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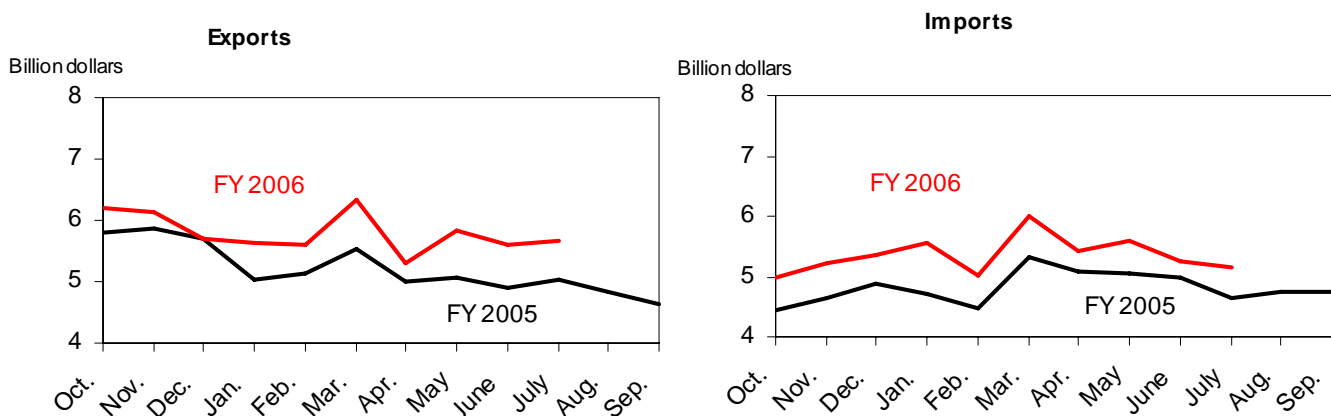
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The value of U.S. agricultural exports rose slightly from June to July, with bulk products rising while high-value products declined. Fiscal-year-to-date exports are \$58 billion—about \$5 billion higher than the same period in fiscal 2005. Year-to-date export values of cotton, corn, nuts, and red meat are all substantially higher than last year. Soybean shipments are well behind the pace for fiscal 2005, while cotton and corn volumes are well ahead of last year's pace. Corn shipments to South Korea have jumped from 1.5 million metric tons in the first 10 months of fiscal 2005, to 4.5 million metric tons so far in fiscal 2006. At the same time, soybean shipments to the EU-25 have fallen from 4.5 million metric tons in fiscal 2005, to only 1.7 million metric tons in fiscal 2006.

The value of U.S. agricultural imports fell by 2 percent from June to July. Imports are \$53.6 billion so far in fiscal 2006, up \$5.4 billion from this time during fiscal 2005. Although slowing from June to July, the import values of sugar, rubber, and vegetable oils are considerably higher than in the first 10 months of fiscal 2005. Seasonal increases in domestic supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables reduced the need for imports. Mexico and Canada supply three-quarters of the value of fresh and frozen vegetable imports. Chile and Mexico supply half of the import value of fresh and frozen fruit.

Figure 1

Monthly U.S. agricultural trade, 2005 and 2006



Source: Compiled by ERS using data from Census Bureau, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.

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

Item	June	July	Change	Oct.-July	Oct.-July	Change
	2006	2006	July>June	2005	2006	'06>'05
	Million dollars		Percent	Million dollars		Percent
Agricultural export value	5,606	5,662	1	53,052	57,995	9
Major bulk products	1,834	2,018	10	19,842	21,300	7
High-value products	3,773	3,645	-3	33,220	36,706	10
Values						
Live animals	35	31	-11	476	547	15
Red meats & products	433	420	-3	3,460	4,098	18
Poultry meats & products	223	242	8	2,358	2,360	0
Dairy products	170	163	-4	1,461	1,498	3
Hides & skins	176	168	-5	1,446	1,638	13
Grains and feeds	1,525	1,530	0	13,356	15,217	14
Wheat	310	333	7	3,456	3,565	3
Rice	99	86	-13	1,037	1,132	9
Corn	546	574	5	3,981	4,979	25
Other grain products	271	259	-5	2,119	2,459	16
Animal feeds & oil meal	357	362	1	3,369	3,645	8
Soybeans	260	311	20	6,543	5,654	-14
Other oilseeds	90	95	6	839	996	19
Vegetable oils	136	162	19	1,427	1,461	2
Fruits, nuts, & products	584	563	-4	4,936	5,711	16
Fruits, fresh or frozen	282	282	0	2,103	2,335	11
Fruits, prepared or preserved	73	72	-2	625	677	8
Fruit juices	90	72	-21	628	738	17
Vegetables & products	581	521	-10	4,714	5,239	11
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	153	134	-13	1,338	1,366	2
Vegetables, preserved or processed	428	388	-9	3,376	3,872	15
Tree nuts and preparations	229	209	-9	2,207	2,699	22
Wine	64	62	-3	566	615	9
Cotton & linters	515	648	26	3,446	4,483	30
Tobacco, unmanufactured	61	31	-48	890	956	7
Sugar & tropical products	212	199	-6	1,718	1,960	14
Volumes						
	Thousand metric tons		Percent	Thousand metric tons		Percent
Red meats & products	181	177	-2	1,565	1,786	14
Poultry meats	217	229	6	2,309	2,266	-2
Nonfat dry milk	29	31	7	281	231	-18
Wheat	1,716	1,841	7	21,473	20,958	-2
Rice	326	254	-22	3,572	3,509	-2
Coarse grains	5,198	5,466	5	42,768	50,086	17
Corn	4,860	5,194	7	38,231	45,453	19
Sorghum	326	256	-21	3,957	4,316	9
Soybeans	1,062	1,296	22	27,809	23,462	-16
Oil meal	484	572	18	5,292	5,189	-2
Vegetable oils	152	207	36	1,718	1,758	2
Fruits, fresh or frozen	220	202	-8	2,247	2,340	4
Fruits, prepared or preserved	42	41	-3	425	405	-5
Fruit juices	1,205	778	-35	8,676	9,480	9
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	184	165	-11	1,763	1,693	-4
Vegetables, preserved or processed	174	148	-15	1,358	1,668	23
Nuts & preparations	62	55	-12	644	703	9
Cotton & linters	413	531	29	2,982	3,560	19
Major bulk	10,086	10,690	6	81,868	96,253	18

Preliminary data.

Sources: Compiled by ERS from Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 2--Top 10 U.S. export markets for wheat, corn, soybeans, and cotton, by volume

Commodity	Oct.-July 2005	Oct.-July 2006	July 2006
	Metric tons		
Wheat			
Japan	2,439,034	2,431,488	213,288
Nigeria	2,235,439	2,407,436	375,404
Mexico	2,365,379	1,948,615	195,460
Iraq	292,867	1,889,176	0
Philippines	1,384,748	1,299,895	43,760
Venezuela	711,038	946,820	147,661
Egypt	1,145,018	944,492	116,533
South Korea	1,050,390	920,078	97,725
China (Taiwan)	845,947	819,677	68,726
European Union-25	923,425	600,087	156
World	21,473,336	20,958,486	1,840,819
Corn			
Japan	12,893,555	13,813,033	1,554,893
Mexico	5,058,847	5,283,535	319,725
South Korea	1,493,886	4,505,347	627,927
China (Taiwan)	3,617,445	3,916,050	351,459
Egypt	3,107,075	3,028,254	344,417
Colombia	1,745,465	2,375,929	270,714
Canada	1,869,325	1,495,717	205,739
Algeria	835,559	1,017,370	133,351
Morocco	748,204	962,341	137,922
Dominican Republic	824,967	880,465	108,341
World	38,231,263	45,453,143	5,194,211
Soybeans			
China (Mainland)	10,833,293	9,414,703	120,252
Mexico	2,999,601	3,031,223	319,410
Japan	2,628,709	2,901,485	285,324
European Union-25	4,520,630	1,745,407	88,946
China (Taiwan)	1,537,432	1,480,989	97,396
Indonesia	966,561	1,083,868	92,890
South Korea	648,708	488,560	49,684
Turkey	453,159	446,018	20,378
Egypt	298,791	420,086	9,963
Canada	308,346	283,126	12,980
World	27,809,323	23,462,254	1,295,835
Cotton			
China (Mainland)	878,596	1,797,790	219,993
Turkey	415,648	383,417	74,218
Mexico	309,260	291,075	61,812
Indonesia	231,464	185,270	34,688
China (Taiwan)	145,122	116,901	20,467
Thailand	176,351	106,835	17,485
South Korea	133,289	84,299	10,322
Pakistan	132,044	77,091	13,736
Colombia	32,686	51,135	5,458
Japan	59,417	50,813	10,037
World	2,958,391	3,536,232	529,887

Sources: Compiled by ERS using data from Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural imports, year-to-date and current months

Item	June	July	Change	Oct.-July	Oct.-July	Change
	2006	2006	July>June	2005	2006	'06>'05
	--Million dollars--		Percent	--Million dollars--		Percent
Agricultural imports						
Imports (c.i.f.)	5,582	5,471	-2	51,781	57,304	11
Imports (customs value)	5,245	5,139	-2	48,237	53,556	11
Customs value						
Live animals	137	137	0	1,227	2,140	74
Red meats & products	433	423	-2	4,803	4,337	-10
Beef & veal	275	268	-2	3,181	2,751	-14
Pork	100	102	3	1,079	1,032	-4
Dairy products	216	231	7	2,202	2,264	3
Cheese	76	85	11	851	825	-3
Grains & feeds	425	430	1	3,613	4,102	14
Grain products	289	298	3	2,651	2,895	9
Oilseeds & products	307	295	-4	2,448	2,854	17
Vegetable oils	249	236	-5	1,954	2,360	21
Fruits & preparations	565	428	-24	4,920	5,532	12
Fruits, fresh or frozen	448	320	-28	3,959	4,450	12
Fruits, prepared or preserved	117	108	-7	961	1,081	13
Fruit juices	88	100	13	848	865	2
Vegetables & preparations	618	585	-5	6,453	7,061	9
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	338	312	-8	3,932	4,379	11
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	280	273	-2	2,521	2,682	6
Tree nuts & preparations	94	100	6	1,019	921	-10
Cotton & linters	1	1	70	15	14	-11
Wine	362	359	-1	3,036	3,357	11
Malt beverages	307	313	2	2,437	2,779	14
Essential oils	218	203	-7	1,913	1,958	2
Cut flowers & nursery stock	91	82	-10	1,170	1,206	3
Sugar & related products	267	253	-5	1,810	2,505	38
Confections	102	106	4	933	949	2
Cocoa & products	191	225	18	2,210	2,168	-2
Coffee & products	297	267	-10	2,385	2,622	10
Rubber, natural	146	159	8	1,234	1,599	30
Volume						
	Thousand metric tons		Percent	Thousand metric tons		Percent
Wine 1/	677	711	5	5,813	6,439	11
Malt beverages 1/	2,968	3,042	2	23,917	26,526	11
Cattle & calves	127	109	-14	1,207	2,076	72
Beef & veal	89	88	-2	1,029	876	-15
Dairy products	25	26	4	303	275	-9
Processed grains, ex. feed	83	87	5	807	840	4
Fruits, fresh or frozen	741	587	-21	7,099	7,144	1
Fruits, prepared or preserved	101	91	-10	878	965	10
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	353	328	-7	4,358	4,677	7
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	167	166	-1	1,543	1,526	-1
Vegetable oils	245	214	-13	1,832	2,312	26
Sugar & related products	327	310	-5	2,109	3,307	57
Cocoa & products	86	108	26	1,048	1,036	-1
Coffee & products	115	107	-7	1,135	1,088	-4

Preliminary data. 1/ Thousand hectoliters.

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

Table 4--Top 10 sources of U.S. imports of fruits and vegetables, by value 1/

Commodity	Oct.-July 2005	Oct.-July 2006	July 2006
	Million dollars		
Fruits, fresh or frozen			
Chile	996	1,123	1
Mexico	1,102	1,097	1
Costa Rica	404	632	21
Ecuador	239	300	0
Guatemala	323	300	0
Colombia	166	173	3
Canada	155	171	30
Honduras	147	128	1
European Union-25	102	124	28
Argentina	59	75	76
World	3,959	4,450	320
Fruits, prepared or preserved			
China (Mainland)	185	215	19
Thailand	179	201	21
Mexico	107	126	11
Philippines	109	99	9
European Union-25	80	79	9
Canada	68	75	9
Chile	29	45	6
Turkey	33	40	3
Indonesia	28	29	3
Costa Rica	15	18	2
World	961	1,081	108
Vegetables, fresh or frozen			
Mexico	2,324	2,668	108
Canada	1,067	1,141	153
Peru	106	119	2
European Union-25	124	110	15
China (Mainland)	73	98	14
Guatemala	50	46	4
Costa Rica	40	39	4
Ecuador	18	23	2
Israel	26	17	1
Dominican Republic	15	17	1
World	3,932	4,379	312
Vegetables, prepared or preserved			
European Union-25	725	714	77
Canada	491	532	49
Mexico	313	344	35
China (Mainland)	201	231	23
Thailand	102	119	13
Japan	85	88	10
Peru	70	77	5
India	43	73	7
Turkey	47	68	4
South Korea	44	49	5
World	2,521	2,682	273

1/ Excludes juices.

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New table format this issue

The tables in this report have been reformatted to provide additional commodity and country detail. This change reflects the rapid change in trade values in general and the changing composition of commodity trade. We will also include special articles to highlight issues as they arise.

Data

Monthly and year-to-date U.S. agricultural trade (FATUS and HTS) data are on USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service website <http://www.fas.usda.gov/ustrade/>. Click on FATUS imports or FATUS exports.

Summary FATUS data tables and frequently asked questions and answers are at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/fatus>.

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