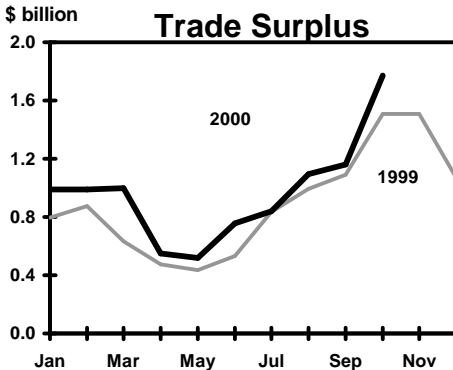


U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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Summary—The U.S. agricultural trade surplus increased again in October, and is 17 percent higher than in October 1999. The January-October surplus of \$9.7 billion is 18 percent larger than in the same period in 1999. Exports to date of \$42.2 billion are 7 percent higher than the past year, while imports are only 4 percent more. October exports are \$400 million more than in October 1999, and \$900 million more than in September 2000.

Exports—Bulk commodity exports of \$14.4 billion from January to October are 6.5 percent ahead of last year. This gain is from larger sales of soybeans and cotton. Export values of wheat, corn, rice, and tobacco all declined.

Shipments of *soybeans* already exceed \$4 billion thus far in 2000, \$695 million more than in 1999. This 21-percent gain in value is less than the 23-percent rise in volume as prices fell since June 2000. Soybean prices from July to October are comparable with 1999 prices, which were the lowest in the past decade. Volume shipped to China increased almost 200 percent thus far as China's demand for soybeans for crushing shot up, most of which are used as livestock feed. The other export markets of note are the European Union (EU), Mexico, and South Korea.

Cotton exports to date of \$1.6 billion are 133 percent higher than in 1999 as volume shipped jumped more than 800,000 tons. Import demand from Mexico, Turkey, and Indonesia was strong, as cotton prices remain relatively low despite some recent gains. World production in marketing years 1999/2000 and 2001 is estimated to fall short of total consumption. As a result, global stocks are smaller. The United States remains the world's leading exporter of cotton.

Wheat sales are down significantly as volume shipped fell and as prices remain low. January-October exports of \$2.7 billion are \$228 million less than in 1999 and volume is down nearly 1 million tons. Exports to Russia, Pakistan, Japan, and other East Asian markets are all down. However, volume shipped to the EU, the Mid-East, Egypt, and the Philippines is up. Estimated world production in 1999/2000 was down somewhat, and the EU is expected to have lower exportable supply.

Shipments of *corn* are down \$356 million and 2.8 million tons from 1999. Despite higher world consumption, year-to-date sales of \$3.8 billion slipped because competitors raised their

exports, especially China and Argentina. A major U.S. market, South Korea, increased corn imports from China, displacing U.S. exports. U.S. volume shipped to Japan, Malaysia, and South Africa declined the most.

At close to \$28 billion, year-to-date exports of *high-value products* are responsible for two-thirds of the \$2.8-billion increase in total U.S. farm exports. Red meat, hides, and feeds and fodders lead with export gains of \$1.2 billion. An additional \$740 million are earned from exports of poultry, fruits, nuts, vegetables, and sugar products. Despite the high exchange value of the dollar in foreign markets—gaining 11 percent since 1997—import demand from Mexico, Japan, and South Korea, among others, was strong enough to offset the exchange-rate effect.

Imports—The \$1.3-billion rise in U.S. agricultural imports is largely from purchases of high-value products. Of \$32.5 billion in total imports to date, only \$6.7 billion are noncompetitive, or mostly tropical products. Their low prices keep import values flat. The imported products that increased significantly are red meats (up \$491 million), beverages (up \$352 million), live animals (up \$227 million), and vegetables (up \$110 million). [Andy Jerardo, 202-694-5323, ajerardo@ers.usda.gov]

The fastest growing import values of major agricultural products in the past 3 years are red meats, dairy products, fruits and juices, nuts, vegetables, beverages, and fish (see table 5). Red meats and products, whose share of total imports is now 10 percent, grew 37 percent since only 1998. These high-value products account for most of the growth in U.S. imports of competitive products, increasing 16 percent since 1997. In contrast, other competitive U.S. farm imports declined 26 percent since 1997. Much of these increases are attributed to average U.S. gross domestic product growth of 4.5 percent and the dollar's 20-percent real exchange-rate appreciation since 1997 (with respect to the currencies of U.S. import sources). Import values that declined include noncompetitive tropical products, sugar, tobacco, and oilseeds and products, due in large part to lower prices.

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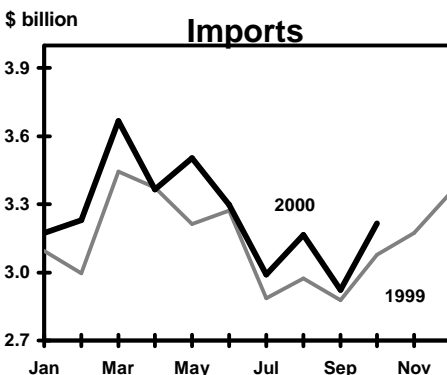
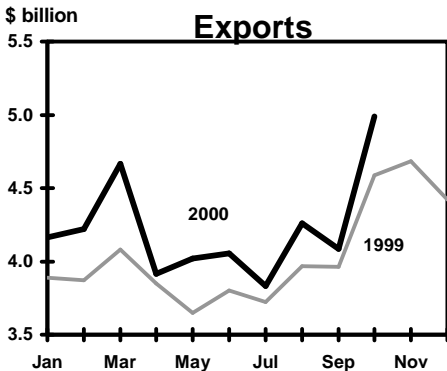


Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Quantity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	39,380,568	42,203,257	0	0	4,587,241	4,987,370
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	8,410,783	9,751,860	0	0	1,062,136	1,210,802
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	330,819	576,266	0	0	108,051	253,002
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	238	387	125,283	223,261	80	130	45,023	79,729
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	50	52	169,305	324,862	8	5	59,566	169,983
Swine - live (NO)	170	66	17,735	10,741	10	4	1,637	1,271
Sheep, live (NO)	374	321	15,794	14,916	30	34	1,505	1,594
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	2,702	2,487	0	0	321	425
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,793	1,998	3,904,879	4,447,185	219	190	478,708	403,502
Beef & veal (MT)	660	709	2,212,785	2,545,827	75	63	261,370	217,380
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	644	691	2,156,371	2,482,803	74	61	255,299	210,502
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	16	18	56,414	63,024	2	2	6,071	6,878
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	9	8	27,178	24,767	1	1	2,989	1,940
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	2	2	5,094	4,256	0	0	382	160
Pork (MT)	337	357	863,349	1,004,977	50	36	120,925	95,088
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	302	320	778,292	909,814	45	32	109,656	84,684
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	35	37	85,057	95,162	5	4	11,269	10,404
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	432	496	584,012	627,573	48	54	65,465	66,714
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	353	426	212,461	239,784	45	36	27,576	22,220
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	1,723,246	1,864,802	0	0	214,168	221,916
Poultry - live (NA)	45,653	44,669	91,741	83,119	4,065	5,739	7,782	9,953
Baby chicks (NO)	36,940	35,706	80,077	71,847	3,358	5,203	6,878	9,113
Other live poultry (NA)	8,713	8,963	11,664	11,272	707	536	903	840
Poultry meats (MT)	2,118	2,371	1,480,040	1,622,842	279	279	190,619	194,532
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,929	2,145	1,192,387	1,285,135	255	250	153,845	150,721
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	126	154	132,329	159,484	16	18	18,016	20,845
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	4	4	7,708	7,485	1	0	1,067	503
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	58	67	147,616	170,739	7	10	17,691	22,463
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	4	4	13,539	16,715	0	0	1,611	2,254
Eggs (NA)	0	0	137,926	142,126	0	0	14,156	15,176
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	775,889	831,217	0	0	93,460	111,688
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	3	4	2,890	3,640	0	0	295	206
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	112	87	155,544	136,164	19	12	28,655	22,663
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	2	1	2,665	2,588	0	0	56	134
Cheese (MT)	32	38	108,000	111,090	4	4	13,346	12,409
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	100,017	148,308	0	0	10,772	31,867
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	406,773	429,428	0	0	40,336	44,409
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	1,119	1,013	422,846	328,769	103	113	38,221	30,685
Lard (MT)	67	84	31,492	36,887	7	5	3,451	2,378
Tallow - inedible (MT)	745	673	266,293	194,757	66	68	22,278	17,053
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	307	256	125,061	97,125	29	39	12,492	11,254
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	949,913	1,331,100	0	0	96,949	140,112
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	15,152	18,805	720,201	1,030,643	1,615	1,698	79,200	102,466
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	40,510	31,023	0	0	4,421	2,554
Calf skins, whole (PC)	1,209	1,172	24,059	41,295	111	158	1,983	7,948
Horse hides, whole (PC)	97	1,041	3,157	35,061	15	441	297	13,745
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	7,975	17,573	0	0	884	1,715
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	6,432	6,178	37,921	43,961	651	310	5,491	4,325
Furskins (NA)	0	0	116,091	131,544	0	0	4,672	7,359
Mink pelts (NO)	4,024	4,207	92,657	107,715	126	166	3,579	5,647
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	23,434	23,830	0	0	1,094	1,712
Wool & mohair (MT)	4	4	18,855	16,068	1	0	2,620	1,078
Sausage casings (MT)	16	21	54,005	54,669	2	2	5,047	5,506
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	49,937	47,754	0	0	6,119	5,530
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	180,392	254,030	0	0	18,792	37,784
Grains & feeds (MT)	86,535	85,366	11,638,394	11,342,895	9,193	8,608	1,224,092	1,141,815
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	23,589	22,719	2,974,018	2,746,036	2,608	2,244	318,742	266,590
Wheat flour (MT)	802	640	141,327	112,359	92	83	13,595	15,763
Bulqur wheat (MT)	12	4	1,970	1,081	0	0	3	9
Other wheat prods (MT)	75	84	72,510	73,520	10	8	8,991	6,400
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,259	2,520	756,316	679,161	328	229	97,540	61,865
Feed grains & prods (MT)	48,970	46,936	4,820,342	4,523,444	5,026	4,730	465,995	431,427
Feed grains (MT)	48,430	46,376	4,654,289	4,354,097	4,972	4,647	448,684	408,019
Barley (MT)	603	814	72,169	91,761	102	166	12,702	19,470
Corn (MT)	43,253	40,503	4,150,543	3,795,043	4,382	4,019	391,382	348,586
Grain sorghums (MT)	4,551	5,030	428,590	464,017	484	457	44,120	39,474
Oats (MT)	20	19	2,635	2,367	2	3	276	305
Rye (MT)	3	10	352	909	2	2	203	185
Feed grain prods (MT)	539	561	166,053	169,348	54	83	17,312	23,408
Popcorn (MT)	77	90	48,606	54,227	8	10	5,367	5,750
Blended food prods (MT)	235	252	62,812	62,969	31	15	8,030	3,141
Other grain prods (MT)	851	815	931,818	970,579	87	89	105,586	111,960
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	9,667	11,305	1,828,676	2,119,518	1,004	1,201	200,242	238,908
Corn by-products (MT)	4,585	4,884	462,903	496,487	470	609	49,839	56,142
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	212	183	30,978	29,252	19	17	2,645	2,639
Beet pulp (MT)	442	487	48,407	61,618	76	43	7,778	5,377
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	514	725	43,203	51,475	4	3	761	524
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	3,914	5,026	1,243,184	1,480,686	434	528	139,220	174,226
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	2,339	2,670	2,085,257	2,264,064	224	272	217,299	253,982
Fruits - fr (MT)	1,959	2,287	1,513,819	1,718,968	182	221	152,001	180,468
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	637	890	379,958	501,786	37	46	22,629	25,770
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	344	311	178,932	167,950	21	23	10,969	12,688
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	94	88	65,257	60,706	10	8	8,009	5,543
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	198	490	134,518	272,062	7	14	3,587	7,377

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	1	1	1,252	1,068	0	0	65	162
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	1,322	1,397	1,133,860	1,217,182	145	176	129,372	154,698
Apples - fresh (MT)	497	473	281,156	278,321	40	59	23,105	33,759
Berries - fresh (MT)	75	90	130,459	150,548	6	5	14,008	11,958
Cherries - fresh (MT)	41	42	152,772	168,201	1	0	843	813
Grapes - fresh (MT)	166	209	215,435	248,057	49	60	58,674	71,126
Melons - fresh (MT)	231	238	79,035	85,046	12	13	5,447	6,636
Peaches - fresh (MT)	99	114	95,625	103,714	5	9	4,192	7,098
Pears - fresh (MT)	106	122	60,448	67,095	24	20	13,258	11,169
Plums - fresh (MT)	55	62	52,243	57,050	3	5	3,068	4,792
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	53	48	66,688	59,150	5	5	6,776	7,346
Fruits - dried (MT)	157	156	312,092	274,558	17	26	34,423	41,636
Raisins - dried (MT)	81	72	159,847	118,160	8	14	15,051	19,490
Prunes - dried (MT)	54	57	107,179	110,800	6	8	12,759	14,283
Other dried fruits (MT)	23	27	45,067	45,599	4	5	6,612	7,862
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	120	121	117,420	121,297	12	13	12,818	15,308
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	37	37	53,071	54,170	4	4	4,835	5,420
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	65	68	88,855	95,070	9	7	13,223	11,151
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	10,941	10,079	645,037	609,110	983	893	58,971	57,444
Apple juice (HL)	308	258	38,626	31,410	31	23	3,508	3,167
Grape juice (HL)	756	703	59,765	57,709	97	78	7,380	6,285
Grapefruit juice (HL)	869	1,204	47,699	69,008	74	155	3,897	7,821
Orange juice (HL)	4,860	4,667	262,758	245,823	359	349	19,926	21,224
Other fruit juices (HL)	4,148	3,246	236,189	205,160	423	287	24,260	18,947
Wine (HL)	2,237	2,357	437,157	454,444	254	343	47,152	60,565
Nuts & prep (MT)	394	537	912,985	1,058,056	62	110	121,216	234,101
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	158	194	500,322	527,943	21	44	52,107	119,990
Filberts (MT)	4	10	8,316	17,600	2	3	3,893	4,428
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	144	206	149,084	194,518	18	22	19,168	20,275
Pistachios (MT)	19	15	70,418	66,605	2	3	6,834	12,624
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	39	56	95,760	126,927	14	30	28,888	58,302
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	7	10	45,498	49,736	1	1	3,939	6,331
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	22	45	43,588	74,728	4	7	6,388	12,153
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	3,500,797	3,653,202	0	0	386,749	393,261
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	1,542	1,695	872,289	995,169	159	164	84,845	94,275
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	17	17	48,361	50,246	0	0	750	611
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	126	160	82,466	110,318	11	10	8,173	7,371
Carrots - fresh (MT)	105	108	58,539	58,774	5	7	3,187	4,332
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	35	33	13,179	14,937	2	1	850	683
Celery - fresh (MT)	101	96	34,136	45,900	8	7	2,744	2,633
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	75	60	49,791	41,390	6	5	3,660	3,395
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	39	42	16,162	17,216	1	1	422	557
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	18	20	10,328	11,714	2	2	1,433	1,380
Garlic - fresh (MT)	6	6	8,635	8,545	1	1	1,105	1,313
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	256	270	129,342	149,750	32	31	16,704	16,512
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	6	5	13,079	13,715	1	1	2,697	4,986
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	191	226	62,747	65,952	44	45	10,871	10,917
Peppers - fresh (MT)	55	59	47,599	54,604	6	6	5,126	5,565
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	240	275	74,106	78,566	12	15	3,785	4,617
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	126	159	100,797	133,383	12	15	8,141	15,137
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	145	158	123,024	140,158	16	15	15,198	14,264
Vegetables - froz (MT)	559	577	435,839	445,160	55	58	42,254	43,270
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	61	56	51,139	46,967	6	6	5,087	4,799
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	404	422	296,647	306,681	38	41	27,573	29,489
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	95	99	88,054	91,512	11	10	9,594	8,981
Vegetables - canned (MT)	321	332	271,807	275,865	44	39	35,321	30,558
Pulses (MT)	417	385	201,070	180,152	58	66	27,357	31,941
Dried beans (MT)	280	245	151,043	126,084	36	41	19,341	21,494
Dried peas (MT)	85	86	30,194	31,412	16	17	5,342	7,651
Dried lentils (MT)	52	54	19,833	22,655	6	8	2,673	2,797
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	7	8	56,947	65,759	1	1	5,823	6,012
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,662,844	1,691,097	0	0	191,150	187,205
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	25,205	28,452	6,411,368	6,748,123	3,964	4,602	904,835	1,027,185
Oilcake & meal (MT)	5,450	5,350	893,809	997,164	706	580	128,876	113,793
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	368	318	28,076	22,701	26	56	1,903	4,123
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	46	38	4,432	3,672	6	0	608	44
Soybean meal (MT)	4,850	4,866	835,269	948,065	660	512	124,303	107,281
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	185	128	26,031	22,727	14	12	2,062	2,346
Oilseeds (MT)	17,706	21,494	4,141,394	4,728,309	3,007	3,887	618,907	827,452
Rapeseed (MT)	121	124	29,526	29,034	20	26	4,256	5,489
Safflower seeds (MT)	31	30	11,332	10,891	5	9	1,806	2,674
Soybeans (MT)	16,835	20,690	3,361,692	4,056,584	2,913	3,788	558,992	700,977
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	102	89	77,781	63,069	11	11	9,013	7,319
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	25	32	20,989	25,762	5	5	3,720	3,865
Other oilseeds (MT)	474	416	101,496	103,826	38	36	7,767	10,217
Protein substances (MT)	116	112	538,579	439,144	15	13	33,352	96,909
Vegetable oils (MT)	2,049	1,608	1,376,165	1,022,649	251	135	157,053	85,940
Soybean oil (MT)	758	425	391,237	192,978	95	20	41,462	10,195
Cottonseed oil (MT)	42	49	26,327	27,720	5	6	2,746	2,909
Sunflower oil (MT)	300	189	169,970	100,961	33	14	17,937	6,468
Corn oil (MT)	354	366	257,231	204,684	44	36	32,170	18,346
Peanut oil (MT)	5	5	4,459	4,081	1	0	998	296
Rapeseed oil (MT)	80	103	41,248	42,870	12	6	5,227	2,219
Safflower oil (MT)	30	16	31,521	17,089	1	0	974	350

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	480	455	454,172	432,267	60	52	55,539	45,157
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	163	148	1,107,471	991,485	14	9	116,254	65,583
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	48	36	390,446	302,309	3	1	28,517	10,174
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	70	66	489,462	484,877	5	4	39,042	27,631
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	45	46	227,562	204,299	5	4	48,695	27,778
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	466	1,279	679,316	1,584,794	36	83	47,804	112,249
Cotton linters (MT)	35	52	12,453	18,105	5	3	1,636	1,440
Essential oils (MT)	41	47	444,662	503,206	4	4	52,393	49,318
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	451	606	608,090	614,199	37	57	59,306	66,235
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	1,211,781	1,333,388	0	0	149,517	167,989
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	491,917	531,933	0	0	59,377	59,230
Sugar - cane or beet (NA)	114	84	40,571	29,632	14	6	4,582	2,632
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	451,347	502,301	0	0	54,795	56,598
Coffee (MT)	43	50	198,918	210,388	5	6	21,259	23,807
Cocoa (MT)	35	36	74,121	74,533	5	5	10,101	10,248
Chocolate & prep (MT)	86	115	258,169	329,940	12	18	38,649	56,223
Tea & mate (MT)	22	22	93,509	83,902	2	3	9,596	9,954
Spices (MT)	26	28	58,578	66,945	3	3	6,550	6,151
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	23	21	34,956	33,845	2	2	3,803	2,197
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	3	2	1,613	1,902	0	0	181	178
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	342,621	383,968	0	0	42,671	53,759
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	238,675	222,029	0	0	26,577	27,281
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	693,722	670,332	0	0	68,634	64,360
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	12,230,178	11,691,720	0	0	1,195,756	1,150,231
Fertilizers (MT)	10	18	2,531,513	1,914,645	1	5	217,016	140,397
Nitrogen (MT)	5	14	2,521,456	1,908,502	1	4	216,074	139,902
Phosphate (MT)	5	3	10,058	6,143	0	0	941	495
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	2,489,612	2,492,342	0	0	340,028	314,171
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	1,467,884	1,401,826	0	0	217,767	189,854
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	612,974	641,381	0	0	87,409	90,136
Other fish prods (MT)	246	201	408,754	449,135	45	43	34,851	34,181
Aq chemicals (MT)	280	283	1,535,349	1,388,110	20	25	122,586	108,398
Fungicides (MT)	29	26	155,630	130,063	2	3	12,744	10,655
Herbicides (MT)	133	123	752,603	713,417	10	4	48,664	27,635
Insecticides (MT)	60	98	376,348	325,616	4	14	31,810	31,131
Other pesticides (MT)	58	36	250,768	219,014	4	5	29,368	38,977
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	2,440,842	2,599,904	0	0	220,293	235,419
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	34	35	883,161	948,994	3	3	74,961	83,342
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	1,557,681	1,650,910	0	0	145,332	152,077
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	3,232,862	3,296,719	0	0	295,834	351,845

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

Table 2- Leading markets in calendar 1999 and 2000 and October 2000 (metric tons)

	Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000	Oct. 2000		Jan-Oct 1999	Jan-Oct 2000	Oct. 2000
Wheat				Corn			
Egypt	3,599,277	3,801,993	397,817	Japan	12,875,361	12,441,425	953,257
Japan	2,706,874	2,479,691	184,833	Mexico	4,393,370	4,337,847	357,227
Philippines	1,448,300	1,741,819	105,278	China (Taiwan)	3,751,763	4,016,836	514,587
Mexico	1,457,194	1,391,245	138,847	Egypt	3,348,206	3,590,024	667,745
South Korea	1,423,353	1,312,385	101,035	South Korea	5,685,809	2,003,685	90,389
European Union	843,155	1,102,476	98,967	Colombia	1,274,184	1,436,683	166,580
Nigeria	1,040,897	1,036,538	118,880	Venezuela	939,483	1,052,013	115,733
China (Taiwan)	755,016	873,376	44,895	Canada	789,891	1,023,178	210,470
Israel	683,040	679,038	0	Algeria	669,826	941,256	108,050
Algeria	488,250	652,595	18,696	Saudi Arabia	969,717	893,338	77,411
World	23,589,016	22,719,151	2,243,688	World	43,253,037	40,502,529	4,019,309
Soybeans				Cotton			
China (Mainland)	1,404,422	4,148,065	738,819	Mexico	146,105	315,527	28,793
European Union	3,745,847	3,954,525	769,916	Turkey	21,609	158,767	6,522
Japan	2,980,058	2,942,768	392,595	Indonesia	33,107	105,237	6,019
Mexico	2,716,516	2,883,923	483,053	Japan	41,501	81,385	3,935
China (Taiwan)	1,638,077	1,570,330	191,546	China (Taiwan)	33,110	80,661	2,711
South Korea	934,900	1,101,761	85,797	Hong Kong	15,845	64,669	2,527
Indonesia	805,984	770,511	161,911	Brazil	418	56,733	80
Thailand	625,373	421,824	110,286	South Korea	33,777	56,321	4,668
Israel	453,863	369,804	47,918	Canada	32,832	53,852	6,791
Philippines	217,989	284,390	46,181	Thailand	11,242	48,938	1,161
World	16,834,978	20,689,996	3,787,735	World	466,304	1,278,974	83,136

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

Quantity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	31,207,825	32,533,809	0	0	3,078,651	3,216,661
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	6,654,549	6,681,337	0	0	624,610	591,775
Bananas & plantains (MT)	3,840	3,639	1,035,078	957,306	401	365	96,070	99,148
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,083	1,186	2,430,481	2,401,365	95	95	186,516	151,084
Cocoa & prods (MT)	739	871	1,250,338	1,196,907	67	76	118,813	121,605
Tea (MT)	137	146	206,007	211,750	12	11	19,630	17,963
Spices (MT)	133	138	401,023	430,974	15	16	49,681	51,397
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	971	1,046	598,512	723,104	130	100	77,130	65,397
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	467	127	0	0	24	28
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	10	9	21,396	21,608	1	1	1,900	2,231
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	84	68	34,619	32,483	9	8	3,726	3,458
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	277,684	270,687	0	0	30,766	30,197
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	54	59	398,944	435,026	5	7	40,355	49,267
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	24,553,275	25,852,471	0	0	2,454,041	2,624,886
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	5,865,028	6,776,115	0	0	678,362	729,242
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	1,143,148	1,369,874	0	0	160,416	205,004
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,490	1,688	809,190	909,200	203	225	110,366	120,746
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	27	228	147,257	206,578	3	3	28,041	55,368
Swine (NO)	3,424	3,614	176,213	243,697	374	412	21,158	28,048
Sheep, live (NO)	44	41	4,232	4,411	2	3	228	267
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	6,255	5,989	0	0	623	575
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	2,676,157	3,167,063	0	0	297,685	297,012
Beef & veal (MT)	816	869	1,784,577	2,031,412	85	74	197,672	174,926
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	747	806	1,589,754	1,868,365	78	68	179,104	157,829
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	69	62	194,823	163,047	7	6	18,572	17,097
Pork (MT)	282	340	607,405	827,796	34	36	72,285	87,344
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	218	265	409,058	578,336	26	28	47,610	61,248
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	64	75	198,347	249,460	7	7	24,674	26,096
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	41	49	149,717	175,712	4	5	15,023	19,393
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	20	29	0	0	0	17
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	43	47	71,083	84,324	4	5	8,379	8,591
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	2	3	14,779	15,741	0	0	1,638	2,976
Other meats & prods (MT)	15	9	48,577	32,049	1	1	2,683	3,765
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	167,383	252,883	0	0	16,109	23,912
Poultry - live (NA)	9,051	10,207	16,213	19,610	998	918	2,191	2,037
Poultry meat (MT)	11	14	31,395	41,366	1	2	3,646	4,800
Eggs (NA)	0	0	17,124	15,250	0	0	1,263	1,142
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	21	24	102,650	176,658	2	2	9,009	15,934
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	1,270,023	1,347,588	0	0	145,374	144,317
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	37,280	28,557	0	0	2,800	1,568
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	24	17	44,435	26,339	2	1	3,753	2,127
Cheese (MT)	158	151	565,749	551,463	21	17	72,156	66,410
Casein & mixtures (MT)	89	99	331,137	401,789	10	9	35,946	39,068
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	291,421	339,440	0	0	30,720	35,144
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	82	82	51,373	56,093	11	7	6,542	4,793
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	122,746	136,952	0	0	9,586	10,023
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	1	1	4,201	3,438	0	0	725	496
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	76,802	84,992	0	0	8,125	8,026
Furskins (NA)	4,799	5,247	41,744	48,523	398	335	736	1,501
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	11	12	31,413	35,427	1	1	3,684	2,321
Sausage casings (MT)	11	11	55,835	50,593	1	1	5,333	5,082
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	16,542	15,103	0	0	1,605	1,419
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	330,407	344,539	0	0	32,028	35,359
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	2,444,455	2,528,033	0	0	288,240	303,936
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	1,955	1,494	240,264	182,102	124	195	15,077	23,185
Corn, unmilled (MT)	285	168	29,033	18,318	22	4	2,321	755
Oats, unmilled (MT)	1,336	1,435	114,117	117,615	144	220	11,163	16,887
Barley, unmilled (MT)	453	444	54,936	59,777	49	31	6,030	3,687
Rice (MT)	284	241	148,913	142,935	33	24	15,941	15,485
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	309	347	689,695	770,246	44	49	112,391	116,250
Pasta & noodles (MT)	231	233	226,732	227,287	24	23	24,073	21,496
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	547,763	579,126	0	0	59,415	62,108
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	987	1,047	393,000	430,626	97	108	41,828	44,083
Fruits & preps (MT)	3,114	3,190	2,351,267	2,225,094	191	191	138,459	143,107
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	2,507	2,558	1,752,723	1,665,026	133	128	79,527	85,937
Apples, fresh (MT)	153	154	105,295	86,724	11	6	3,925	2,757
Avocados (MT)	32	43	39,809	62,715	10	12	13,304	17,281
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	73	72	102,434	116,138	30	24	23,668	19,442
Citrus, fresh (MT)	286	260	170,408	134,906	18	21	5,555	9,119
Grapes, fresh (MT)	363	432	498,326	477,877	2	3	1,102	1,318
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	41	47	35,871	33,817	0	0	61	369
Mangoes (MT)	214	222	138,495	133,292	6	6	5,293	4,870
Melons (MT)	770	742	246,668	215,636	19	14	5,888	4,628
Peaches (MT)	42	37	35,453	31,279	0	0	0	44
Pears (MT)	86	87	70,946	71,618	1	2	2,283	3,228
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	238	258	109,275	107,697	28	28	11,331	13,502
Plums (MT)	25	21	24,008	20,684	0	0	39	10
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	80	67	94,041	76,787	1	1	757	877
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	103	115	81,694	95,855	8	11	6,319	8,491
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	607	632	598,544	560,068	58	64	58,932	57,170
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	291	269	212,641	160,047	28	24	19,097	14,328
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	316	363	385,903	400,021	29	40	39,835	42,842
Fruit juices (HL)	26,862	26,842	654,677	660,859	2,341	2,670	54,915	62,334
Apple juice (HL)	9,744	9,861	186,533	242,352	907	984	18,428	22,454
Grape juice (HL)	1,443	1,405	62,400	56,846	216	143	8,338	5,636
Grapefruit juice (HL)	11	139	572	3,873	2	10	97	299
Lemon juice (HL)	409	761	5,260	15,516	49	95	533	1,750

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Lime juice (HL)	184	211	3,803	4,625	40	39	734	548
Orange juice (HL)	10,882	10,496	227,754	199,547	878	1,078	16,772	20,282
Pineapple juice (HL)	2,527	2,163	74,924	49,519	174	205	4,353	4,886
Other fruit juice (HL)	1,662	1,805	93,430	88,580	74	116	5,661	6,479
Nuts & preps (MT)	182	206	599,152	623,414	23	23	74,482	66,555
Brazil nuts (MT)	7	13	16,879	24,329	1	1	1,877	2,857
Cashew nuts (MT)	61	72	354,192	393,525	6	7	36,574	35,212
Chestnuts (MT)	2	2	4,740	4,480	1	1	2,846	2,986
Coconut meat (MT)	60	67	58,759	58,504	7	6	6,807	5,087
Filberts (MT)	4	4	18,679	12,800	1	1	4,618	1,953
Macadamia nuts (MT)	4	5	25,748	28,724	1	1	4,838	5,881
Pecans (MT)	16	12	57,444	38,725	3	2	10,090	5,388
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,843	1,044	0	0	19	37
Other nuts (MT)	27	33	60,868	61,283	2	3	6,813	7,154
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	3,773,879	3,884,119	0	0	335,374	371,171
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	3,101	3,096	2,129,716	2,262,686	251	274	171,191	191,636
Tomatoes (MT)	641	621	601,042	527,305	40	51	38,274	45,344
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	53	58	91,242	92,704	8	8	12,597	10,992
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	26	30	27,412	31,912	1	1	1,351	1,450
Cabbage (MT)	30	29	7,671	7,525	6	5	1,399	1,229
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	69	60	22,273	17,517	8	9	1,843	2,030
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	210	194	138,734	128,512	24	28	16,110	18,822
Celery, fresh (MT)	35	28	8,453	9,485	1	1	482	415
Cucumbers (MT)	259	269	111,935	143,113	19	22	7,601	11,955
Eggplant (MT)	24	30	16,268	17,854	0	1	271	349
Endive, fresh (MT)	2	2	4,776	3,407	0	0	494	305
Garlic (MT)	42	25	44,396	23,758	0	1	435	1,009
Lettuce (MT)	24	27	12,325	17,535	1	1	775	679
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	22	22	10,820	10,624	1	1	516	332
Onions (MT)	208	170	112,261	103,021	16	17	9,454	11,744
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	36	33	40,310	31,104	3	3	3,147	3,224
Peppers (MT)	286	300	262,119	386,733	17	20	15,362	16,507
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	704	751	307,802	366,064	66	69	32,319	36,717
Radishes, fresh (MT)	11	11	9,100	9,661	1	1	626	589
Squash (MT)	109	112	76,427	86,451	10	8	6,855	5,553
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	310	324	224,349	248,402	28	28	21,282	22,390
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,644,163	1,621,432	0	0	164,184	179,534
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	20	21	13,895	13,145	2	4	1,443	2,035
Bean cake, miso (MT)	6	6	11,295	12,393	1	1	1,105	1,429
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	43	41	24,175	23,560	4	4	2,558	2,668
Garlic, dried (MT)	26	17	19,164	9,209	1	1	420	794
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	75	77	167,832	149,074	8	9	17,762	18,031
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	42	57	84,613	108,562	4	6	8,586	10,720
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	2	3	15,006	19,418	0	0	1,175	1,193
Onions, preserved (MT)	2	2	3,409	3,412	0	0	436	458
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	4	23,434	22,685	0	0	118	339
Artichokes - prep (MT)	36	32	76,503	56,946	2	3	5,165	5,660
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,442	2,297	0	0	123	257
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	126	43	119,314	55,453	5	5	6,036	6,420
Waterchestnuts (MT)	30	34	19,326	18,502	1	2	910	1,247
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	60	62	34,576	35,188	7	7	3,600	3,813
Mustard (MT)	14	15	15,755	13,769	1	2	1,527	1,548
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	21	22	25,924	24,808	2	3	2,630	2,515
Soy sauce (MT)	35	34	36,095	36,214	3	4	3,133	4,075
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	136	153	79,519	77,423	15	23	8,828	10,298
Soups & sauces (MT)	140	179	229,234	256,531	19	23	28,989	34,373
Vinegar (HL)	268	312	33,841	37,220	31	33	3,925	4,924
Yeasts (MT)	45	48	54,476	54,100	5	5	6,066	6,600
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	555,337	591,522	0	0	59,648	60,139
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	1,331,212	1,318,267	0	0	111,895	147,868
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,408	1,247	499,880	428,074	68	140	24,225	47,047
Molasses (HL)	6,578	7,564	42,755	53,316	235	1,046	1,529	7,321
Confectionery prods (MT)	260	280	589,462	644,709	30	33	67,877	75,131
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	423	412	199,115	192,169	42	40	18,264	18,369
Spices (MT)	41	41	54,171	56,307	4	3	5,167	4,985
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	185	186	590,342	537,038	11	14	25,352	32,102
Tobacco - filler (MT)	151	150	552,901	497,100	8	9	23,206	29,286
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	30	34	12,682	13,875	3	4	1,251	1,523
Other tobacco (MT)	3	1	24,759	26,063	0	0	896	1,294
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	3,631,212	3,983,063	0	0	446,792	454,197
Wine (HL)	3,348	3,720	1,774,988	1,785,713	443	467	267,707	245,238
Malt beverages (HL)	17,894	20,196	1,618,919	1,875,718	1,642	1,916	155,912	179,192
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	237,305	321,632	0	0	23,173	29,767
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	3,099	3,545	1,540,021	1,584,449	284	356	135,939	157,151
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	844	999	269,007	271,440	56	55	17,516	14,915
Flaxseed (MT)	160	119	37,464	24,308	6	2	1,406	654
Mustard seeds (MT)	39	44	13,518	13,189	3	3	1,105	990
Rapeseed (MT)	189	235	50,501	50,024	16	1	3,252	142
Sesameseed (MT)	34	42	41,320	46,889	3	3	3,593	3,153
Soybeans (MT)	71	97	16,579	22,102	19	14	3,987	3,259
Sunflower seeds (MT)	21	36	6,520	9,822	3	6	942	1,645
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	330	427	103,105	105,105	4	26	3,230	5,073
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	1,342	1,535	1,150,386	1,184,775	131	198	106,209	129,142
Castor oil (MT)	39	38	33,517	34,272	4	4	3,668	2,991
Coconut oil (MT)	260	389	180,816	215,913	17	60	11,700	26,823
Cottonseed oil (MT)	10	4	5,365	1,786	0	0	0	0
Olive oil (MT)	134	167	282,095	354,433	11	17	26,739	33,334

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	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Palm oil (MT)	116	136	56,402	42,672	11	17	3,958	5,687
Palm kernel oil (MT)	176	146	126,024	92,162	25	25	16,895	13,051
Peanut oil (MT)	9	7	8,355	6,196	0	0	306	467
Rapeseed oil (MT)	425	443	236,331	195,035	45	55	21,298	21,582
Soybean oil (MT)	31	31	17,238	14,607	3	3	1,768	1,377
Sesame oil (MT)	6	7	18,629	20,659	1	1	1,980	2,299
Other vegetable oils (MT)	135	169	185,615	207,040	14	17	17,896	21,532
Oilcake & meal (MT)	913	1,012	120,628	128,234	97	104	12,214	13,093
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	102	10	132,642	19,742	1	1	1,099	1,710
Cotton linters (MT)	34	25	7,223	6,029	1	5	232	1,332
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	325	379	405,497	442,618	13	27	29,912	33,322
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	499,139	525,454	0	0	49,603	44,327
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	412,919	443,122	0	0	48,628	45,623
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	260,440	238,747	0	0	29,590	25,924
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	12,820,403	14,800,089	0	0	1,380,393	1,596,299
Fertilizers (MT)	19,817	21,392	1,938,121	2,489,911	2,232	2,436	214,015	278,800
Potassium (MT)	7,257	7,916	615,784	642,908	747	990	58,861	79,496
Nitrogen (MT)	7,494	8,198	923,607	1,157,365	836	893	105,595	122,395
Phosphate (MT)	5,056	5,266	392,547	682,598	648	552	49,311	76,435
Fish (MT)	0	0	7,168,296	8,098,788	0	0	862,811	1,007,329
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	3,103,620	3,176,925	0	0	308,407	330,675
Shellfish (MT)	474	507	4,005,317	4,863,804	60	62	548,041	668,698
Fish prods, other (MT)	49	43	59,358	58,059	6	4	6,363	7,957
Ag chemicals (MT)	104	111	848,916	813,630	5	5	48,915	33,349
Fungicides (MT)	34	33	180,600	151,954	1	1	4,633	3,577
Herbicides (MT)	17	23	208,729	254,501	0	1	3,755	8,936
Insecticides (MT)	21	18	192,595	131,338	1	1	6,757	7,446
Other pesticides (MT)	32	36	266,993	275,838	3	2	33,770	13,390
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	2,546,478	2,998,406	0	0	215,675	229,363
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	7,192	6,741	1,198,985	1,479,461	872	550	97,249	99,613
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	1,347,492	1,518,944	0	0	118,426	129,750
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	13	15	318,592	399,355	1	2	38,977	47,457

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

Table 4--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ million)

Item	Sept.	Oct.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,085	4,987	42,203	7
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,152	3,473	35,278	5
Imports (customs value)	2,922	3,217	32,534	4
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	932	1,514	6,925	23
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,162	1,771	9,669	18
Exports by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	48	263	659	56
Meat & poultry	574	598	6,070	13
Dairy prod & eggs	92	127	973	7
Hides & skins	131	140	1,331	40
Wheat	352	267	2,746	-8
Rice	48	62	679	-10
Corn	428	349	3,795	-9
Other feed grains	65	59	559	11
Animal feeds	314	353	3,117	14
Soybeans	280	701	4,057	21
Vegetable oils	89	86	1,023	-26
Fruits & nuts	428	546	3,931	8
Vegetables	338	393	3,653	4
Cotton & linters	100	114	1,603	132
Tobacco, unmfq.	60	66	991	-10
Seeds & nursery	76	94	836	-1
Imports customs value by major commodity group (million \$)				
Live animals	134	207	1,389	20
Meat & poultry	302	302	3,208	18
Dairy prod. & eggs	127	145	1,363	6
Grains & feeds	304	317	2,656	4
Fruits & nuts	347	371	4,467	-4
Vegetables	316	371	3,884	3
Vegetable oils	98	129	1,185	3
Wine	172	245	1,786	1
Malt beverages	172	179	1,876	16
Coffee	163	151	2,401	-1
Cocoa	131	122	1,197	-4
Rubber, natural	61	65	723	21
Cane & beet sugar	64	47	428	-14
Tobacco, unmfq.	50	32	537	-9
Seeds & flowers	109	123	1,411	7

Preliminary data.

Table 5--Fastest growing U.S. agricultural imports

	FY1998	FY1999	FY2000
annual percent change of values			
Total imports	3.3	1.3	4.3
Noncompetitive	1.3	-12.4	-0.4
Competitive	4.0	5.8	5.6
Red meats	5.2	14.3	19.8
Dairy products	7.5	14.9	4.0
Grains and feeds	-0.7	0.8	3.9
Fruits and juices	5.9	27.0	-2.7
Nuts and preps.	17.5	10.1	11.8
Vegetables	17.9	6.5	2.9
Beverages	14.1	14.9	10.4
Fish	11.1	2.8	14.4