

# U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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## U.S. Agricultural Trade Largely Unchanged From June

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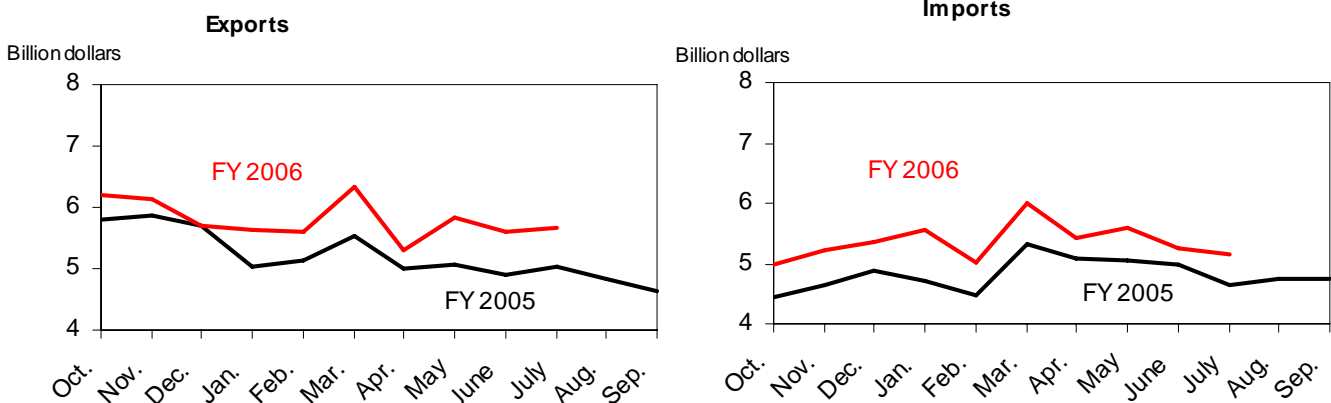
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The value of U.S. agricultural exports rose slightly from June to July, with bulk products rising while high-value products declined. Fiscal-year-to-date exports are \$58 billion—about \$5 billion higher than the same period in fiscal 2005. Year-to-date 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
<b>Agricultural export value</b>	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
<b>Values</b>						
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
<b>Volumes</b>						
	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		
<b>Wheat</b>			
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
<b>Corn</b>			
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
<b>Soybeans</b>			
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
<b>Cotton</b>			
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
<b>Agricultural imports</b>						
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
<b>Customs value</b>						
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	429	-24	4,928	5,540	12
Fruits, fresh or frozen	448	320	-28	3,959	4,450	12
Fruits, prepared or preserved	117	109	-7	969	1,090	12
Fruit juices	88	100	13	850	867	2
Vegetables & preparations	501	493	-2	5,490	5,975	9
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	339	330	-3	3,960	4,417	12
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	152	153	1	1,443	1,469	2
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
<b>Volume</b>						
	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.-Aug. 2005	Oct.-Aug. 2006	Aug. 2006
Million dollars			
<b>Fruits, fresh or frozen</b>			
Chile	996	1,123	28
Mexico	1,102	1,097	76
Costa Rica	404	632	58
Ecuador	239	300	26
Guatemala	323	300	25
Colombia	166	173	16
Canada	155	171	30
Honduras	147	128	9
European Union-25	102	124	2
Argentina	59	75	1
World	3,959	4,450	320
<b>Fruits, prepared or preserved</b>			
China, Mainland	189	218	19
Thailand	180	201	21
Mexico	107	126	11
Philippines	109	99	9
European Union-25	80	80	9
Canada	70	76	10
Chile	29	45	6
Turkey	33	40	3
Indonesia	28	29	3
Costa Rica	15	18	2
World	969	1,090	109
<b>Vegetables, fresh or frozen</b>			
Mexico	2,325	2,675	115
Canada	1,068	1,143	153
Peru	106	129	12
European Union-25	124	110	15
China, Mainland	73	98	14
Costa Rica	59	52	5
Guatemala	50	46	4
Ecuador	20	24	2
Dominican Republic	19	21	2
Israel	26	17	1
World	3,960	4,417	330
<b>Vegetables, prepared or preserved 2/</b>			
European Union-25	483	442	50
Mexico	224	253	27
Canada	182	182	19
China, Mainland	145	162	15
Peru	38	65	5
India	32	48	5
Turkey	41	47	3
Morocco	24	34	5
Thailand	29	29	3
Japan	27	25	3
World	1,443	1,469	153

1/ Excludes juices. 2/ Excludes pulses.

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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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Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, <http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/foreign-trade/www/>, provides a description of and guide to total U.S. trade, as well as the U.S. HTS export classifications (Schedule B), and much other information about U.S. trade data.

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