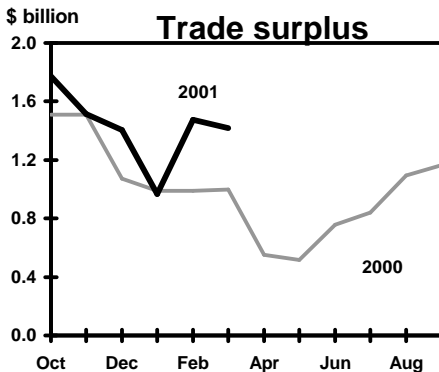


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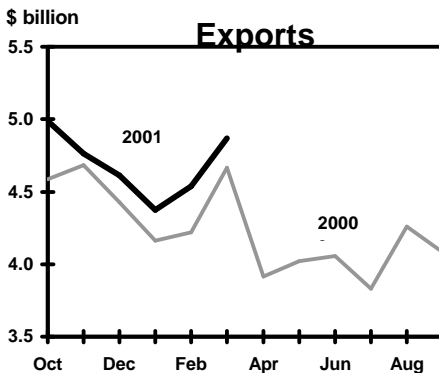
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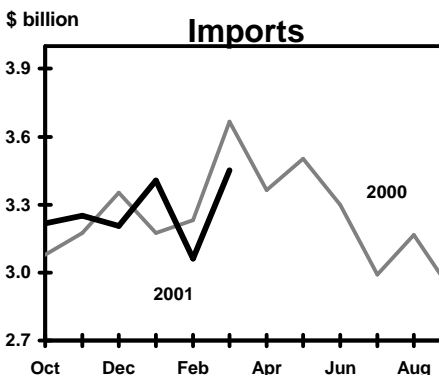
Summary—The \$8.5 billion October-March U.S. agricultural trade surplus is almost \$1.5 billion ahead of the same period last year. U.S. export value thus far in fiscal 2001 is \$28 billion, \$1.4 billion above 2000 and the largest since 1998. Imports are almost \$20 billion, but \$81 million lower than in fiscal 2000. The March 2001 trade surplus of \$1.4 billion exceeds the surpluses in March of the past 3 years.

Exports—Bulk commodity exports are up both in cumulative value and volume as gains in value and volume of soybeans and wheat, and cotton value offset declines in corn, rice, and tobacco value and volume. At more than \$10 billion, bulk exports are \$232 million ahead of last year, and shipments of 62.5 million tons are 551,000 tons higher. Following a 2-year upward trend, bulk exports in March are the biggest monthly value since December 1998.



The \$408-million gain to date in *soybean* exports, 12 percent higher than in 2000, is attributed to larger shipments to China and Mexico. Despite sales declines to the European Union (EU), South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan, total volume of 20 million tons shipped is 2.2 million tons greater than in the same period last year. As of March 29, commitments from foreign buyers for an additional 2.9 million tons through August have been recorded. Nevertheless, soybean prices through March have dropped from 2000.

Helped by higher *wheat* prices, U.S. wheat exports to date are up 4.4 percent, or \$69 million, from the same period in fiscal 2000. Volume shipped is also up 190,000 tons as sales to Indonesia, Nigeria, and Latin America are ahead of last year. Competition for world market share from Argentina over the last 5 years is hurting sales by other exporters, especially as import demand turned weaker in 1997-98. Argentine wheat exports have doubled in the past 5 years as production expanded by 50 percent.



Despite continued strong world *corn* production and import demand, U.S. corn exports to date have dropped from last year's pace. Corn shipments are down \$140 million thus far, and corresponding volume is off by 1.7 million tons. As in the wheat market, Argentina has gained on competitors in the world corn market. U.S. corn sales to South America, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East all are off sharply in October-March. Only Mexico significantly increased purchases of

U.S. corn, in part due to less U.S. supply of sorghum.

Cotton exports inched higher in value despite smaller volume shipped in the year-to-date. Cotton prices recently slipped, reversing a modest recovery in the second half of 2000. As world cotton production remains high relative to import demand, sales opportunities for cotton have narrowed. U.S. volume shipments to markets in Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East are down almost 100,000 tons to date.

The U.S. export gain so far in 2001 in *high-value products* is \$1.2 billion, on sales of \$18 billion through March. Although this export value is only 80 percent larger than that for bulk commodities, the cumulative export gain is more than five times as large. Leading the export pace are hides and skins (up \$280 million), feeds and fodders (up \$176 million), and fruits and nuts (up \$289 million). Although the U.S. dollar's exchange rate is even higher than last year thus far, import demand from Asian countries, and to a smaller extent from the EU, remains robust.

Imports—U.S. agricultural imports are down from last year's value. The decline in imports of noncompetitive farm products—coffee, cocoa, and rubber—is due mostly to low prices. This is offset by larger imports of foreign horticultural products, animals, and red meat. U.S. purchases of foreign-grown vegetables are \$260 million higher to date, led by tomatoes. Imports of malt beverages are fast approaching the level of wine imports. [Alberto Jerardo, 202-694-5323; ajerardo@ers.usda.gov]

Export prices of U.S. agricultural foods and feeds remain largely unchanged since 1999.

But over the past 2 years, world food prices are up 2.8 percent on average. Among U.S. bulk exports, only wheat prices increased significantly. Corn prices rose 2.5 percent from 1999. However, soybean and cotton prices are relatively flat, while rice and tobacco prices declined sharply since 1999.

Among U.S. high-value exports, meat and poultry prices gained 13 percent, and prices for hides and skins jumped an impressive 35 percent in 2 years. On the other hand, vegetable prices fell 3.5 percent, and fruits and nuts prices are down 21 percent. (See table 5.)

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

Quantity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Total agricultural exports (NA)	0	0	26,742,307	28,143,963	0	0	4,665,842	4,870,516
Animals & animal prods (NA)	0	0	5,941,269	6,210,251	0	0	1,010,923	1,024,470
Animals live - ex poultry (NA)	0	0	417,114	515,961	0	0	33,124	34,084
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	289	335	162,510	188,330	37	36	21,681	20,314
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	55	45	236,269	313,969	3	4	7,452	11,755
Swine - live (NO)	58	11	7,915	3,929	18	1	2,493	375
Sheep, live (NO)	193	170	9,287	8,237	26	30	1,415	1,575
Other live animals (NA)	0	0	1,133	1,496	0	0	82	63
Meats & meat prods (MT)	1,242	1,238	2,766,057	2,626,817	208	212	480,182	457,699
Beef & veal (MT)	438	403	1,582,213	1,400,667	74	63	284,700	231,891
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	428	391	1,546,103	1,359,718	72	60	277,601	223,588
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	10	11	36,110	40,949	2	2	7,099	8,303
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	6	6	17,005	19,890	1	1	2,488	4,801
Lamb,mutton or goat-fr,ch,frz(MT)	1	2	3,228	3,219	0	0	879	469
Pork (MT)	258	257	667,835	640,650	39	49	110,687	125,615
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	230	231	600,557	573,009	37	44	102,642	112,887
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	28	25	67,278	67,641	3	5	8,045	12,728
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	273	335	352,326	430,963	44	56	57,428	72,686
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	266	236	143,450	131,429	49	43	23,999	22,237
Poultry & poultry prods (NA)	0	0	1,156,538	1,179,689	0	0	187,010	181,771
Poultry - live (NA)	24,829	27,333	52,159	46,475	5,459	4,097	10,550	7,093
Baby chicks (NO)	19,707	23,749	45,263	41,079	4,474	3,340	9,111	6,058
Other live poultry (NA)	5,122	3,583	6,896	5,396	985	757	1,440	1,035
Poultry meats (MT)	1,475	1,523	1,008,128	1,033,780	218	232	158,272	157,314
Chickens - fr or froz (MT)	1,329	1,341	790,784	772,554	185	201	118,380	118,744
Turkeys - fr or froz (MT)	99	111	107,050	119,819	25	19	20,460	16,911
Other poultry - fr or froz (MT)	4	3	7,225	5,316	1	1	1,528	1,046
Poultry meats-prep or pres(MT)	42	69	103,068	136,092	7	11	17,903	20,612
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	9,442	12,605	0	0	1,981	2,325
Eggs (NA)	0	0	86,809	86,829	0	0	16,207	15,040
Dairy prods (NA)	0	0	515,689	561,056	0	0	96,272	83,523
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	3	2	2,334	1,995	0	1	446	763
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	89	46	125,681	89,783	13	6	18,574	11,420
Butter & anhyd milkfat (MT)	1	1	1,853	2,316	0	0	433	621
Cheese (MT)	20	26	63,853	77,993	4	4	12,471	12,304
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	0	0	73,775	89,940	0	0	13,681	12,867
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	248,192	299,029	0	0	50,668	45,547
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	585	559	225,344	164,506	112	92	39,692	27,890
Lard (MT)	48	30	22,665	14,489	7	4	3,565	1,971
Tallow - inedible (MT)	388	345	133,041	92,429	83	65	25,235	17,431
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	149	184	69,638	57,588	21	23	10,891	8,488
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	0	0	646,190	926,128	0	0	134,629	199,952
Bovine hides - whole (NO)	9,800	10,827	504,886	669,318	1,773	2,135	91,564	135,832
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	0	0	20,862	9,099	0	0	3,309	1,451
Calf skins, whole (PC)	564	883	11,514	35,286	69	170	1,240	4,728
Horse hides, whole (PC)	146	2,516	4,802	84,248	41	449	1,389	15,103
Sheep and lamb skins (PC)	0	0	6,887	11,020	0	0	1,295	3,275
Other hides & skins,ex furs(NA)	4,187	2,933	27,552	33,803	794	537	4,925	6,290
Furskins (NA)	0	0	69,685	83,354	0	0	30,906	33,272
Mink pelts (NO)	2,300	2,296	57,451	65,790	1,027	841	28,304	28,258
Other furskins (NA)	0	0	12,235	17,565	0	0	2,602	5,014
Wool & mohair (MT)	2	2	10,423	6,090	0	0	1,327	1,249
Sausage casings (MT)	11	14	33,143	33,675	2	2	4,882	6,463
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	30,792	27,682	0	0	6,819	5,902
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	0	0	139,978	168,647	0	0	26,987	25,937
Grains & feeds (MT)	51,289	49,501	6,936,202	7,008,799	8,186	8,718	1,155,484	1,231,091
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	12,827	13,016	1,583,229	1,652,351	1,858	1,929	241,028	248,762
Wheat flour (MT)	496	313	71,889	64,762	50	43	9,322	9,434
Bulqur wheat (MT)	3	5	757	1,215	3	0	711	11
Other wheat prods (MT)	54	50	49,095	43,531	9	8	7,879	7,313
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,030	1,812	583,711	450,389	312	350	87,717	79,761
Feed grains & prods (MT)	28,700	27,170	2,773,115	2,690,351	4,621	5,185	477,424	531,274
Feed grains (MT)	28,379	26,820	2,669,653	2,577,550	4,552	5,117	458,466	510,301
Barley (MT)	324	694	41,030	87,407	21	73	2,696	10,111
Corn (MT)	24,439	22,720	2,294,549	2,154,375	3,895	4,507	394,189	445,139
Grain sorghums (MT)	3,603	3,387	332,470	333,518	633	534	61,202	54,681
Oats (MT)	8	14	1,078	1,767	2	2	289	304
Rye (MT)	5	5	527	483	1	1	90	66
Feed grain prods (MT)	321	350	103,462	112,800	69	69	18,958	20,973
Popcorn (MT)	50	58	32,101	32,670	11	10	6,670	6,113
Blended food prods (MT)	137	122	36,015	34,441	27	17	6,490	4,203
Other grain prods (MT)	514	511	581,022	637,498	86	82	101,674	115,032
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	6,480	6,444	1,225,268	1,401,592	1,209	1,094	216,569	229,188
Corn by-products (MT)	2,848	2,742	296,900	294,660	481	463	45,889	50,892
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	129	93	20,656	14,288	33	14	6,409	2,200
Beet pulp (MT)	364	319	42,784	41,665	53	66	6,249	9,243
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	483	316	32,543	14,462	155	63	9,966	3,268
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,655	2,975	832,384	1,036,517	488	488	148,056	163,585
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,510	1,823	1,210,956	1,377,631	290	382	202,915	264,118
Fruits - fr (MT)	1,287	1,562	881,227	1,029,583	252	341	152,354	207,522
Fruits - fr - citrus (MT)	631	722	357,438	393,313	166	217	90,603	122,539
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	304	305	162,082	154,549	65	82	34,172	41,640
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	61	66	46,348	40,654	13	12	9,170	7,340
Oranges & tangerines-fresh(MT)	263	350	147,099	197,292	88	123	47,039	73,390

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Other citrus - fresh (MT)	3	1	1,909	818	0	0	222	170
Fruits - fr - noncitrus (MT)	656	841	523,789	636,271	86	124	61,751	84,983
Apples - fresh (MT)	319	470	186,977	256,868	55	89	32,925	49,814
Berries - fresh (MT)	25	21	49,372	43,993	7	5	11,336	10,035
Cherries - fresh (MT)	3	1	3,120	2,435	1	0	933	163
Grapes - fresh (MT)	128	155	162,121	203,693	1	5	1,622	7,677
Melons - fresh (MT)	46	45	22,780	25,160	8	6	4,064	4,084
Peaches - fresh (MT)	7	15	6,536	12,097	0	2	329	1,771
Pears - fresh (MT)	98	104	57,298	57,481	9	13	5,276	7,255
Plums - fresh (MT)	5	7	5,417	7,074	0	0	694	305
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	25	23	30,168	27,469	4	3	4,572	3,878
Fruits - dried (MT)	90	118	174,735	190,156	13	20	24,574	31,630
Raisins - dried (MT)	39	55	73,818	77,671	6	9	10,277	12,416
Prunes - dried (MT)	36	46	72,126	82,033	6	8	10,748	14,636
Other dried fruits (MT)	15	17	28,791	30,452	1	2	3,550	4,578
Fruits - canned ex juice (MT)	75	83	70,520	79,438	15	12	12,020	12,003
Fruits - froz ex juice (MT)	18	18	26,006	25,501	3	4	4,863	4,973
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	40	41	58,469	52,952	7	6	9,103	7,990
Fruit juices incl froz (HL)	5,642	5,166	333,305	324,067	1,305	1,111	70,282	61,932
Apple juice (HL)	188	129	22,171	15,494	37	27	4,302	3,657
Grape juice (HL)	366	358	31,568	29,726	55	83	5,362	6,451
Grapefruit juice (HL)	428	591	25,349	31,843	108	111	6,611	6,118
Orange juice (HL)	2,769	2,416	140,625	129,841	805	567	33,651	22,031
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,892	1,672	113,592	117,163	301	324	20,356	23,676
Wine (HL)	1,286	1,432	252,309	250,542	200	247	40,891	43,151
Nuts & prep (MT)	323	334	644,375	751,748	39	36	77,110	78,430
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	119	138	301,140	380,380	13	15	33,874	39,339
Filberts (MT)	8	10	14,034	17,003	1	1	1,321	1,287
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	109	84	108,672	84,772	17	13	15,917	13,470
Pistachios (MT)	10	18	46,979	64,460	2	2	6,997	6,236
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	49	55	103,623	127,019	3	3	7,326	9,459
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	5	5	28,126	28,916	1	1	4,545	3,392
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	23	25	41,801	49,197	4	2	7,130	5,247
Vegetables & prep (NA)	0	0	2,245,379	2,304,993	0	0	390,247	387,191
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	951	954	545,317	599,635	164	160	101,809	104,085
Asparagus - fresh (MT)	8	6	22,958	17,606	4	3	11,089	7,455
Broccoli - fresh (MT)	78	69	52,133	48,033	15	16	9,886	10,186
Carrots - fresh (MT)	49	59	28,349	36,455	13	15	6,563	8,489
Cabbage - fresh (MT)	21	17	9,358	9,391	5	4	2,265	1,910
Celery - fresh (MT)	64	62	25,889	27,960	12	11	3,763	4,540
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	40	41	25,939	26,671	6	9	4,379	5,145
Corn, sweet - fresh (MT)	9	10	5,288	6,434	4	2	1,970	1,476
Cucumbers - fresh (MT)	13	14	7,777	8,192	1	1	1,023	1,069
Garlic - fresh (MT)	5	4	5,369	4,523	0	0	403	395
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	174	185	90,563	107,499	29	33	15,328	17,163
Mushrooms - fresh (MT)	3	4	9,106	12,331	0	0	942	947
Onions and shallots-fresh (MT)	181	188	48,798	56,834	19	19	5,369	7,317
Peppers - fresh (MT)	34	33	34,020	41,205	6	5	6,223	7,771
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	92	91	30,150	29,814	19	18	6,016	5,953
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	74	74	58,613	75,021	13	8	11,220	9,080
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	107	98	91,007	91,668	17	17	15,370	15,187
Vegetables - froz (MT)	340	374	265,626	282,890	62	67	48,893	50,900
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	35	41	28,978	33,833	6	7	5,389	6,125
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	243	274	177,777	196,120	45	49	32,811	34,653
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	62	59	58,871	52,936	11	11	10,693	10,121
Vegetables - canned (MT)	221	212	180,088	170,370	39	36	31,809	29,546
Pulses (MT)	293	294	145,767	137,233	49	36	22,191	16,805
Dried beans (MT)	196	187	109,618	97,790	26	21	14,043	11,157
Dried peas (MT)	59	63	20,495	22,455	15	10	5,176	2,983
Dried lentils (MT)	38	45	15,654	16,988	8	6	2,971	2,665
Hops, incl hop ext (MT)	6	7	54,183	73,977	1	1	8,758	9,187
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	0	0	1,054,399	1,040,888	0	0	176,787	176,668
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	23,614	25,832	5,247,187	5,801,828	4,047	4,810	912,975	1,052,400
Oilcake & meal (MT)	4,140	3,999	746,667	817,505	816	865	152,979	167,767
Bran, hulls, legum. veg. (MT)	195	96	14,420	7,334	36	10	2,608	917
Corn oilcake & meal (MT)	33	4	3,395	479	4	1	392	89
Soybean meal (MT)	3,824	3,798	714,509	791,309	765	835	146,873	163,321
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	88	101	14,343	18,383	12	19	3,106	3,440
Oilseeds (MT)	18,264	20,711	3,736,827	4,364,487	3,056	3,778	647,223	790,910
Rapeseed (MT)	83	146	19,055	31,667	7	15	1,975	3,961
Safflower seeds (MT)	21	23	7,924	5,164	5	7	1,956	1,968
Soybeans (MT)	17,757	20,004	3,408,661	3,817,059	2,986	3,660	594,599	701,190
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	100	73	50,976	45,690	10	11	7,538	7,568
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	25	15	19,692	12,090	4	1	3,005	822
Other oilseeds (MT)	210	376	50,864	93,073	33	70	7,839	16,432
Protein substances (MT)	67	75	179,655	359,744	11	13	30,310	58,969
Vegetable oils (MT)	1,209	1,122	763,693	619,837	175	168	112,773	93,724
Soybean oil (MT)	405	399	180,180	142,738	73	65	33,326	22,399
Cottonseed oil (MT)	36	28	20,182	14,442	6	3	3,450	1,713
Sunflower oil (MT)	174	123	95,213	56,752	15	9	7,916	4,298
Corn oil (MT)	209	196	136,564	97,801	18	33	11,338	15,788
Peanut oil (MT)	5	2	3,894	1,755	1	0	956	149
Rapeseed oil (MT)	62	49	26,286	17,440	8	13	3,093	4,291
Safflower oil (MT)	7	3	8,645	3,877	2	0	2,789	265

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Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	310	321	292,730	285,032	51	44	49,905	44,821
Tobacco - unmfq (MT)	105	100	703,526	644,040	25	15	149,433	92,443
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	14	13	113,693	110,272	4	5	32,110	42,834
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	60	52	433,019	388,448	13	4	94,014	29,234
Other tobacco - unmfq (MT)	31	35	156,813	145,321	8	6	23,309	20,374
Cotton, ex linters (MT)	794	709	933,018	976,340	213	157	247,907	212,379
Cotton linters (MT)	40	23	13,310	9,659	13	4	3,948	1,734
Essential oils (MT)	25	27	275,868	312,818	6	6	59,492	63,400
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	433	386	508,554	442,773	95	67	90,010	66,740
Sugar & tropical prods (NA)	0	0	790,524	907,098	0	0	126,687	147,809
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	307,858	318,871	0	0	53,224	50,919
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	77	39	23,450	16,091	21	7	4,505	2,865
Related sugar prods (NA)	0	0	284,408	302,781	0	0	48,719	48,053
Coffee (MT)	30	28	124,414	124,513	5	6	19,847	22,585
Cocoa (MT)	28	26	58,993	49,496	4	4	7,042	7,870
Chocolate & prep (MT)	63	95	187,383	286,872	10	13	25,172	37,503
Tea & mate (MT)	12	16	51,420	65,588	2	3	9,807	11,805
Spices (MT)	17	18	39,795	40,073	4	4	7,486	9,545
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	12	11	20,004	19,493	2	2	4,016	6,186
Fibers ex cotton (MT)	1	5	656	2,192	0	4	93	1,397
Other misc veg prods (MT)	0	0	224,179	278,434	0	0	42,948	43,877
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	0	0	163,234	161,026	0	0	28,799	31,059
Beverages ex juices (NA)	0	0	319,112	381,915	0	0	55,790	68,293
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	0	0	6,747,374	6,806,070	0	0	1,438,033	1,342,665
Fertilizers (MT)	5	17	1,253,437	1,064,166	1	3	201,420	157,674
Nitrogen (MT)	3	15	1,248,959	1,060,487	0	3	200,180	157,065
Phosphate (MT)	2	1	4,478	3,679	1	0	1,240	609
Fish & shellfish (MT)	0	0	1,356,337	1,485,649	0	0	333,067	408,364
Fish - fr or prep (MT)	0	0	720,586	720,631	0	0	163,069	160,561
Shellfish (MT)	0	0	401,394	441,696	0	0	53,644	67,932
Other fish prods (MT)	137	146	234,357	323,322	21	30	116,354	179,871
Aq chemicals (MT)	142	212	792,440	745,128	39	51	194,958	166,300
Fungicides (MT)	14	14	77,847	65,503	3	3	15,670	14,671
Herbicides (MT)	76	57	383,111	319,546	24	19	113,638	87,654
Insecticides (MT)	29	118	200,703	198,815	8	26	45,790	37,242
Other pesticides (MT)	22	23	130,779	161,263	4	4	19,860	26,732
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	1,483,139	1,484,111	0	0	334,178	281,581
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	20	19	491,723	462,536	5	4	126,958	95,887
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	0	0	991,415	1,021,575	0	0	207,220	185,693
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	0	0	1,862,022	2,027,017	0	0	374,410	328,747

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

Table 2--Top 10 U.S. export markets in fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and February 2001 (metric tons)

Wheat	Oct-Mar	Oct-Mar	Mar 2001	Corn	Oct-Mar	Oct-Mar	Mar 2001
	1999/2000	2000/2001			1999/2000	2000/2001	
Egypt	2,322,770	2,008,417	305,675	Japan	7,683,799	7,091,999	1,277,995
Japan	1,577,977	1,602,927	154,917	Mexico	1,784,968	2,959,747	1,272,806
Mexico	1,027,701	1,072,598	219,213	China (Taiwan)	2,764,962	2,468,677	547,411
Philippines	963,430	982,158	167,884	Egypt	1,994,515	1,638,092	138,752
South Korea	808,244	720,763	173,043	South Korea	1,593,264	1,163,955	351,635
Nigeria	504,285	634,163	146,843	Canada	425,981	1,111,557	163,823
Indonesia	73,382	516,843	56,650	Colombia	933,658	776,807	146,934
China (Taiwan)	550,116	454,348	158,521	Algeria	481,509	709,214	43,053
European Union	656,538	372,881	22,141	Saudi Arabia	600,286	575,166	33,663
Venezuela	237,109	339,785	32,922	Israel	384,171	443,421	50,295
World	12,826,799	13,015,573	1,928,594	World	24,438,934	22,719,969	4,507,334

Soybeans	Oct-Mar	Oct-Mar	Mar 2001	Cotton	Oct-Mar	Oct-Mar	Mar 2001
	1999/2000	2000/2001			1999/2000	2000/2001	
European Union	6,507,254	5,615,995	470,100	Mexico	172,134	190,331	36,120
China (Mainland)	2,520,590	5,013,670	1,626,588	Turkey	95,578	73,486	11,023
Japan	2,228,177	2,116,981	398,062	Indonesia	78,137	61,539	17,156
Mexico	1,782,829	2,051,011	409,040	South Korea	39,473	59,965	12,604
China (Taiwan)	1,128,205	973,881	155,459	China (Taiwan)	64,176	44,061	13,818
Indonesia	641,703	643,630	121,529	Japan	49,724	40,867	8,125
Thailand	654,356	627,186	89,201	Canada	28,380	36,709	7,178
South Korea	802,976	594,134	58,845	Hong Kong	38,245	34,785	10,417
Israel	258,138	306,218	72,737	Thailand	34,064	22,973	6,818
Philippines	164,425	206,865	41,638	European Union	17,427	21,160	4,545
World	17,757,439	20,003,980	3,660,492	World	794,232	708,746	156,855

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

Quantity and unit	October-March				March			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Total agricultural imports (NA)	0	0	19,677,362	19,596,710	0	0	3,666,036	3,452,797
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	4,181,911	3,367,609	0	0	783,173	589,869
Bananas & plantains (MT)	2,161	2,028	538,931	551,384	359	347	93,384	98,286
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	722	599	1,545,094	904,220	145	114	325,171	163,525
Cocoa & prods (MT)	591	486	818,533	711,044	101	77	134,331	119,260
Tea (MT)	76	75	119,836	124,692	18	15	24,933	23,363
Spices (MT)	81	78	257,244	254,343	12	12	34,849	39,774
Rubber & allied gums-crude(MT)	646	545	417,623	357,945	121	97	88,204	66,765
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	89	61	0	0	8	16
Wool, unmfq - carpet (MT)	5	6	11,139	13,761	1	1	1,939	2,463
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	43	37	19,884	16,718	7	7	3,167	2,865
Essential oils (NA)	0	0	170,809	156,696	0	0	29,651	26,761
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	36	35	282,730	276,746	5	4	47,538	46,792
Competitive ag imports (NA)	0	0	15,495,451	16,229,101	0	0	2,882,863	2,862,928
Animals & prods (NA)	0	0	4,045,923	4,439,273	0	0	735,300	758,621
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	0	0	967,669	1,202,194	0	0	166,007	202,047
Cattle and calves (NO)	1,238	1,424	582,246	748,626	252	275	132,743	157,125
Horses, mules, burros (NO)	24	16	256,735	292,516	2	3	10,372	13,641
Swine (NO)	2,067	2,391	121,116	154,144	334	434	20,690	29,401
Sheep, live (NO)	26	39	2,609	4,180	5	12	596	1,340
Other live animals (NO)	0	0	4,963	2,728	0	0	1,607	540
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	0	0	1,745,793	1,910,014	0	0	338,143	351,567
Beef & veal (MT)	479	490	1,112,576	1,202,033	91	88	209,921	223,071
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	439	458	1,008,799	1,110,240	85	84	195,447	210,666
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	40	33	103,777	91,793	6	4	14,475	12,405
Pork (MT)	202	203	459,806	504,744	39	34	94,720	91,711
Pork - fr or froz (MT)	155	161	306,128	360,385	30	27	65,760	67,404
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	47	42	153,678	144,360	9	7	28,960	24,307
Mutton, goat & lamb (MT)	29	33	100,896	116,422	6	7	21,432	22,342
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	25	31	46,447	50,938	4	5	7,785	9,075
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	1	2	9,740	15,516	0	0	1,389	1,792
Other meats & prods (MT)	4	6	16,329	20,333	1	1	2,896	3,577
Poultry and prods (NA)	0	0	116,530	118,170	0	0	20,347	21,131
Poultry - live (NA)	5,658	5,752	10,893	12,224	1,107	1,117	1,747	2,227
Poultry meat (MT)	8	10	22,510	33,479	1	2	3,361	6,690
Eggs (NA)	0	0	9,376	7,245	0	0	1,473	1,312
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	12	10	73,751	65,221	2	2	13,766	10,903
Dairy products (NA)	0	0	819,027	812,090	0	0	138,302	118,424
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	0	0	22,733	23,795	0	0	4,142	2,178
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	7	10	11,891	17,750	1	3	1,523	5,234
Cheese (MT)	100	93	359,465	339,572	16	14	57,799	52,145
Casein & mixtures (MT)	59	53	226,575	253,133	9	7	37,449	37,205
Other dairy prods (NA)	0	0	198,363	177,840	0	0	37,389	21,663
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	56	50	36,782	30,818	8	9	6,090	5,884
Hides & skins (NA)	0	0	92,568	95,509	0	0	19,548	16,919
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	0	1	2,314	2,783	0	0	484	625
Other hides & skins (NA)	0	0	50,285	47,730	0	0	8,528	8,077
Furskins (NA)	2,285	2,921	39,969	44,996	389	734	10,537	8,217
Wool-unmfq, apparel grade(MT)	7	6	20,529	17,257	1	1	3,401	3,062
Sausage casings (MT)	6	6	30,632	28,345	1	1	4,007	4,075
Bull semen (NA)	0	0	10,355	9,576	0	0	1,786	1,505
Misc animal prods (NA)	0	0	206,039	215,300	0	0	37,669	34,006
Grains & feeds (MT)	0	0	1,542,818	1,607,883	0	0	248,250	263,167
Wheat, ex seed (MT)	805	979	98,885	123,981	177	161	21,957	21,021
Corn, unmilled (MT)	118	46	13,310	6,294	23	8	2,484	1,040
Oats, unmilled (MT)	814	954	70,108	79,692	96	103	7,783	8,848
Barley, unmilled (MT)	354	312	47,287	39,749	58	58	7,990	7,682
Rice (MT)	186	177	102,035	97,842	26	32	15,778	15,674
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	206	227	475,204	500,871	32	34	66,325	69,946
Pasta & noodles (MT)	151	142	147,759	129,154	28	26	26,844	22,630
Other grains & preps (NA)	0	0	354,265	376,969	0	0	56,301	72,883
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake(MT)	633	641	233,964	253,331	125	109	42,787	43,442
Fruits & preps (MT)	1,999	1,999	1,435,293	1,498,316	518	413	327,208	285,643
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	1,646	1,634	1,103,264	1,163,964	454	353	270,247	229,989
Apples, fresh (MT)	47	33	26,480	19,561	15	11	9,354	6,894
Avocados (MT)	43	59	62,301	76,872	1	0	1,295	497
Berries, excl strawberries (MT)	48	49	65,832	68,772	4	4	9,919	9,965
Citrus, fresh (MT)	189	205	130,943	143,002	20	24	10,895	11,914
Grapes, fresh (MT)	295	280	323,488	331,370	112	74	96,391	70,420
Kiwi fruit, fresh (MT)	12	12	9,892	6,748	4	4	2,511	2,027
Mangoes (MT)	61	56	48,379	42,905	20	12	11,647	9,025
Melons (MT)	583	535	164,555	175,033	179	132	51,902	45,148
Peaches (MT)	42	53	37,471	45,148	9	10	7,774	8,629
Pears (MT)	60	48	56,155	48,276	32	22	25,537	21,107
Pineapples, fresh/frozen (MT)	144	168	51,161	74,264	23	26	8,317	11,851
Plums (MT)	22	32	21,504	27,481	6	8	6,022	6,844
Strawberries, fresh or froz (MT)	35	30	44,989	41,154	15	13	18,205	16,269
Other fruits, fresh or froz (MT)	65	75	60,115	63,379	13	13	10,478	9,400
Fruits - prep or pres (MT)	353	365	332,029	334,351	64	60	56,961	55,654
Pineapples - can. or prep.(MT)	159	136	99,579	81,222	25	22	14,826	12,094
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	193	229	232,450	253,129	40	38	42,135	43,560
Fruit juices (HL)	16,626	13,997	390,095	318,454	3,149	2,598	79,058	62,748
Apple juice (HL)	5,628	5,219	125,449	108,453	1,079	889	25,104	17,549
Grape juice (HL)	1,026	784	44,437	27,263	152	147	7,262	4,905
Grapefruit juice (HL)	163	30	3,706	974	58	1	1,329	40
Lemon juice (HL)	234	426	2,826	8,467	42	42	632	816

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	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Lime juice (HL)	80	76	2,112	2,000	5	10	154	539
Orange juice (HL)	7,454	5,290	141,074	98,069	1,349	1,046	29,119	23,794
Pineapple juice (HL)	1,200	1,286	28,001	36,004	205	228	4,378	7,190
Other fruit juice (HL)	841	886	42,490	37,223	258	235	11,081	7,915
Nuts & preps (MT)	120	135	409,274	360,473	17	18	59,217	46,068
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	4	8,625	10,086	0	0	419	562
Cashew nuts (MT)	40	41	242,040	188,765	7	6	37,501	27,885
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	9,432	8,959	0	0	117	12
Coconut meat (MT)	40	37	37,930	28,066	6	7	6,064	4,789
Filberts (MT)	4	3	15,187	11,556	1	0	1,935	1,184
Macadamia nuts (MT)	3	3	18,562	17,459	0	0	3,168	1,112
Pecans (MT)	14	24	40,695	55,754	1	1	4,616	2,692
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	0	1,023	1,663	0	0	58	217
Other nuts (MT)	12	19	35,780	38,164	2	4	5,340	7,614
Vegetables & preps (NA)	0	0	2,493,496	2,753,258	0	0	463,555	537,747
Vegetables - fr or froz (MT)	2,230	2,326	1,492,981	1,748,084	443	493	291,879	363,488
Tomatoes (MT)	413	517	303,640	436,727	91	135	62,241	91,691
Asparagus, fresh or frozen(MT)	48	48	79,963	82,792	8	9	11,897	14,962
Beans, fresh or frozen (MT)	24	28	30,214	34,989	5	5	5,272	7,392
Cabbage (MT)	18	37	4,968	9,804	2	5	483	1,149
Carrots, fresh or frozen (MT)	46	55	12,676	15,386	6	7	1,941	2,202
Cauliflower & broccoli, fr/fz(MT)	150	157	97,924	103,968	24	24	16,087	15,711
Celery, fresh (MT)	18	20	5,454	7,969	6	9	1,367	3,661
Cucumbers (MT)	235	245	99,588	109,349	39	43	21,332	25,183
Eggplant (MT)	29	30	17,800	20,937	8	7	4,694	5,185
Endive, fresh (MT)	1	1	2,269	2,324	0	0	351	440
Garlic (MT)	8	16	8,050	16,960	1	2	1,489	2,850
Lettuce (MT)	11	12	8,346	9,477	3	3	2,023	1,936
Okra, fresh or frozen (MT)	5	6	3,528	4,520	1	1	1,138	1,143
Onions (MT)	130	154	84,930	105,407	21	40	13,804	22,999
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	24	22	24,482	20,623	5	4	4,974	4,163
Peppers (MT)	202	189	226,350	260,698	37	38	42,525	61,451
Potatoes, fresh or frozen (MT)	516	428	227,633	211,072	115	84	45,813	37,733
Radishes, fresh (MT)	10	11	9,287	9,652	3	2	2,400	1,263
Squash (MT)	124	128	81,240	104,490	24	27	19,498	24,737
Other vegs - fr or froz (MT)	219	222	164,639	180,940	46	45	32,552	37,635
Vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	1,000,515	1,005,173	0	0	171,676	174,259
Bamboo shoots, presvd.(MT)	14	18	8,457	10,360	3	2	1,490	1,161
Bean cake, miso (MT)	4	4	8,369	7,809	1	1	1,402	1,011
Cucumbers, preserved (MT)	31	27	15,600	15,488	8	4	3,222	2,864
Garlic, dried (MT)	6	10	3,666	5,345	1	2	696	854
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	44	54	94,586	98,656	7	9	14,223	16,185
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	32	32	62,634	59,448	6	5	12,038	9,102
Mushrooms, dried (MT)	1	1	11,607	9,371	0	0	2,229	1,428
Onions, preserved (MT)	1	1	2,056	2,046	0	0	543	400
Hops, incl extract (MT)	4	3	21,770	15,912	1	0	5,818	1,758
Artichokes - prep (MT)	12	15	23,877	24,854	2	2	3,009	3,227
Asparagus - prep (MT)	1	1	1,464	983	0	0	451	128
Tomatoes, in. paste/sauce(MT)	29	34	35,987	40,203	4	9	5,893	9,616
Waterchestnuts (MT)	16	16	8,963	8,400	4	3	2,292	1,604
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	40	42	21,894	24,138	7	7	4,124	3,939
Mustard (MT)	8	9	8,202	8,003	1	2	1,081	1,241
Peppers & pimentos, prep (MT)	13	13	15,301	14,520	2	2	2,708	2,533
Soy sauce (MT)	19	24	19,280	23,441	3	3	2,986	3,453
Starches, ex. wheat & corn (MT)	100	86	49,911	41,987	12	11	7,032	5,723
Soups & sauces (MT)	121	127	168,258	180,866	19	21	25,925	29,068
Vinegar (HL)	171	179	20,040	22,169	30	30	3,123	3,237
Yeasts (MT)	29	33	32,950	36,894	5	6	5,710	6,076
Oth. vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	0	0	365,643	354,279	0	0	65,680	69,650
Sugar & related prods (NA)	0	0	719,779	775,305	0	0	139,124	109,519
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	550	675	211,985	250,496	122	62	42,359	18,237
Molasses (HL)	4,581	4,672	28,116	37,684	1,148	1,022	8,628	9,304
Confectionery prods (MT)	157	168	362,961	368,129	30	29	67,749	61,397
Oth. sugar & related prods (MT)	267	235	116,718	118,996	44	42	20,387	20,581
Spices (MT)	22	23	33,144	31,136	3	5	4,868	5,710
Tobacco - unmfng (MT)	108	104	313,254	326,993	23	19	45,849	61,820
Tobacco - filler (MT)	87	90	297,607	295,978	17	17	41,132	59,038
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	21	13	8,448	7,779	7	2	2,396	893
Other tobacco (MT)	0	1	7,199	23,236	0	0	2,321	1,888
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	0	0	2,180,610	2,325,835	0	0	393,712	419,347
Wine (HL)	2,208	2,383	1,133,641	1,133,136	352	369	174,164	177,981
Malt beverages (HL)	9,741	11,001	911,530	1,019,934	2,013	2,305	190,964	209,996
Other beverages (HL)	0	0	135,438	172,764	0	0	28,584	31,370
Oilseeds & prods (MT)	1,844	1,956	916,485	838,248	362	298	182,537	127,357
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	347	299	120,842	110,967	75	92	25,390	36,157
Flaxseed (MT)	68	17	14,841	5,080	13	6	2,809	1,558
Mustard seeds (MT)	27	24	8,243	6,455	5	4	1,616	1,155
Rapeseed (MT)	110	83	26,658	21,067	28	41	7,854	9,963
Sesameseed (MT)	25	23	28,834	23,924	5	5	5,938	4,965
Soybeans (MT)	65	53	14,910	13,555	15	10	3,290	2,951
Sunflower seeds (MT)	24	35	6,445	8,981	3	5	885	1,175
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	29	63	20,910	31,904	5	20	2,999	14,389
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	894	974	721,281	639,107	187	100	144,114	77,258
Castor oil (MT)	18	18	17,593	14,096	4	0	3,216	101
Coconut oil (MT)	198	270	135,821	106,169	47	10	27,198	3,308
Cottonseed oil (MT)	0	0	159	52	0	0	0	6
Olive oil (MT)	84	101	197,000	191,726	17	16	38,753	30,756

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	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Palm oil (MT)	94	85	30,362	26,444	20	7	6,203	1,762
Palm kernel oil (MT)	111	84	76,117	40,447	24	1	16,686	407
Peanut oil (MT)	1	26	1,435	17,016	0	3	190	2,217
Rapeseed oil (MT)	268	270	125,361	103,026	45	46	20,797	17,300
Soybean oil (MT)	19	18	9,524	7,568	3	4	1,663	1,702
Sesame oil (MT)	4	5	13,023	13,107	1	1	1,835	1,865
Other vegetable oils (MT)	97	98	114,886	119,455	26	12	27,572	17,833
Oilcake & meal (MT)	603	684	74,362	88,174	101	106	13,033	13,942
Cotton, excl linters (MT)	6	2	12,562	3,099	1	0	1,442	378
Cotton linters (MT)	8	29	1,729	10,265	3	12	827	4,066
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	298	152	247,247	210,249	73	49	92,695	68,242
Cut flowers (NA)	0	0	333,082	315,440	0	0	45,870	47,306
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	0	0	264,067	280,136	0	0	37,262	39,295
Other vegetable prods (MT)	0	0	156,595	134,738	0	0	26,089	25,893
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	0	0	8,493,665	9,612,270	0	0	1,551,277	1,656,859
Fertilizers (MT)	13,836	16,627	1,443,596	2,134,237	2,833	3,406	310,610	462,664
Potassium (MT)	5,218	4,984	407,954	396,788	1,187	899	95,165	72,023
Nitrogen (MT)	5,198	8,083	665,907	1,267,573	967	1,895	124,553	309,519
Phosphate (MT)	3,414	3,556	365,743	465,672	676	611	89,661	79,891
Fish (MT)	0	0	4,594,110	4,882,858	0	0	685,882	635,768
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	0	0	1,951,073	1,907,824	0	0	341,768	306,110
Shellfish (MT)	289	302	2,609,473	2,932,607	40	40	337,645	322,518
Fish prods, other (MT)	24	27	33,563	42,427	7	6	6,470	7,139
Ag chemicals (MT)	70	79	495,856	641,416	15	19	137,355	165,348
Fungicides (MT)	16	15	67,972	83,609	3	4	12,758	21,359
Herbicides (MT)	18	30	155,485	250,515	4	7	63,447	62,184
Insecticides (MT)	13	11	68,652	134,145	3	3	13,716	37,236
Other pesticides (MT)	22	23	203,747	173,147	5	5	47,434	44,568
Farm machinery (NA)	0	0	1,734,482	1,720,781	0	0	383,795	358,616
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	4,971	4,469	868,505	815,323	616	801	209,954	178,287
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	0	0	865,977	905,457	0	0	173,841	180,329
Tobacco - mfg (NA)	9	9	225,621	232,977	1	1	33,636	34,464

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

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

Item	Feb.	Mar.	Year-to-date	% Change
Exports	4,536	4,871	28,144	5
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,350	3,748	21,314	-2
Imports (customs value)	3,063	3,453	19,597	0
Trade Balance:				
Exports less c.i.f. imports	1,187	1,122	6,830	28
Exports less customs-val. imports	1,474	1,418	8,547	21
Exports by major commodity group				
Live animals	39	41	562	20
Meat & poultry	567	615	3,661	-3
Dairy prod & eggs	91	99	648	8
Hides & skins	154	200	926	43
Wheat	304	249	1,652	4
Rice	54	80	450	-23
Corn	353	445	2,154	-6
Other feed grains	75	65	423	13
Animal feeds	394	397	2,219	13
Soybeans	655	701	3,817	12
Vegetable oils	103	94	620	-19
Fruits & nuts	327	404	2,453	12
Vegetables	347	387	2,305	3
Cotton & linters	184	214	986	4
Tobacco, unmfq.	140	92	644	-8
Seeds & nursery	109	98	604	-10
Imports customs value by major commodity group				
Live animals	150	204	1,214	24
Meat & poultry	305	358	1,943	10
Dairy prod. & eggs	116	120	819	-1
Grains & feeds	230	277	1,696	5
Fruits & nuts	452	493	2,729	-2
Vegetables	468	538	2,753	10
Vegetable oils	108	77	639	-11
Wine	136	178	1,133	0
Malt beverages	159	210	1,020	12
Coffee	136	164	904	-41
Cocoa	129	119	711	-13
Rubber, natural	49	67	358	-14
Cane & beet sugar	52	18	250	18
Tobacco, unmfq.	69	62	327	4
Seeds & flowers	157	155	806	-5

Preliminary data.

Table 5--Prices of agricultural exports

	1999	2000	2001*
		1995=100	
<i>World export prices</i>			
World food	74.0	73.7	76.1
Raw materials	77.5	78.5	76.6
Fertilizers	113.4	107.7	104.9
<i>U.S. export prices</i>			
Foods and feeds	86.8	85.4	86.3
Raw materials	78.5	79.3	81.6
<i>U.S. bulk prices</i>			
Wheat	63.3	64.4	73.8
Corn	73.2	71.5	75.0
Soybeans	77.0	81.5	77.8
Rice	115.7	94.3	81.6
Cotton	56.0	61.0	57.4
Tobacco	117.3	113.1	110.1
<i>U.S. high-value products</i>			
Meat and poultry	94.3	103.6	106.8
Hides and skins	80.8	92.8	109.5
Animal feeds	75.2	75.1	78.7
Vegetables	101.5	95.0	97.9
Fruits and nuts	93.8	80.5	73.7

* January -April 2001 average

Sources: IMF; Bureau of Labor Statistics.