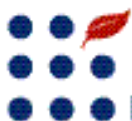




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## January-November 2002 U.S. Agricultural Exports Are Down but Imports Are Up From 2001

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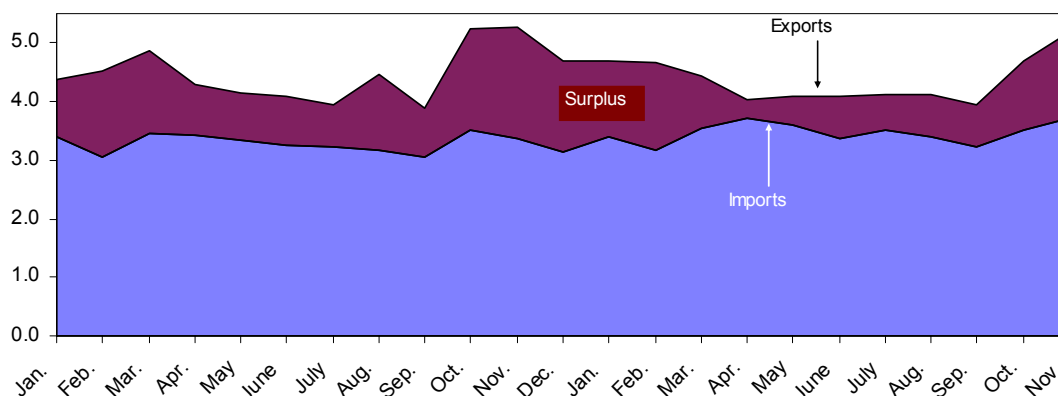
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U.S. agricultural exports from January to November 2002 declined by almost \$1 billion from the same period in 2001 as high-value exports, except vegetable oils and most horticulture products, dropped by varying amounts. Bulk exports, except cotton, increased from 2001, although bulk volume shipments fell slightly. Particularly notable was the almost \$500 million drop in U.S. poultry exports, largely to Russia, Hong Kong, Japan, and Mexico. By contrast, U.S. agricultural imports were up by almost \$2 billion through November 2002. Horticulture imports, led by wine and beer, gained by close to \$1.2 billion. Higher commodity prices and the strong dollar contributed to the rise in imports as well as the fall in exports.

Figure 1  
**Monthly U.S. agricultural trade, calendar year 2001 and year-to-date 2002**  
Billion dollars



Sources: Economic Research Service, USDA, and Census Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

Table 1--U.S. agricultural trade, year-to-date and current months

Item	Oct.	Nov.	Change	Jan.-Nov.	Nov.	Change
	2002	2002	Nov.>Oct.	2001	2002	'02>'01
	--Million dollars--		Percent	--Million dollars--		Percent
Agricultural exports	4,694	5,184	10	49,000	48,038	-2
Imports (c.i.f.)	3,779	3,988	6	39,157	41,170	5
Imports (customs value)	3,521	3,701	5	36,244	38,188	5
<b>Trade Balance</b>						
Exports minus c.i.f. imports	915	1,196	31	9,843	6,868	-44
Exports minus customs-valued imports	1,173	1,484	27	12,757	9,849	-23
<b>Exports by major commodity group</b>						
Live animals	112	59	-47	754	521	-31
Red meats & products	370	463	25	4,870	4,596	-6
Poultry meats & products	175	175	0	2,318	1,822	-21
Dairy products	78	102	30	1,042	907	-13
Hides & skins	128	158	24	1,822	1,615	-11
Animal fats & other products	73	69	-5	613	710	16
Wheat	367	373	2	3,053	3,255	7
Rice	46	82	77	630	684	9
Corn	369	399	8	4,165	4,337	4
Other feed grains	98	72	-27	901	951	6
Other grain products	187	176	-6	1,717	1,845	7
Animal feeds & oil meal	297	345	16	3,886	3,485	-10
Soybeans	766	818	7	4,746	4,834	2
Other oilseeds	74	68	-8	1,029	978	-5
Vegetable oils	122	135	11	1,107	1,497	35
Fruits, nuts, & products	434	479	11	3,751	3,936	5
Vegetables & products	354	410	16	4,097	4,154	1
Juice, wine, & beverages	144	177	23	1,905	1,838	-3
Cotton & linters	110	137	25	1,986	1,810	-9
Tobacco, unmanufactured	66	123	87	1,139	952	-16
Sugar & tropical products	164	169	3	1,717	1,478	-14
Other	200	218	9	1,993	2,190	10
Total Exports	4,694	5,184	10	49,000	48,038	-2
<b>Imports (customs value) by major commodity group</b>						
Live animals	192	237	23	1,996	1,855	-7
Red meats & products	314	339	8	3,924	3,854	-2
Poultry meats & products	19	21	12	226	258	14
Dairy products	143	148	4	1,631	1,621	-1
Other animal products	60	58	-3	690	664	-4
Grains, feeds, & oil meal	403	363	-10	3,161	3,474	10
Fruits, juices, & nuts	371	426	15	4,780	5,106	7
Vegetables & preparations	437	488	12	4,814	5,075	5
Oilseeds	19	19	4	252	219	-13
Vegetable oils	136	125	-8	1,134	1,271	12
Wine	297	295	-1	2,084	2,422	16
Malt beverages	211	195	-8	2,165	2,398	11
Coffee	149	141	-5	1,547	1,534	-1
Cocoa	152	204	34	1,358	1,597	18
Rubber, natural	76	82	8	578	683	18
Sugar, cane & beet	52	58	12	484	507	5
Sugar products	137	122	-11	1,011	1,189	18
Tobacco, unmanufactured	42	57	34	621	682	10
Other tropical products	128	130	2	1,481	1,490	1
Other competitive products	184	192	4	2,306	2,289	-1
Total Imports	3,521	3,701	5	36,244	38,188	5

Preliminary data. Sources: Economic Research Service, USDA, and Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 2--Top 10 U.S. export markets in January-November of calendar years 2001 and 2002 and November 2002

Wheat	2001	2002	November		2001	2002	November 2002
			2002	Corn			
Metric tons				Metric tons			
Japan	2,639,509	2,886,029	297,026	Japan	12,967,802	13,732,232	1,077,752
Mexico	1,910,730	2,142,909	253,182	Mexico	5,431,379	4,464,182	742,706
Nigeria	1,509,827	1,835,309	170,279	China (Taiwan)	4,445,002	3,892,713	313,483
Egypt	3,049,034	1,721,638	0	Canada	2,743,786	3,761,362	399,231
Philippines	1,651,980	1,432,876	160,659	Egypt	3,961,990	3,563,112	125,158
European Union	1,524,484	1,299,760	59,758	Colombia	1,441,881	1,543,178	143,610
South Korea	1,251,510	1,129,414	133,706	Algeria	1,105,625	1,218,075	84,031
China (Taiwan)	973,693	829,035	91,408	Dominican Rep.	892,654	946,883	44,097
Brazil	82,383	674,793	49,500	South Korea	2,888,545	788,478	19,241
Colombia	532,254	670,741	48,600	Turkey	436,485	747,242	0
World	23,375,133	22,171,707	2,058,170	World	44,133,417	42,853,210	3,464,911

Soybeans	2001	2002	November		2001	2002	November 2002
			2002	Cotton			
Metric tons				Metric tons			
European Union	5,037,535	4,939,687	1,084,972	Mexico	352,288	316,714	28,493
China (Mainland)	4,937,471	3,992,005	778,687	Turkey	161,399	285,197	6,937
Mexico	3,581,931	3,444,328	318,535	Indonesia	146,058	175,395	11,487
Japan	3,251,191	3,304,841	444,307	Thailand	73,778	122,916	5,635
China (Taiwan)	1,796,587	1,809,911	186,921	China (Taiwan)	104,122	120,684	6,995
South Korea	1,073,666	1,101,982	120,733	South Korea	117,481	94,969	6,886
Indonesia	1,143,866	1,049,767	65,945	India	178,408	86,669	2,702
Canada	459,860	604,712	93,337	China (Mainland)	40,782	86,484	14,281
Israel	462,671	565,151	81,226	Pakistan	33,813	80,112	3,592
Thailand	567,015	522,903	126,175	Japan	71,385	79,168	6,427
World	25,097,370	23,902,735	3,724,915	World	1,668,970	1,901,978	129,869

Sources: Economic Research Service, USDA, and Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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