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Fiscal 2006 U.S. Agricultural Trade Hits New Records

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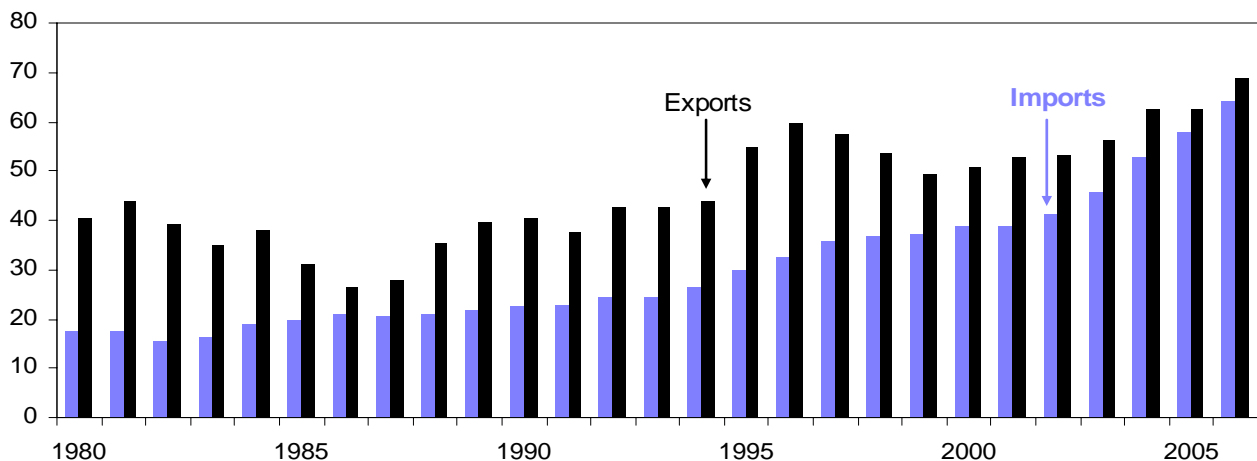
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The value of U.S. agricultural exports fell 2 percent from August to September, with high-value products declining slightly more than bulk products. Fiscal 2006 exports are a record \$68.7 billion—about \$6.2 billion higher than the fiscal 2005 record, and slightly above [USDA's August forecast](#) of \$68 billion. On a monthly basis, export values of red meats, tree nuts, and soybeans had the sharpest increases while rice export values fell considerably. On a fiscal year basis, corn, cotton, and red meats all grew by more than 20 percent over last year.

The value of U.S. agricultural imports fell by 8 percent from August to September; month-to-month fruit and prepared vegetable imports declined in both value and volume. Fiscal 2006 imports hit a record of \$64 billion—about \$6.3 billion higher than the fiscal 2005 record, but slightly below [USDA's August forecast](#) of \$64.5 billion forecast. Live animals, sugar, and rubber values had the largest increases over fiscal 2005. Significant volume increases were behind the increases for sugar, cattle, and vegetable oils.

Figure 1
Annual fiscal year (October-September) U.S. agricultural trade, 1980-2006
Billion dollars



Sources: 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	Aug.	Sep.	Change	Oct.-Sep.	Oct.-Sep.	Change
	2006	2006	Aug.-Sep.	2005	2006	'05-'06
	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Agricultural export value	5,410	5,315	-2	62,516	68,721	10
Major bulk products	1,639	1,619	-1	22,650	24,557	8
High-value products	3,773	3,697	-2	39,877	44,176	11
Values						
Live animals	28	37	34	547	613	12
Red meats & products	436	432	-1	4,117	4,966	21
Poultry meats & products	269	239	-11	2,929	2,868	-2
Dairy products	170	152	-11	1,745	1,820	4
Hides & skins	175	164	-6	1,748	1,978	13
Grains and feeds	1,744	1,581	-9	16,149	18,543	15
Wheat	383	372	-3	4,252	4,320	2
Rice	105	62	-41	1,235	1,299	5
Corn	641	579	-10	4,742	6,199	31
Other grain products	288	263	-9	2,597	3,011	16
Animal feeds & oil meal	407	358	-12	4,009	4,411	10
Soybeans	326	402	23	6,980	6,382	-9
Other oilseeds	90	94	4	1,004	1,180	18
Vegetable oils	137	138	1	1,685	1,736	3
Fruits, nuts, & products	511	578	13	5,940	6,800	14
Fruits, fresh	247	260	6	2,559	2,842	11
Fruits, prepared or preserved 1/	78	80	2	763	834	9
Fruit juices	77	77	-1	766	892	17
Vegetables & products	526	526	0	5,616	6,290	12
Vegetables, fresh	109	112	2	1,531	1,588	4
Vegetables, preserved or processed 1/	416	414	-1	4,085	4,702	15
Tree nuts and preparations	186	239	28	2,619	3,124	19
Wine	74	66	-11	677	754	11
Cotton & linters	89	104	16	3,879	4,676	21
Tobacco, unmanufactured	55	48	-11	988	1,058	7
Sugar & tropical products	227	236	4	2,105	2,423	15
Volumes						
	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Red meats & products	184	174	-6	1,865	2,144	15
Poultry meats	224	196	-13	2,785	2,686	-4
Nonfat dry milk	28	25	-10	325	284	-13
Wheat	2,129	2,077	-2	26,505	25,164	-5
Rice	341	195	-43	4,248	4,045	-5
Coarse grains	5,999	5,382	-10	50,538	61,467	22
Corn	5,691	4,991	-12	45,262	56,134	24
Sorghum	286	336	17	4,474	4,939	10
Soybeans	1,389	1,765	27	29,504	26,616	-10
Oil meal	581	521	-10	5,988	6,291	5
Vegetable oils	157	163	4	2,008	2,079	4
Fruits, fresh	193	205	6	2,703	2,738	1
Fruits, prepared or preserved 1/	42	42	2	504	489	-3
Fruit juices	852	825	-3	10,609	11,156	5
Vegetables, fresh	116	115	-1	2,034	1,923	-5
Vegetables, preserved or processed 1/	177	192	9	1,708	2,038	19
Nuts & preparations	56	67	20	746	826	11
Cotton & linters	70	76	9	3,375	3,706	10
Major bulk	11,721	10,408	-11	96,781	118,372	22

Preliminary data. 1/ Includes frozen.

Source: Compiled by ERS using data 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.-Sep. 2005	Oct.-Sep. 2006	Sep. 2006
	<i>Metric tons</i>		
Wheat			
Japan	2,967,616	2,949,415	294,088
Nigeria	2,963,399	2,857,753	190,550
Mexico	2,924,754	2,383,330	242,780
Iraq	621,507	1,889,176	0
Philippines	1,718,515	1,651,801	78,645
Egypt	1,319,650	1,345,246	115,653
South Korea	1,208,795	1,122,760	86,860
Venezuela	828,496	1,064,983	34,182
China (Taiwan)	992,711	912,940	50,783
European Union-25	1,206,054	814,142	114,149
World	26,504,841	25,163,803	2,076,816
Corn			
Japan	15,035,871	16,521,097	1,264,452
Mexico	5,935,482	6,758,723	861,579
South Korea	2,210,380	5,801,912	619,830
China (Taiwan)	4,446,275	4,455,655	297,730
Egypt	3,738,343	4,156,079	370,593
Colombia	1,970,774	2,881,630	236,811
Canada	2,210,382	1,907,791	197,098
Algeria	1,036,302	1,254,664	56,587
Morocco	781,138	1,178,229	117,575
Dominican Republic	1,006,736	1,065,294	90,959
World	45,261,650	56,134,394	4,990,561
Soybeans			
China (Mainland)	11,062,110	10,101,018	458,744
Mexico	3,491,542	3,687,887	407,413
Japan	3,017,053	3,355,120	149,135
European Union-25	4,566,461	2,029,790	218,105
China (Taiwan)	1,670,763	1,770,356	107,337
Indonesia	1,061,182	1,202,637	75,625
Turkey	477,936	648,186	105,498
South Korea	673,029	535,403	46,843
Egypt	308,495	456,894	19,593
Canada	364,672	319,356	19,880
World	29,503,852	26,615,808	1,764,905
Cotton			
China (Mainland)	1,061,145	1,823,177	13,251
Turkey	460,767	399,742	9,438
Mexico	347,037	319,551	14,104
Indonesia	249,165	202,003	7,900
China (Taiwan)	171,898	121,541	2,055
Thailand	184,816	112,849	4,068
South Korea	142,842	87,933	1,776
Pakistan	136,122	80,309	780
Colombia	36,667	59,826	4,577
Japan	66,081	53,214	1,015
World	3,349,127	3,678,472	74,453

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	Aug.	Sep.	Change	Oct.-Sep.	Oct.-Sep.	Change
	2006	2006	Aug.-Sep.	2005	2006	'05-'06
	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Agricultural imports						
Imports (c.i.f.)	5,816	5,339	-8	61,904	68,458	11
Imports (customs value)	5,462	5,007	-8	57,736	64,025	11
Customs value						
Live animals	169	212	25	1,612	2,521	56
Red meats & products	421	372	-12	5,716	5,131	-10
Beef & veal	264	235	-11	3,772	3,251	-14
Pork	104	92	-12	1,298	1,228	-5
Dairy products	233	219	-6	2,611	2,715	4
Cheese	90	78	-13	1,015	994	-2
Grains & feeds	486	484	-1	4,429	5,072	15
Grain products	330	340	3	3,263	3,565	9
Oilseeds & products	314	286	-9	2,961	3,454	17
Vegetable oils	261	242	-7	2,383	2,863	20
Fruits & preparations	438	366	-16	5,652	6,336	12
Fruits, fresh or frozen	313	256	-18	4,486	5,019	12
Fruits, prepared or preserved	126	110	-12	1,166	1,317	13
Fruit juices	111	76	-31	1,002	1,053	5
Vegetables & preparations	581	581	0	7,542	8,258	9
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	295	318	8	4,498	5,028	12
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	286	262	-8	3,044	3,230	6
Tree nuts & preparations	106	87	-18	1,195	1,114	-7
Cotton & linters	1	1	-59	19	16	-18
Wine	350	307	-12	3,691	4,014	9
Malt beverages	319	295	-8	2,994	3,394	13
Essential oils	163	178	9	2,334	2,300	-1
Cut flowers & nursery stock	108	116	7	1,380	1,430	4
Sugar & related products	287	289	1	2,308	3,081	33
Confections	113	106	-6	1,158	1,168	1
Cocoa & products	269	233	-14	2,633	2,670	1
Coffee & products	298	286	-4	2,830	3,205	13
Rubber, natural	216	135	-38	1,506	1,950	29
Volume						
	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Wine 1/	684	578	-16	7,070	7,701	9
Malt beverages 1/	3,093	2,809	-9	29,302	32,428	11
Cattle & calves	142	168	18	1,494	2,385	60
Beef & veal	81	69	-16	1,218	1,026	-16
Dairy products	27	25	-9	356	327	-8
Processed grains, ex. feed	92	89	-3	988	1,020	3
Fruits, fresh or frozen	574	514	-11	8,195	8,232	0
Fruits, prepared or preserved	112	98	-13	1,063	1,174	10
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	328	346	5	4,957	5,370	8
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	163	149	-8	1,854	1,838	-1
Vegetable oils	265	256	-3	2,246	2,833	26
Sugar & related products	394	415	5	2,788	4,115	48
Cocoa & products	140	102	-27	1,237	1,278	3
Coffee & products	125	126	1	1,320	1,339	1

Preliminary data. 1/ Thousand hectoliters.

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

Commodity	Oct.-Sep. 2005	Oct.-Sep. 2006	Sep. 2006
<i>Million dollars</i>			
Fruits, fresh or frozen			
Mexico	1,212	1,201	43
Chile	1,044	1,154	15
Costa Rica	465	744	56
Guatemala	379	352	26
Ecuador	287	348	22
Canada	213	248	28
Colombia	203	202	16
Honduras	165	149	11
European Union-25	104	126	1
Argentina	59	76	1
World	4,486	5,019	256
Fruits, prepared or preserved			
China, Mainland	223	258	18
Thailand	217	244	17
Mexico	130	150	11
Philippines	134	129	16
Canada	86	96	9
European Union-25	96	95	8
Chile	38	57	5
Turkey	40	47	5
Indonesia	35	36	3
Costa Rica	18	23	2
World	1,176	1,327	111
Vegetables, fresh or frozen			
Mexico	2,507	2,855	87
Canada	1,328	1,461	159
Peru	139	169	25
European Union-25	150	138	15
China, Mainland	94	123	11
Costa Rica	71	63	5
Guatemala	62	58	6
Ecuador	25	29	3
Dominican Republic	22	24	2
Israel	26	19	1
World	4,531	5,054	321
Vegetables, prepared or preserved 2/			
European Union-25	582	528	41
Mexico	281	307	23
Canada	216	221	21
China, Mainland	173	198	17
Peru	49	84	11
India	39	61	6
Turkey	48	55	5
Morocco	29	38	1
Thailand	35	36	3
Japan	31	29	2
World	1,749	1,780	148

1/ Excludes juices. 2/ Excludes pulses.

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