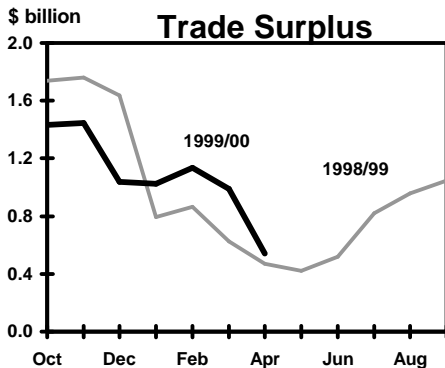


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—The surplus in U.S. agricultural trade for April 2000 shrank to almost half its \$1-billion value in March. This sharp decline is the result of a 16-percent drop in April exports, \$750 million below March. Compared with last fiscal year, however, cumulative exports are up 2.3 percent to \$30.7 billion. While April imports fell \$300 million from March, year-to-date imports are almost \$1 billion higher than last year, a 4-percent gain. The cumulative trade surplus of \$7.6 billion is down \$282 million from fiscal 1999 in spite of higher year-over-year surpluses from January through April 2000.

Exports—Of the \$750-million total export decline in April from March 2000, \$443 million is due to lower bulk commodity sales. Soybeans were the main culprit, diving \$303 million from March.

Notwithstanding the fall of *soybean* shipments in April, year-to-date exports are still up \$209 million, and volume is 16 percent larger. The European Union (EU), China, and Southeast Asia show strong purchases. Soybean prices are 21 percent higher than in July 1999, but still 35 percent below prices in April 1997. The recent strength in soybean prices reflects lower stocks in Brazil and Argentina, as well as smaller U.S. and foreign soybean supply.

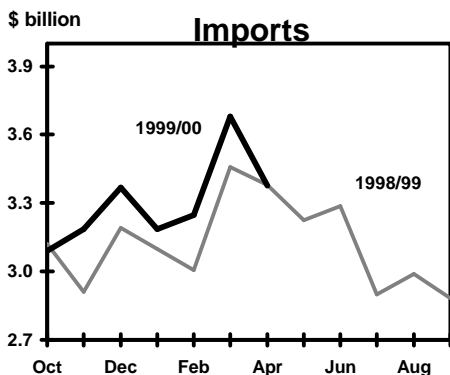
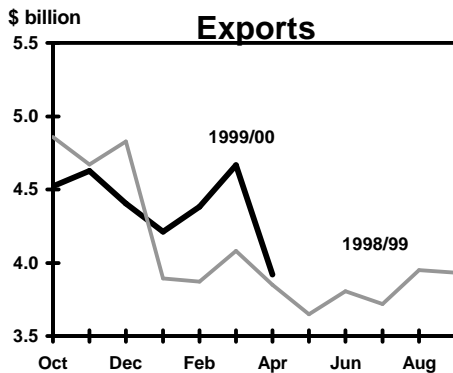
Wheat posted higher shipments in April, but year-to-date exports are 10 percent, or \$209 million, behind last year. Volume is also below fiscal 1999 by 844,000 tons. This decline is attributed to contracting demand from South America, South Asia, China, and Egypt. Wheat prices remain close to 1999's dismal levels, which were almost half those of 1996.

Corn exports are \$177 million behind 1999 shipments. Greater competition from Argentina, South Africa, and especially China for world markets is mainly at the expense of U.S. sales. U.S. corn export volume is down 474,000 tons due to significantly lower purchases by South Korea, Mexico, Venezuela, and Japan. The slight rise in corn prices partly reflects smaller U.S. 1999/2000 production.

Exports of *cotton* are \$186 million ahead of fiscal 1999. Volume is also up by a cumulative 336,000 tons. Strong worldwide demand for cotton products is driving larger shipments. Sales to Turkey and Southeast Asia lead U.S. cotton markets. Nevertheless, cotton export prices remain close to the average price in 1999.

High-value products (HVP) account for \$307 million of the export decline in April. While all major HVP exports fell in April, the cumulative total is still \$800 million ahead of fiscal 1999. Red meat exports show by far the largest gain, followed by poultry, hides, and vegetables. The \$1-billion year-to-date gain in animal products is the principal reason behind the growth. Renewed meat demand by Japan, South Korea, Russia, and Mexico is a key factor in keeping U.S. trade in surplus.

Imports—Even as imports in April are down sharply, year-to-date imports are almost \$1 billion higher than in fiscal 1999. Competitive imports are up by more than \$1 billion. Imports of red meat, live animals, fruits, nuts, and, especially beverages are helping drive the U.S. farm trade surplus down. Low prices for noncompetitive imports—coffee, cocoa, and rubber—are keeping import values down even as volume is up. [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@ers.usda.gov]



Since 1994-96, U.S. agricultural exports to China have fallen by 16 percent, while U.S. imports from China have grown by over 40 percent. Total farm trade with China declined by 2.4 percent, and the U.S. agricultural trade surplus narrowed by 41 percent in that period. Despite the real depreciation of the U.S. dollar against China's yuan and strong economic growth in China from 1994 to 1999, U.S. exports of some bulk commodities—wheat, corn, and cotton—have plunged. However, soybeans and soybean meal exports to China more than tripled in value. Other high-value exports such as hides and skins and red meat to China also grew sharply.

U.S. imports of animal products from China have expanded substantially. Imports that have also significantly increased include fruits, nuts, vegetables, sugar, and seeds. (See table 5.)

China's membership in the World Trade Organization will open its market to more agricultural exports. U.S. approval of permanent normal trade relations for China will likely enable the United States to gain export share in that potentially larger market. A more stable trade pattern, particularly for HVPs, may also result.

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

Quantity and unit	October-April				April			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	30,050,687	30,732,182	0	0	3,850,494	3,917,427
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	5,842,670	6,914,664	0	0	855,115	886,087
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	369,678	460,828	0	0	40,047	29,304
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	171	304	90,685	170,684	20	15	11,554	8,174
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	53	60	231,678	252,172	6	5	19,296	15,903
Swine - live (NO)	213	66	17,727	9,158	18	8	2,183	1,243
Sheep, live (NO)	298	223	12,018	10,529	98	30	4,143	1,243
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	17,570	18,284	0	0	2,871	2,741
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,177	1,468	2,534,030	3,247,455	171	192	391,041	435,252
Beef & veal (MT)	441	516	1,422,972	1,856,803	63	65	218,686	244,006
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	430	504	1,378,305	1,814,676	62	63	213,699	237,990
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	12	12	44,667	42,126	1	2	4,987	6,017
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	6	7	19,974	19,670	1	1	2,700	2,666
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	1	5,348	3,761	0	0	606	533
Pork (MT)	222	293	556,639	767,524	35	34	92,691	97,707
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	200	262	502,560	691,363	32	31	83,681	89,037
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	22	31	54,080	76,161	3	3	9,010	8,670
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	277	346	382,291	433,217	42	53	58,202	67,310
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	230	305	146,806	166,479	29	39	18,157	23,029
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	1,184,615	1,318,044	0	0	174,942	157,654
Poultry - live (NA)	36,029	27,958	68,067	60,070	5,361	3,129	9,021	7,911
Baby chicks (NO)	29,565	21,959	58,433	51,964	4,219	2,252	7,214	6,701
Other live poultry (NA)	6,464	5,999	9,634	8,106	1,143	877	1,807	1,210
Poultry meats (MT)	1,348	1,673	997,474	1,146,592	235	192	151,068	134,612
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,209	1,508	783,748	899,461	219	174	126,428	104,825
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	88	111	93,625	120,245	11	12	10,055	13,195
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	4	5	7,191	7,878	0	0	915	653
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	47	48	112,909	119,007	5	6	13,671	15,939
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	3	7,749	11,209	0	0	1,282	1,767
Eggs (NA)	0	0	111,324	100,173	0	0	13,570	13,364
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	521,990	610,082	0	0	76,170	81,754
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	3	4	2,631	2,900	0	1	544	566
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	50	108	72,794	150,327	9	8	13,003	12,007
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	1	1	1,897	2,426	1	0	849	573
Cheese (MT)	21	24	69,757	75,785	3	4	9,507	11,932
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	71,914	86,868	0	0	9,242	13,093
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	302,996	291,776	0	0	43,026	43,584
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	868	693	363,085	270,682	133	104	48,018	35,076
Lard (MT)	45	63	21,798	28,354	6	14	2,768	5,689
Tallow - inedible (MT)	592	454	235,094	152,251	93	65	32,226	19,210
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	231	177	106,193	90,077	34	24	13,024	10,177
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	650,340	760,787	0	0	94,726	114,597
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	10,244	11,559	484,720	596,473	1,553	1,759	70,996	91,587
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	32,481	24,611	0	0	4,329	3,749
Calf skins, whole (PC)	919	680	17,258	14,066	152	116	3,523	2,552
Horse hides, whole (PC)	55	160	1,446	5,240	2	14	56	438
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	4,236	8,502	0	0	938	1,615
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	5,041	4,868	31,805	30,651	712	681	3,504	3,099
Furskins (NA)	0	0	78,394	81,243	0	0	11,382	11,558
Mink pelts (NO)	2,696	2,670	61,457	65,380	377	370	7,984	7,929
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	16,938	15,863	0	0	3,398	3,629
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	3	10,705	11,902	1	0	2,690	1,480
Sausage casings (MT)	13	13	40,628	38,810	2	2	5,728	5,667
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	37,010	35,894	0	0	5,147	5,102
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	130,590	160,181	0	0	16,605	20,202
Grains & feeds (MT)	59,324	59,315	8,430,435	8,018,132	8,563	8,026	1,169,857	1,081,930
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	15,667	14,823	2,038,426	1,829,505	2,342	1,997	299,032	246,276
Wheat flour (MT)	504	559	109,511	81,712	61	63	10,017	9,822
Bulqur wheat (MT)	10	3	1,670	757	1	0	228	0
Other wheat prods (MT)	49	61	48,468	55,895	6	7	6,469	6,800
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,201	2,203	728,764	633,710	207	173	70,010	49,999
Feed grains & prods (MT)	32,714	33,129	3,342,211	3,231,080	4,847	4,430	499,141	457,965
Feed grains (MT)	32,304	32,753	3,214,645	3,111,631	4,788	4,374	482,029	441,978
Barley (MT)	292	351	38,074	45,095	25	27	4,749	4,066
Corn (MT)	28,789	28,315	2,863,084	2,685,826	4,381	3,876	438,825	391,277
Grain sorghums (MT)	3,211	4,071	311,824	378,794	380	468	38,253	46,323
Oats (MT)	12	10	1,636	1,355	2	2	196	277
Rye (MT)	0	6	27	562	0	0	5	35
Feed grain prods (MT)	410	376	127,566	119,448	59	56	17,112	15,987
Popcorn (MT)	58	58	36,975	37,116	7	8	4,928	5,015
Blended food prods (MT)	182	173	51,129	44,595	19	36	4,677	8,580
Other grain prods (MT)	640	601	667,729	669,052	79	87	89,959	88,030
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	7,298	7,703	1,405,552	1,434,711	994	1,224	185,396	209,443
Corn by-products (MT)	3,364	3,439	344,610	355,079	451	591	44,767	58,178
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	173	142	25,453	22,660	24	13	3,361	2,004
Beet pulp (MT)	358	431	42,994	50,902	42	67	4,972	8,118
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	459	595	39,326	40,781	77	111	5,583	8,238
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,943	3,097	953,169	965,289	401	442	126,712	132,905
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,770	1,750	1,403,044	1,390,229	202	240	156,897	179,273
Fruits - fr (MT)	1,480	1,492	977,506	1,012,171	167	205	106,703	130,944
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	661	755	379,295	426,766	81	124	46,755	69,328
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	375	339	190,183	180,331	41	35	22,003	18,249
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	78	72	54,394	53,187	13	10	8,451	6,840
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	206	341	133,024	191,196	27	78	16,109	44,096

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	2	3	1,695	2,052	0	0	192	143
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	819	738	598,211	585,405	87	81	59,948	61,616
Apples - fresh (MT)	479	364	269,283	213,113	58	46	32,282	26,136
Berries - fresh (MT)	27	35	51,022	65,908	6	10	11,292	16,536
Cherries - fresh (MT)	3	3	3,970	5,040	0	0	381	1,919
Grapes - fresh (MT)	111	129	137,544	163,320	1	1	1,910	1,199
Melons - fresh (MT)	54	58	25,426	28,329	10	12	4,503	5,550
Peaches - fresh (MT)	5	8	5,277	6,890	0	0	33	354
Pears - fresh (MT)	103	106	61,474	61,714	7	8	4,294	4,416
Plums - fresh (MT)	9	5	7,904	5,791	0	0	268	374
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	28	29	36,311	35,300	3	4	4,985	5,132
Fruits - dried (MT)	128	102	236,995	197,600	13	12	25,190	22,865
Raisins - dried (MT)	65	44	118,834	82,396	6	5	11,218	8,579
Prunes - dried (MT)	44	41	85,000	82,190	5	5	10,098	10,064
Other dried fruits (MT)	19	17	33,161	33,013	2	2	3,874	4,222
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	92	87	88,928	82,117	12	12	11,243	11,597
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	25	21	37,947	30,602	4	3	4,982	4,595
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	45	47	61,669	67,740	6	7	8,779	9,271
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	6,280	6,582	391,967	390,884	1,162	941	73,241	57,579
Apple juice (HL)	197	219	23,568	25,609	42	31	5,161	3,438
Grape juice (HL)	545	434	40,669	36,898	95	68	7,037	5,330
Grapefruit juice (HL)	458	556	29,307	32,882	123	128	8,064	7,533
Orange juice (HL)	2,905	3,151	167,117	161,349	525	382	30,010	20,724
Other fruit juices (HL)	2,175	2,223	131,305	134,146	377	331	22,969	20,554
Wine (HL)	1,337	1,503	279,085	293,555	214	217	43,855	41,245
Nuts & prep (MT)	328	364	828,964	720,484	36	41	81,609	76,109
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	119	130	452,158	331,787	13	11	43,930	30,647
Filberts (MT)	7	9	13,417	15,456	0	1	389	1,422
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	108	129	110,607	127,646	15	20	15,114	18,973
Pistachios (MT)	18	12	70,101	53,143	2	1	6,433	6,164
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	54	51	117,585	110,948	3	3	7,080	7,325
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	5	6	28,098	31,840	1	1	4,214	3,714
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	16	27	36,998	49,665	2	4	4,448	7,864
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	2,546,773	2,632,534	0	0	365,958	387,156
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,038	1,132	622,505	662,560	166	181	105,311	117,243
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	12	13	33,089	37,010	4	5	12,478	14,052
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	96	103	61,365	68,012	17	25	10,571	15,878
Carrots - fresh (MT)	67	64	37,287	35,372	16	15	8,715	7,024
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	27	26	10,773	11,850	5	6	1,939	2,493
Celery - fresh (MT)	78	74	24,544	30,593	11	10	3,463	4,704
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	57	46	39,470	30,778	8	7	6,239	4,839
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	16	16	7,577	7,757	9	6	3,817	2,469
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	14	15	7,975	8,880	2	2	1,039	1,103
Garlic - fresh (MT)	5	5	7,088	5,706	0	0	300	337
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	199	204	98,936	107,839	28	30	15,261	17,276
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	5	4	10,796	10,079	1	1	1,062	973
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	128	193	45,370	53,212	12	12	4,762	4,414
Peppers - fresh (MT)	40	40	33,077	40,569	6	6	4,962	6,549
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	98	118	34,747	38,304	16	26	6,507	8,153
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	80	85	73,085	69,448	13	12	9,998	10,835
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	119	126	97,326	107,152	16	19	14,199	16,145
Vegetables - froz (MT)	411	398	319,956	312,276	58	58	45,729	46,650
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	43	41	36,234	34,334	6	6	5,435	5,356
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	297	285	217,202	209,649	42	42	31,650	31,872
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	71	72	66,520	68,293	9	10	8,643	9,422
Vegetables - canned (MT)	244	257	203,952	211,235	31	36	26,050	31,148
Pulses (MT)	365	327	180,492	162,565	34	34	17,003	16,798
Dried beans (MT)	251	216	138,421	121,403	22	21	12,677	11,786
Dried peas (MT)	78	69	28,397	23,489	8	9	3,035	2,994
Dried lentils (MT)	36	42	13,674	17,672	4	4	1,290	2,018
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	6	7	55,311	62,895	1	1	6,151	8,712
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,164,558	1,221,004	0	0	165,715	166,605
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	23,490	25,670	5,866,626	5,786,536	2,270	2,069	553,780	554,210
Oilcake & meal (MT)	4,394	4,586	726,224	827,567	541	446	80,774	80,900
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	301	234	22,471	17,195	53	40	3,896	2,775
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	53	39	5,383	3,900	13	6	1,219	506
Soybean meal (MT)	3,910	4,214	679,667	790,392	452	390	72,449	75,882
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	130	99	18,704	16,080	22	11	3,211	1,737
Oilseeds (MT)	17,336	19,716	3,913,773	4,110,127	1,514	1,452	334,870	373,300
Rapeseed (MT)	147	88	35,348	20,473	18	5	4,605	1,418
Safflower seeds (MT)	23	21	6,678	7,949	13	0	4,638	25
Soybeans (MT)	16,540	19,134	3,492,129	3,700,704	1,430	1,377	286,759	292,044
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	158	107	71,864	56,253	10	7	6,954	5,277
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	27	31	21,977	24,427	2	6	1,785	4,734
Other oilseeds (MT)	360	257	81,983	62,195	31	46	7,336	11,332
Protein substances (MT)	82	78	203,793	238,125	10	11	22,794	58,470
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,760	1,369	1,226,629	848,842	215	171	138,136	100,010
Soybean oil (MT)	793	447	470,322	199,675	105	42	50,057	19,495
Cottonseed oil (MT)	32	40	21,733	22,347	5	4	3,461	2,165
Sunflower oil (MT)	238	197	146,912	107,224	22	23	13,048	12,011
Corn oil (MT)	268	248	205,984	158,180	28	39	21,410	21,617
Peanut oil (MT)	3	5	3,021	4,236	0	0	267	342
Rapeseed oil (MT)	91	86	54,404	34,936	7	23	3,699	8,650
Safflower oil (MT)	28	8	27,681	9,421	7	1	5,495	777

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	307	338	296,573	312,824	40	39	40,700	34,955
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	143	121	938,347	826,960	21	17	147,570	123,434
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	27	21	218,399	171,749	11	7	87,228	58,056
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	84	65	568,008	476,296	6	6	42,996	43,276
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	33	35	151,940	178,915	4	4	17,347	22,102
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	613	948	932,321	1,117,873	37	154	56,321	184,855
Cotton linters (MT)	20	44	7,731	14,643	3	4	1,166	1,333
Essential oils (MT)	26	29	293,737	318,059	5	4	48,185	42,190
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	378	498	588,514	562,833	38	65	59,356	54,278
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	829,507	904,631	0	0	112,410	114,108
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	336,365	357,083	0	0	46,372	49,225
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	105	84	36,547	26,336	12	7	3,969	2,886
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	299,819	330,747	0	0	42,404	46,338
Coffee (MT)	29	35	133,000	142,654	4	4	19,425	18,240
Cocoa (MT)	23	31	50,234	65,624	3	3	6,627	6,630
Chocolate & prep (MT)	57	71	173,788	208,143	7	8	21,421	20,760
Tea & mate (MT)	16	14	69,261	58,355	2	2	8,945	6,935
Spices (MT)	18	20	41,053	47,971	3	3	6,132	8,176
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	16	14	24,069	23,914	2	1	3,315	3,909
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	2	1	1,736	888	0	0	172	232
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	247,061	262,113	0	0	31,006	37,934
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	200,850	192,341	0	0	30,193	29,107
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	423,054	385,710	0	0	63,974	66,598
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	8,748,738	7,997,069	0	0	1,225,280	1,249,695
Fertilizers (MT)	0	0	1,861,323	1,404,303	0	0	245,753	150,866
Nitrogen (MT)	0	0	1,855,048	1,399,207	0	0	244,493	150,249
Phosphate (MT)	0	0	6,274	5,096	0	0	1,260	617
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	1,451,357	1,608,006	0	0	191,614	251,669
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	759,562	825,983	0	0	104,892	105,396
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	439,541	458,473	0	0	44,839	57,079
Other fish prods (MT)	125	152	252,254	323,550	16	15	41,883	89,193
Ag chemicals (MT)	194	172	1,049,483	986,522	31	30	193,862	194,082
Fungicides (MT)	22	16	111,117	90,599	3	2	15,632	12,752
Herbicides (MT)	89	94	508,209	512,169	17	18	112,007	129,059
Insecticides (MT)	38	36	268,104	236,036	7	7	39,845	35,333
Other pesticides (MT)	45	25	162,053	147,717	4	3	26,378	16,938
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	1,867,502	1,793,992	0	0	279,847	310,853
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	28	24	720,522	620,120	4	4	114,710	128,396
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,146,979	1,173,872	0	0	165,137	182,457
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	2,519,074	2,204,246	0	0	314,203	342,225

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 April 2000 (metric tons)

Wheat	Oct-Apr	Oct-Apr	April		Oct-Apr	Oct-Apr	April
	1998/99	1999/00	2000	Corn	1998/99	1999/00	2000
Egypt	2,806,086	2,578,628	318,858	Japan	8,998,240	8,773,979	1,090,180
Japan	1,942,023	1,872,870	294,893	China (Taiwan)	2,574,740	3,208,410	443,448
Philippines	835,764	1,165,016	201,586	Mexico	3,265,866	2,361,316	576,348
Mexico	915,258	1,100,751	73,050	Egypt	1,718,436	2,046,208	51,693
South Korea	1,043,679	911,165	102,921	South Korea	3,780,971	1,865,029	271,765
European Union	739,823	820,490	163,952	Colombia	905,909	1,022,133	88,475
China (Taiwan)	570,811	619,611	69,495	Saudi Arabia	693,431	712,293	112,007
Nigeria	621,881	592,455	88,170	Venezuela	850,830	564,848	76,627
Israel	467,089	423,737	62,044	Dominican Republic	422,110	547,522	91,037
Pakistan	522,340	409,948	0	Turkey	231,651	519,043	223,550
World	15,667,457	14,823,361	1,996,562	World	28,788,512	28,315,038	3,876,104
Soybeans	Oct-Apr	Oct-Apr	April		Oct-Apr	Oct-Apr	April
	1998/99	1999/00	2000	Cotton	1998/99	1999/00	2000
European Union	5,669,670	6,535,253	27,999	Mexico	181,549	201,833	29,699
China (Mainland)	1,196,020	2,769,555	248,965	Turkey	4,426	126,472	30,894
Japan	2,605,565	2,459,201	231,024	Indonesia	32,454	90,321	12,183
Mexico	2,052,960	1,993,904	211,075	China (Taiwan)	38,036	76,946	12,771
China (Taiwan)	1,378,414	1,382,326	254,121	Japan	65,163	57,768	8,044
South Korea	878,568	887,518	84,542	Brazil	80	54,522	6,536
Indonesia	568,017	715,365	73,662	Hong Kong	42,365	49,380	11,135
Thailand	509,751	654,356	0	South Korea	50,350	44,009	4,536
Israel	293,073	282,488	24,350	Thailand	10,594	41,025	6,960
Canada	91,251	253,246	23,364	Canada	40,816	33,087	4,707
World	16,539,975	19,134,014	1,376,575	World	613,004	948,465	154,233

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

Quantity and unit	October-April				April			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	22,165,632	23,129,330	0	0	3,380,369	3,376,225
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	4,942,012	4,860,587	0	0	719,396	678,676
Bananas & plantains (MT)	2,409	2,557	678,118	637,980	368	396	112,108	99,049
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	788	842	1,850,018	1,800,549	113	120	256,241	255,455
Cocoa & prods (MT)	547	683	1,006,382	932,628	93	91	148,048	114,095
Tea (MT)	78	92	135,320	141,239	15	16	22,370	21,404
Spices (MT)	92	93	282,635	293,233	12	12	37,167	35,989
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	694	758	466,126	495,696	103	111	65,411	78,073
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	387	95	0	0	52	6
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	8	6	16,037	12,812	1	1	2,796	1,673
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	61	50	24,892	22,674	9	7	3,611	2,791
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	198,540	197,441	0	0	30,363	26,632
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	38	41	283,558	326,240	5	5	41,229	43,510
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	17,223,620	18,268,744	0	0	2,660,974	2,697,549
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	4,095,138	4,734,454	0	0	601,401	676,764
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	919,100	1,133,030	0	0	130,371	155,359
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,349	1,439	664,155	691,651	180	201	98,516	109,405
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	20	216	123,104	279,467	3	192	12,701	22,732
Swine (NO)	2,327	2,367	104,247	140,990	315	300	15,799	19,875
Sheep, live (NO)	37	31	3,599	3,082	6	4	575	473
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	23,994	17,839	0	0	2,781	2,874
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	1,696,224	2,053,732	0	0	274,424	310,722
Beef & veal (MT)	516	565	1,095,671	1,311,679	93	86	189,879	199,103
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	470	519	946,961	1,193,015	87	80	171,851	184,216
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	46	46	148,710	118,664	6	5	18,027	14,887
Pork (MT)	198	235	414,091	540,849	27	33	57,514	81,043
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	152	181	271,919	363,384	21	26	40,157	57,256
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	46	54	142,172	177,466	6	7	17,356	23,787
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	32	34	106,071	119,914	4	5	16,724	19,019
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	29	30	42,053	54,556	4	4	6,109	8,109
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	1	16,420	10,888	0	0	1,265	1,148
Other meats & prods (MT)	7	5	21,913	15,845	1	1	2,934	2,300
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	114,987	141,713	0	0	15,764	25,184
Poultry - live (NA)	6,636	6,667	10,602	12,728	876	1,009	1,387	1,835
Poultry meat (MT)	6	9	19,755	26,021	1	1	2,334	3,512
Eggs (NA)	0	0	9,945	10,721	0	0	1,880	1,346
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	14	14	74,685	92,243	2	3	10,163	18,492
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	903,618	941,936	0	0	118,350	122,909
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	29,762	26,073	0	0	2,939	3,341
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	17	8	35,775	13,342	2	1	3,608	1,451
Cheese (MT)	117	115	436,009	412,535	15	14	55,389	53,070
Casein & mixtures (MT)	58	68	229,525	260,970	8	9	31,638	34,396
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	172,546	229,014	0	0	24,776	30,652
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	44	68	32,971	49,273	9	8	6,163	6,196
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	95,577	106,383	0	0	14,005	13,814
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	1	1	2,633	2,827	0	0	153	512
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	54,502	59,405	0	0	7,126	9,120
Furskins (NA)	3,090	2,604	38,442	44,151	669	318	6,726	4,182
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	13	9	37,670	26,067	1	2	3,289	5,538
Sausage casings (MT)	8	7	43,415	34,284	1	1	5,427	3,652
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	10,422	11,916	0	0	1,062	1,561
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	241,153	236,121	0	0	32,544	31,828
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	1,691,773	1,763,409	0	0	223,626	220,591
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,299	984	165,666	120,877	153	179	18,589	21,992
Corn, unmilled (MT)	318	139	30,886	15,476	35	21	3,627	2,166
Oats, unmilled (MT)	842	944	73,272	81,008	145	130	11,951	10,900
Barley, unmilled (MT)	401	393	48,941	52,944	79	39	9,337	5,657
Rice (MT)	209	207	117,480	114,084	29	21	16,104	12,050
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	203	234	467,106	533,736	25	28	50,634	58,532
Pasta & noodles (MT)	177	172	169,670	168,459	24	21	23,707	20,700
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	361,835	405,337	0	0	54,746	51,071
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	679	744	256,917	271,487	91	111	34,931	37,523
Fruits & preps (MT)	2,240	2,503	1,631,376	1,710,076	467	505	298,796	274,783
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	1,826	2,093	1,228,636	1,326,292	404	447	237,866	223,028
Apples, fresh (MT)	54	72	36,732	41,870	19	26	15,408	15,390
Avocados (MT)	46	43	49,857	62,505	1	0	675	204
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	46	52	78,844	76,728	3	4	6,640	10,896
Citrus, fresh (MT)	205	209	132,488	137,637	28	20	18,339	6,694
Grapes, fresh (MT)	290	353	327,097	370,906	31	59	36,492	47,419
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	19	20	16,971	15,086	10	9	8,430	5,194
Mangoes (MT)	75	98	62,700	67,231	32	37	22,305	18,852
Melons (MT)	695	807	223,635	235,801	210	224	68,852	71,246
Peaches (MT)	49	43	43,761	37,907	0	0	180	437
Pears (MT)	64	76	52,912	65,107	18	15	13,694	8,952
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	143	171	57,089	60,631	21	27	11,350	9,470
Plums (MT)	27	23	26,620	22,735	2	1	1,618	1,231
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	50	49	67,868	62,982	18	14	25,670	17,993
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	64	76	52,062	69,167	11	11	8,211	9,052
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	414	411	402,740	383,785	63	58	60,930	51,755
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	187	181	138,110	112,517	28	22	20,922	12,938
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	226	230	264,630	271,267	35	36	40,008	38,817
Fruit juices (HL)	17,740	19,743	432,331	464,997	3,022	3,118	71,060	74,902
Apple juice (HL)	6,323	6,886	110,770	155,330	1,218	1,258	23,271	29,881
Grape juice (HL)	814	1,150	40,174	49,503	96	124	4,098	5,066
Grapefruit juice (HL)	4	184	202	4,249	0	20	28	543
Lemon juice (HL)	231	252	3,474	3,218	23	19	248	392

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Quantity and unit	October-April				April			
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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Lime juice (HL)	72	84	2,462	2,293	11	4	216	181
Orange juice (HL)	7,830	8,592	180,025	161,748	1,181	1,138	24,585	20,673
Pineapple juice (HL)	1,590	1,450	49,826	33,456	251	250	8,281	5,455
Other fruit juice (HL)	876	1,146	45,397	55,201	242	305	10,332	12,711
Nuts & preps (MT)	136	146	385,175	469,956	19	26	52,701	60,683
Brazil nuts (MT)	4	5	9,071	11,616	0	2	890	2,991
Cashew nuts (MT)	35	46	178,179	276,617	6	6	29,649	34,577
Chestnuts (MT)	5	4	11,090	9,503	0	0	84	71
Coconut meat (MT)	39	46	33,996	43,134	5	6	4,614	5,204
Filberts (MT)	4	4	18,224	15,951	0	0	1,935	764
Macadamia nuts (MT)	2	3	17,689	20,642	0	0	1,886	2,080
Pecans (MT)	25	14	67,737	43,770	1	1	3,935	3,076
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,471	1,106	0	0	333	83
Other nuts (MT)	22	23	47,718	47,618	7	11	9,375	11,837
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	2,891,133	2,923,071	0	0	433,991	429,551
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	2,551	2,607	1,731,771	1,771,955	382	377	236,347	278,974
Tomatoes (MT)	471	488	486,292	373,137	74	75	58,499	69,496
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	45	51	82,414	84,016	2	2	3,392	4,053
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	24	28	28,599	33,802	3	4	3,510	3,588
Cabbage (MT)	16	19	3,827	5,215	1	1	170	247
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	59	51	19,109	14,150	5	5	2,673	1,474
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	179	162	115,794	105,841	21	12	13,544	7,917
Celery, fresh (MT)	35	23	7,752	7,331	5	5	1,035	1,877
Cucumbers (MT)	260	268	101,112	121,530	32	33	15,756	21,942
Eggplant (MT)	29	34	18,588	20,935	4	5	3,085	3,135
Endive, fresh (MT)	2	1	4,314	2,752	0	0	718	483
Garlic (MT)	30	11	33,281	10,873	4	3	3,469	2,823
Lettuce (MT)	13	12	7,122	9,391	2	2	1,052	1,044
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	8	7	5,482	4,946	2	2	1,611	1,418
Onions (MT)	174	157	92,363	97,687	34	27	19,345	12,757
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	26	27	32,417	27,337	4	3	4,983	2,855
Peppers (MT)	228	232	199,601	278,799	30	31	29,343	52,449
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	562	626	213,550	272,426	101	110	33,646	44,793
Radishes, fresh (MT)	13	12	10,322	10,814	2	2	953	1,527
Squash (MT)	133	140	89,190	98,434	17	17	13,232	17,194
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	244	258	180,639	192,540	38	39	26,331	27,901
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,159,362	1,151,116	0	0	197,644	150,577
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	19	16	13,249	9,767	2	2	1,295	1,310
Bean cake, miso (MT)	4	4	8,283	9,309	1	0	1,251	940
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	34	35	17,444	17,972	4	3	2,646	2,371
Garlic, dried (MT)	40	8	25,311	4,542	2	1	1,495	876
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	53	51	117,141	108,020	9	7	20,271	13,434
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	28	37	56,211	72,568	5	5	9,070	9,934
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	1	2	11,913	14,271	0	0	1,907	2,665
Onions, preserved (MT)	1	2	1,684	2,556	0	1	240	500
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	4	25,191	23,933	0	0	2,526	2,163
Artichokes - prep (MT)	12	14	26,072	28,211	3	2	7,285	4,335
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,001	1,755	0	0	33	290
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	106	34	99,813	42,346	26	5	25,206	6,359
Waterchestnuts (MT)	20	21	12,829	11,943	4	5	2,681	2,980
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	42	46	24,987	25,030	6	5	3,709	3,135
Mustard (MT)	8	9	10,026	9,530	1	2	1,620	1,328
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	14	15	17,307	17,306	2	2	2,357	2,006
Soy sauce (MT)	25	22	26,092	22,787	4	3	4,205	3,506
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	86	112	55,110	56,922	10	13	6,914	7,010
Soups & sauces (MT)	98	140	165,593	194,131	13	19	20,871	25,873
Vinegar (HL)	170	199	21,279	23,122	27	29	2,937	3,082
Yeasts (MT)	33	33	37,789	37,308	5	4	5,223	4,358
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	385,036	417,789	0	0	73,901	52,123
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	842,687	833,204	0	0	142,420	113,408
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	966	661	320,916	247,550	147	111	62,009	35,565
Molasses (HL)	5,329	5,315	33,956	33,048	696	734	5,122	4,932
Confectionery prods (MT)	157	181	363,895	417,615	23	24	55,574	54,653
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	248	306	123,919	134,991	41	39	19,715	18,258
Spices (MT)	22	25	33,863	37,964	4	3	6,059	4,820
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	114	116	442,184	337,926	15	8	55,430	24,672
Tobacco - filler (MT)	98	94	417,491	320,860	11	7	51,260	23,253
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	15	21	8,852	8,769	4	1	2,306	321
Other tobacco (MT)	1	0	15,841	8,297	0	0	1,863	1,098
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	2,336,261	2,568,355	0	0	356,059	387,745
Wine (HL)	2,390	2,595	1,225,693	1,312,084	321	386	167,845	178,443
Malt beverages (HL)	10,900	11,647	986,283	1,086,594	1,799	1,906	164,607	175,064
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	124,285	169,677	0	0	23,607	34,239
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	2,305	2,274	1,210,223	1,156,703	299	359	171,541	176,282
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	578	481	216,626	165,894	100	134	56,875	45,053
Flaxseed (MT)	83	86	21,588	18,361	9	18	2,318	3,520
Mustard seeds (MT)	30	31	10,575	9,585	4	4	1,496	1,341
Rapeseed (MT)	221	160	62,845	37,860	17	50	6,046	11,203
Sesameseed (MT)	28	29	32,121	33,561	3	4	3,671	4,726
Soybeans (MT)	68	69	18,032	16,213	9	5	2,227	1,303
Sunflower seeds (MT)	26	25	8,006	6,937	2	2	506	492
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	121	80	63,459	43,378	56	51	40,611	22,468
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,022	1,092	905,350	904,665	107	127	102,780	119,448
Castor oil (MT)	11	26	10,004	24,207	4	7	3,388	6,614
Coconut oil (MT)	228	222	154,165	150,091	11	24	8,002	14,269
Cottonseed oil (MT)	17	0	10,660	163	0	0	3	4
Olive oil (MT)	100	102	196,937	238,916	18	18	32,207	41,916

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Palm oil (MT)	84	98	45,546	31,736	10	4	5,612	1,375
Palm kernel oil (MT)	81	117	58,992	80,066	5	6	3,394	3,949
Peanut oil (MT)	16	1	13,743	1,654	0	0	157	219
Rapeseed oil (MT)	289	307	181,405	143,549	37	40	21,592	18,188
Soybean oil (MT)	19	22	12,360	10,970	3	3	1,461	1,446
Sesame oil (MT)	4	5	12,059	15,038	1	1	1,797	2,016
Other vegetable oils (MT)	173	191	209,479	208,274	20	25	25,169	29,452
Oilcake & meal (MT)	705	702	88,246	86,143	93	99	11,886	11,781
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	44	8	65,523	16,083	26	2	34,846	3,520
Cotton linters (MT)	19	13	4,209	2,861	8	5	1,586	1,132
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	223	371	314,089	353,860	60	73	78,130	106,613
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	366,465	399,225	0	0	66,724	66,142
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	288,885	317,805	0	0	39,756	53,738
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	192,305	178,795	0	0	26,848	22,201
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	8,724,841	9,884,335	0	0	1,269,040	1,436,853
Fertilizers (MT)	15,169	16,240	1,448,940	1,714,705	2,407	2,404	230,097	271,108
Potassium (MT)	5,656	6,252	485,520	494,464	909	1,034	71,924	86,510
Nitrogen (MT)	5,938	6,110	714,214	791,464	977	912	115,053	125,557
Phosphate (MT)	3,569	3,870	245,363	423,840	520	456	42,095	58,097
Fish (MT)	0	0	4,575,626	5,211,275	0	0	588,923	663,349
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	2,048,854	2,223,042	0	0	303,520	308,743
Shellfish (MT)	299	327	2,481,183	2,949,834	35	40	279,892	349,771
Fish prods, other (MT)	32	26	45,589	38,398	6	2	5,511	4,835
Ag chemicals (MT)	77	84	683,657	587,909	14	14	138,120	92,053
Fungicides (MT)	23	20	112,620	87,007	4	4	15,516	19,035
Herbicides (MT)	14	21	205,687	181,476	4	3	54,928	25,991
Insecticides (MT)	14	15	136,466	79,908	3	3	39,371	11,255
Other pesticides (MT)	26	27	228,884	239,518	3	5	28,305	35,771
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	1,804,771	2,108,563	0	0	282,908	374,081
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	5,192	5,511	915,797	1,050,012	576	540	129,776	181,507
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	888,974	1,058,551	0	0	153,132	192,574
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	8	10	211,847	261,883	1	2	28,993	36,262

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	Mar.	Apr.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,668	3,917	30,732	2
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,536	3,666	25,074	24
Imports (customs value)	3,679	3,376	23,129	4
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	1,132	252	5,658	-42
Exports less customs-val. imports	989	541	7,603	-4
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	46	37	521	19
Meat & poultry	638	570	4,394	24
Dairy prod & eggs	112	95	710	12
Hides & skins	135	115	761	17
Wheat	241	246	1,830	-10
Rice	88	50	634	-13
Corn	394	391	2,686	-6
Other feed grains	64	51	426	21
Animal feeds	370	290	2,262	6
Soybeans	595	292	3,701	6
Vegetable oils	110	100	849	-31
Fruits & nuts	350	313	2,502	-5
Vegetables	390	387	2,633	3
Cotton & linters	252	186	1,133	20
Tobacco, unmfq.	149	123	827	-12
Seeds & nursery	119	83	755	-4
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	170	157	1,146	23
Meat & poultry	341	314	2,080	21
Dairy prod. & eggs	140	124	953	4
Grains & feeds	261	232	1,850	4
Fruits & nuts	559	509	3,283	5
Vegetables	464	430	2,923	1
Vegetable oils	154	119	905	0
Wine	174	178	1,312	7
Malt beverages	191	175	1,087	10
Coffee	325	255	1,801	-3
Cocoa	134	114	933	-7
Rubber, natural	88	78	496	6
Cane & beet sugar	42	36	248	-23
Tobacco, unmfq.	46	25	338	-24
Seeds & flowers	176	226	1,071	10

Preliminary data.

Table 5--U.S. trade with China, 3-year sums

	FY1991-93	FY1994-96	FY1997-99
\$ million			
U.S. EXPORTS			
Total agriculture	1,688.0	5,123.5	4,299.8
Animal products	97.9	469.1	705.8
Red meat	3.6	16.8	73.1
Poultry	50.3	137.6	167.8
Hides and skins	25.7	232.6	333.5
Grains and feeds	941.9	1,826.0	246.1
Wheat	938.2	1,155.4	129.4
Corn	0.0	639.8	66.4
Oilseeds & prods.	59.0	712.3	2,217.6
Soybeans	0.0	26.3	334.7
Soybean meal	43.6	152.5	1,237.7
Soybean oil	9.0	472.9	590.9
Cotton	541.4	2,016.1	886.4
U.S. IMPORTS			
Total agriculture	1,106.9	1,498.0	2,159.7
Noncompetitive	303.0	399.3	546.6
Animal products	193.1	253.4	403.1
Grains and feeds	30.1	69.7	99.4
Fruits and preps.	60.6	77.7	153.5
Nuts and preps.	38.7	49.9	71.5
Vegetables	254.8	374.5	423.4
Sugar and prods.	71.7	77.6	99.7
Seeds	39.7	48.9	77.7
Trade surplus			
with China	581.1	3,625.6	2,140.0
Total trade			
with China	2,794.9	6,621.5	6,459.5