



U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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U.S. Agricultural Exports at Nearly \$7 billion Again in November

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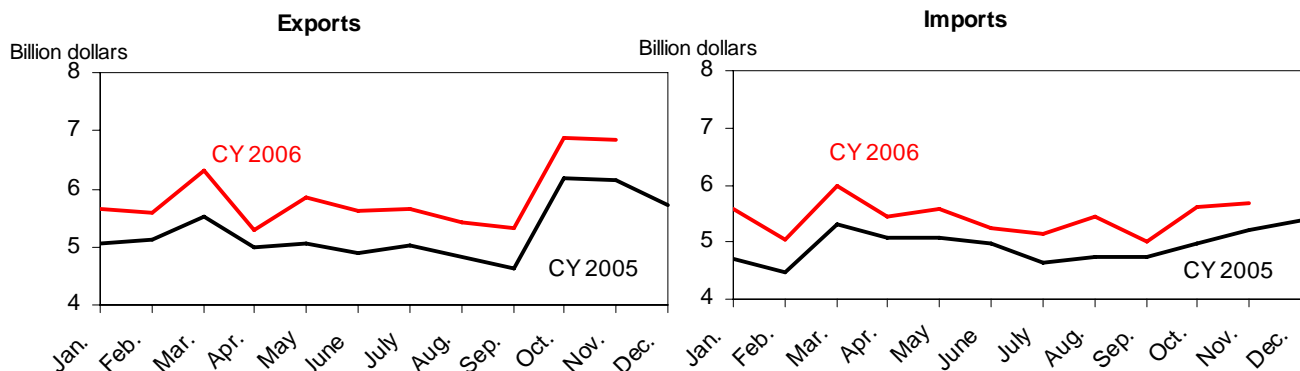
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The value of U.S. agricultural exports in November was \$13 million below the October record of \$6.9 billion. Grains accounted for most of the increase, notably from corn as soybean exports fell from October levels. With only 1 month remaining in calendar year 2006, exports are at \$64.4 billion, about 12 percent higher than in 2005. Corn and meat exports showed the strongest growth over last year. Japan, Mexico, and South Korea continue to account for more than half the U.S. corn shipments; nearly one-fourth of November shipments went to Japan. High-value products increased about 9 percent above this time last year.

The value of U.S. agricultural imports rose only 2 percent from October to November, to nearly \$5.7 billion. Year-to-date imports are \$59.8 billion, roughly \$6 billion higher than the first 11 months of calendar year 2005. Most of the increase comes from fruit, vegetable, and vegetable oil imports, although there were continued increases in wine, malt beverages, sugar, and rubber. Both the volume and the value of coffee are higher than at this point in 2005.

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	Oct.	Nov.	Change	Jan.-Nov.	Jan.-Nov.	Change
	2006	2006	Oct.-Nov.	2005	2006	'05-'06
	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Agricultural export value	6,865	6,852	0	57,477	64,412	12
Major bulk products	2,563	2,513	-2	20,170	23,152	15
High-value products	4,302	4,339	1	50,562	55,322	9
Values						
Live animals	149	141	-5	513	574	12
Red meats & products	456	503	10	3,899	4,730	21
Poultry meats & products	271	286	5	2,801	2,591	-8
Dairy products	172	151	-13	1,547	1,740	12
Hides & skins	165	164	-1	1,641	1,884	15
Grains and feeds	1,703	1,767	4	14,907	17,425	17
Wheat	366	332	-9	3,939	3,817	-3
Rice	92	73	-21	1,159	1,155	0
Corn	652	772	18	4,311	6,238	45
Other grain products	258	252	-2	2,388	2,726	14
Animal feeds & oil meal	423	447	6	3,998	4,461	12
Soybeans	1,149	922	-20	5,695	6,089	7
Other oilseeds	70	69	-1	662	739	12
Vegetable oils	161	191	19	1,492	1,624	9
Fruits & products	364	353	-3	3,171	3,454	9
Fruits, fresh	272	275	1	2,469	2,648	7
Fruits, prepared or preserved	91	78	-14	703	806	15
Fruit juices	75	73	-2	704	839	19
Vegetables & products	338	345	2	3,239	3,548	10
Vegetables, fresh	136	146	8	1,406	1,532	9
Vegetables, preserved or processed	201	199	-1	1,834	2,016	10
Tree nuts and preparations	405	394	-3	2,613	2,776	6
Wine	78	70	-10	573	749	31
Cotton & linters	143	212	48	3,634	4,274	18
Tobacco, unmanufactured	117	136	16	891	993	11
Sugar & tropical products	252	243	-3	1,991	2,313	16
Volumes						
	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Red meats & products	184	206	12	1,734	2,017	16
Poultry meats	237	281	19	2,508	2,517	0
Nonfat dry milk	27	16	-41	270	276	2
Wheat	1,925	1,649	-14	168	157	-6
Rice	282	211	-25	4,019	3,522	-12
Coarse grains	5,334	5,424	2	45,892	57,644	26
Corn	5,016	5,013	0	40,956	52,902	29
Sorghum	264	324	23	4,152	4,366	5
Soybeans	4,844	3,565	-26	23,106	25,042	8
Oil meal	626	779	25	6,303	7,233	15
Vegetable oils	200	238	19	1,744	1,968	13
Fruits, fresh	224	254	13	2,578	2,460	-5
Fruits, prepared or preserved	47	40	-14	442	461	4
Fruit juices	74	70	-6	940	986	5
Vegetables, fresh	154	170	10	1,902	1,807	-5
Vegetables, preserved or processed	187	181	-3	1,647	1,859	13
Nuts & preparations	116	111	-4	703	759	8
Cotton & linters	105	159	50	3,189	3,358	5
Major bulk	12,509	11,026	-12	100,807	111,119	10

Preliminary data.

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	Jan.-Nov. 2005	Jan.-Nov. 2006	Nov. 2006
	<i>Metric tons</i>		
Wheat			
Japan	2,765,319	2,764,763	221,556
Nigeria	3,028,755	2,424,002	165,822
Mexico	2,477,398	2,081,484	171,525
Philippines	1,558,863	1,672,353	103,449
Egypt	1,183,334	1,347,025	0
Iraq	1,098,771	1,206,079	217,709
South Korea	1,087,704	1,021,773	106,288
Venezuela	832,466	901,985	34,209
China (Taiwan)	921,504	745,706	110,247
Yemen	504,765	635,011	0
World	24,462,788	21,398,126	2,116,893
Corn			
Japan	13,824,405	15,003,256	1,284,664
Mexico	4,866,088	6,527,432	611,480
South Korea	2,066,710	5,765,771	199,889
China (Taiwan)	4,163,711	3,912,275	413,437
Egypt	3,491,046	3,824,151	189,805
Colombia	1,944,219	2,743,672	190,578
Canada	1,913,568	1,661,860	212,537
Syria	1,066,197	1,220,627	0
Dominican Republic	908,625	1,138,356	86,887
Algeria	938,657	1,121,300	117,506
World	40,956,046	52,901,711	3,991,719
Soybeans			
China (Mainland)	8,369,043	9,048,007	1,641,334
Mexico	3,280,184	3,474,132	242,524
Japan	2,633,238	3,107,922	313,313
European Union-25	2,299,288	2,331,685	309,342
China (Taiwan)	1,623,811	1,626,168	327,210
Indonesia	1,070,490	1,097,139	137,318
Turkey	470,793	598,637	157,507
Thailand	346,404	401,500	128,417
South Korea	619,767	389,662	139,732
Egypt	274,082	372,240	115,990
World	23,105,718	25,041,876	3,847,958
Cotton			
China (Mainland)	1,138,815	1,610,878	109,933
Turkey	449,729	371,255	22,578
Mexico	314,475	304,682	17,988
Indonesia	216,312	188,242	11,726
China (Taiwan)	146,005	118,884	3,311
Thailand	151,453	101,558	5,111
Pakistan	113,966	71,823	5,549
South Korea	117,247	69,142	6,296
Brazil	17,015	53,076	58
Colombia	38,152	52,565	5,104
World	3,171,751	3,331,658	219,392

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	Oct.	Nov.	Change	Jan.-Nov.	Jan.-Nov.	Change
	2006	2006	Oct.-Nov.	2005	2006	'05-'06
	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million dollars</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Agricultural imports						
Imports (c.i.f.)	5,965	6,089	2	57,767	63,885	11
Imports (customs value)	5,601	5,686	2	53,951	59,751	11
Customs value						
Live animals	252	268	7	1,693	2,239	32
Red meats & products	424	432	2	5,111	4,641	-9
Beef & veal	262	267	2	3,331	2,947	-12
Pork	107	102	-5	1,167	1,101	-6
Dairy products	245	255	4	2,432	2,483	2
Cheese	103	117	14	907	928	2
Grains & feeds	539	528	-2	4,129	4,857	18
Grain products	388	363	-7	3,048	3,373	11
Oilseeds & products	286	281	-2	2,750	3,193	16
Vegetable oils	237	233	-1	2,299	2,702	18
Fruits & preparations	421	496	18	5,298	5,905	11
Fruits, fresh or frozen	303	380	25	4,201	4,654	11
Fruits, prepared or preserved	119	117	-2	1,097	1,250	14
Fruit juices	96	115	19	946	1,032	9
Vegetables & preparations	539	614	14	5,761	6,388	11
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	359	433	21	4,074	4,616	13
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	169	171	1	1,594	1,667	5
Tree nuts & preparations	89	116	31	1,018	1,005	-1
Cotton & linters	1	1	50	19	15	-23
Wine	436	446	2	3,457	3,804	10
Malt beverages	332	303	-9	2,878	3,286	14
Essential oils	178	158	-11	2,153	2,048	-5
Cut flowers & nursery stock	128	133	4	1,287	1,358	5
Sugar & related products	256	192	-25	2,267	2,815	24
Confections	115	109	-5	1,081	1,092	1
Cocoa & products	228	209	-8	2,488	2,395	-4
Coffee & products	272	271	0	2,728	3,045	12
Rubber, natural	195	184	-6	1,390	1,910	37
Volume						
	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand metric tons</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Wine 1/	79	83	6	667	724	9
Malt beverages 1/	318	289	-9	2,789	3,148	13
Cattle & calves	225	271	21	1,561	2,092	34
Beef & veal	77	78	2	1,074	923	-14
Dairy products	28	34	21	321	298	-7
Processed grains, ex. feed	102	99	-3	921	948	3
Fruits, fresh or frozen	568	662	17	7,523	7,698	2
Fruits, prepared or preserved	100	99	-1	993	1,099	11
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	403	457	13	4,656	4,921	6
Vegetable oils	215	213	-1	2,190	2,619	20
Sugar & related products	321	174	-46	2,906	3,744	29
Cocoa & products	91	90	0	1,177	1,131	-4
Coffee & products	114	110	-3	1,199	1,249	4

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	Jan.-Nov. 2005	Jan.-Nov. 2006	Nov. 2006
<i>Million dollars</i>			
Fruits, fresh or frozen			
Mexico	1,188	1,136	74
Chile	893	1,023	25
Costa Rica	457	693	60
Guatemala	339	321	29
Ecuador	260	319	31
Canada	212	253	29
Colombia	188	184	13
Honduras	153	141	14
European Union-25	89	94	42
Argentina	62	83	13
World	4,201	4,654	380
Fruits, prepared or preserved			
China, Mainland	214	249	24
Thailand	194	222	17
Mexico	123	139	14
Philippines	120	120	10
Canada	80	95	10
European Union-25	88	92	9
Chile	39	54	4
Turkey	37	43	4
Indonesia	34	33	3
Costa Rica	18	22	2
World	1,097	1,250	117
Vegetables, fresh or frozen			
Mexico	2,229	2,522	230
Canada	1,239	1,414	124
Peru	127	148	27
European Union-25	118	127	12
China, Mainland	88	120	11
Guatemala	55	57	5
Costa Rica	63	56	6
Ecuador	24	26	3
Dominican Republic	18	22	2
Chile	17	16	1
World	4,074	4,616	433
Vegetables, prepared or preserved 2/			
European Union-25	521	494	50
Mexico	269	273	20
Canada	192	202	18
China, Mainland	163	201	23
Peru	53	80	14
India	40	59	6
Turkey	44	53	7
Thailand	31	34	4
Morocco	26	33	1
Chile	19	28	5
World	1,594	1,667	171

1/ Excludes juices. 2/ Excludes pulses.

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