	8	2,969	2,016
Sunflower seeds (MT)	19	16	5,807	4,490	5	5	1,367	1,287
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	19	20	11,563	15,467	5	8	3,654	6,335
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	621	614	545,785	505,796	160	147	132,169	118,450
Castor oil (MT)	7	15	6,036	14,248	0	3	52	3,157
Coconut oil (MT)	173	125	114,808	88,127	56	34	36,998	22,764
Cottonseed oil (MT)	14	0	8,718	23	2	0	1,219	4
Olive oil (MT)	57	54	115,544	127,724	10	14	21,332	32,911

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Palm oil (MT)	37	56	19,564	18,922	14	19	7,224	5,882
Palm kernel oil (MT)	39	66	27,840	45,269	8	9	5,806	5,988
Peanut oil (MT)	11	1	9,813	1,050	0	0	230	275
Rapeseed oil (MT)	165	185	106,174	87,533	42	42	27,198	19,343
Soybean oil (MT)	12	13	7,708	6,661	2	4	1,136	1,662
Sesame oil (MT)	2	3	6,874	9,044	1	1	1,901	2,464
Other vegetable oils (MT)	106	96	122,705	107,195	25	21	29,073	23,999
Oilcake & meal (MT)	422	397	52,034	48,329	108	110	13,592	13,285
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	6	4	13,125	7,256	1	1	2,806	2,625
Cotton linters (MT)	7	4	1,503	729	2	1	443	158
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	63	151	113,202	119,507	18	55	31,515	35,924
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	177,038	205,059	0	0	47,727	63,002
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	170,013	184,802	0	0	36,993	40,437
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	115,337	108,347	0	0	27,940	26,618
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	4,955,908	5,585,972	0	0	1,278,761	1,349,141
Fertilizers (MT)	8,176	8,706	786,580	881,663	2,278	2,114	217,207	220,049
Potassium (MT)	2,932	3,168	257,774	246,203	946	754	86,136	56,680
Nitrogen (MT)	3,221	3,384	392,791	423,779	863	856	100,508	109,051
Phosphate (MT)	2,020	2,151	134,344	209,825	468	504	30,017	53,536
Fish (MT)	0	0	2,801,233	3,271,118	0	0	696,676	744,497
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	1,161,947	1,292,634	0	0	349,585	372,976
Shellfish (MT)	193	212	1,617,964	1,955,078	42	41	344,275	366,069
Fish prods, other (MT)	15	15	21,322	23,406	3	5	2,816	5,452
Ag chemicals (MT)	36	42	290,351	259,434	12	15	83,110	82,175
Fungicides (MT)	11	9	55,592	39,305	4	4	18,700	12,304
Herbicides (MT)	4	12	83,463	60,051	2	4	24,147	17,873
Insecticides (MT)	5	7	40,154	29,292	2	2	18,310	10,965
Other pesticides (MT)	15	14	111,143	130,787	4	5	21,953	41,033
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	960,795	1,021,490	0	0	264,872	283,252
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	3,148	3,642	506,467	492,096	758	1,045	128,669	137,966
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	454,328	529,395	0	0	136,203	145,286
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	4	6	116,947	152,267	1	1	16,896	19,167

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	Dec.	Jan.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,405	4,211	17,765	-3
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,636	3,472	13,866	5
Imports (customs value)	3,367	3,185	12,826	4
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	769	739	3,899	-22
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,038	1,027	4,939	-17
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	69	71	391	21
Meat & poultry	595	628	2,435	22
Dairy prod & eggs	101	78	391	7
Hides & skins	96	108	396	13
Wheat	283	235	1,134	-11
Rice	83	101	386	-16
Corn	382	381	1,537	-4
Other feed grains	65	66	245	38
Animal feeds	353	310	1,300	3
Soybeans	551	535	2,250	-8
Vegetable oils	128	122	524	-32
Fruits & nuts	369	322	1,523	-6
Vegetables	404	336	1,519	3
Cotton & linters	170	168	510	-31
Tobacco, unmfq.	62	115	418	-16
Seeds & nursery	115	120	446	-4
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	225	109	692	28
Meat & poultry	286	287	1,150	20
Dairy prod. & eggs	141	126	562	0
Grains & feeds	277	240	1,110	5
Fruits & nuts	471	495	1,728	8
Vegetables	428	453	1,598	1
Vegetable oils	138	118	506	-7
Wine	172	138	816	9
Malt beverages	131	130	559	10
Coffee	262	292	947	-4
Cocoa	144	141	532	-8
Rubber, natural	54	85	268	-4
Cane & beet sugar	43	14	127	-31
Tobacco, unmfq.	96	47	193	-28
Seeds & flowers	111	139	509	11

Preliminary data.

Table 5--Major U.S. farm exports within NAFTA

Item	FY 1990			FY 1995			FY 1999		
	(billion \$)								
CANADA									
Total ag. exports	3.7	5.9	7.0						
Red meats	0.3	0.5	0.4						
Poultry	0.2	0.2	0.3						
Dairy	0.0	0.1	0.2						
Grains	0.5	1.0	1.2						
Fruits	0.6	0.7	0.7						
Vegetables	0.7	1.4	1.5						
Oilseeds	0.3	0.3	0.5						
MEXICO									
Total ag. exports	2.7	3.7	5.7						
Red meats	0.2	0.3	0.3						
Poultry	0.1	0.2	0.2						
Dairy	0.1	0.1	0.1						
Grains	1.1	1.1	2.0						
Fruits	0.0	0.1	0.1						
Vegetables	0.1	0.2	0.2						
Oilseeds	0.4	0.8	1.0						