

U.S. Agricultural Trade: Trends, Composition, Direction, and Policy

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Summary

U.S. agricultural exports, imports, and the agricultural trade surplus are expected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to reach record levels in FY2011. FY2011 U.S. farm exports are forecast by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reach \$137 billion, while agricultural imports are expected to reach \$93 billion. The agricultural trade surplus is projected to be \$44 billion. Exports of high-value products (e.g., fruits, vegetables, meats, wine and beer) have increased since the early 1990s and now account for 60% of total U.S. agricultural exports. Exports of bulk commodities (e.g., soybeans, wheat, and feed grains) remain significant.

Leading markets for U.S. agricultural exports are China, Canada, Mexico, Japan, the European Union (EU), South Korea, and Taiwan. The United States in 2011 is forecast to be the world's leading exporter of corn, wheat, soybeans, and cotton. The U.S. share of world beef exports, which declined after the 2003 discovery of a case of "mad cow disease" in the United States, is recovering as more countries have re-opened their markets to U.S. product. The United States, European Union, Australia, and New Zealand are dominant suppliers of dairy products in global agricultural trade. New Zealand and the United States are the main suppliers of nonfat dry milk to world markets, while the EU is the leading supplier of cheeses.

China has been among the fastest-growing markets for U.S. agricultural exports. Agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico, both partners of the United States in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), have also grown rapidly.

Most U.S. agricultural imports are high-value products, including fruits, nuts, vegetables, wine, and beer. The biggest import suppliers are NAFTA partners Canada and Mexico, and the EU. Together these three are forecast to provide more than 50% of total U.S. agricultural imports in FY2011. Brazil, Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand, and Colombia are also important suppliers of agricultural imports to the United States.

According to estimates by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United States provides the third-lowest amount of government policy-generated support to its agricultural sector among OECD countries. The United States' average applied tariff for agricultural products is estimated by the World Trade Organization to be 8.9%, a little more than twice the average applied tariff for non-agricultural products. Export subsidies, export credit guarantees, and market development programs are among the programs used by the United States to promote U.S. agricultural exports. The United States also provides U.S. agricultural commodities to developing countries as food aid for emergency relief or use in nonemergency development activities.

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U.S. Agricultural Exports, Imports, and Trade Balance

- According to USDA, FY2011 agricultural exports are forecast to reach \$137 billion, well above the fiscal 2008 record level of \$115 billion. Increased demand for commodities as the global economy recovers from recession is a major reason for the increase in FY2011 exports.
- U.S. agricultural imports are forecast to reach \$93 billion—a new record high—in FY2011, a \$14 billion increase over FY2010 agricultural imports.
- The expected \$44 billion U.S. agricultural trade surplus for FY2011 is well above FY2008's all-time high of \$36 billion.

Figure 1. U.S. Agricultural Exports, Imports, and the Trade Balance, FY1998-FY2011F



Year	Exports	Imports	Balance
1988	35.3	21.0	14.3
1989	39.6	21.5	18.1
1990	40.2	22.6	17.7
1991	37.6	22.6	15.0
1992	42.4	24.3	18.1
1993	42.6	24.4	18.1
1994	43.9	26.6	17.3
1995	54.6	29.9	24.7
1996	59.8	32.6	27.2
1997	57.3	35.8	21.5
1998	53.6	36.8	16.8
1999	49.1	37.3	11.8
2000	50.7	38.9	11.9
2001	52.7	39.0	13.7
2002	53.3	41.0	12.3
2003	56.0	45.7	10.3
2004	62.4	52.7	9.7
2005	62.5	57.7	4.8
2006	68.6	64.0	4.6
2007	82.2	70.1	12.1
2008	114.9	79.3	35.6
2009	96.3	73.4	22.9
2010	108.7	79.0	29.7
2011F	37.0	93.0	44.0

Table I. U.S. Agricultural Exports and Imports, FY1988-FY2011F (\$ billion)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture. Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Shares of U.S. Crop Production Exported: Selected Commodities

- In 2010/2011, a forecast 58.2% of the U.S. wheat crop will be exported, while 15.8% of the U.S. corn crop will move into world markets.
- The export share of soybeans is forecast to be 47.8% in 2010/2011. Tight world stocks of oilseeds and strong foreign demand have pushed soybean exports up.
- Cotton's export share in 2010/2011 is forecast to be 86%. Cotton is the United States' most export-dependent field crop.



Figure 2. U.S. Agricultural Exports: Share of U.S. Production Exported, 1990/1991-2010/2011F

	(percent)					
Year	Wheat	Corn	Cotton	Soybeans		
1990/91	38.4	22.1	50.3	28.9		
1991/92	65.5	21.4	37.7	34.4		
1992/93	55.5	17.7	32.1	35.2		
1993/94	50.8	20.6	42.5	31.5		
1994/95	51.5	23.0	47.8	33.4		
1995/96	56.9	28.1	42.9	39.1		
1996/97	44.0	19.9	36.2	37.2		
1997/98	41.9	16.2	39.9	32.5		
1998/99	41.8	21.0	30.9	29.4		
1999/00	47.1	20.7	39.8	36.7		
2000/01	46.2	19.2	39.2	36.1		
2001/02	49.6	19.6	54.2	36.8		
2002/03	51.7	18.0	69.1	37.9		
2003/04	50.3	19.0	75.4	36.1		
2004/05	48.4	15.1	62.1	35.1		
2005/06	47.3	19.9	74.0	30.6		
2006/07	50.5	20.3	60.0	34.9		
2007/08	61.4	18.3	71.0	43.3		
2008/09	39.8	15.5	103.5	43.1		
2009/10	40.0	15.0	98.8	44.7		
2010/11F	58.2	15.8	86.0	47.8		

Table 2. U.S. Agricultural Exports: Shares of U.S. Crop Production Exported, 1990/1991-2010/2011F

Source: Calculated by CRS using data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Shares of U.S. Livestock Products Exported: Selected Commodities

- U.S. livestock products are much less export-dependent than crops.
- Beef exports, which grew from around 4% of production in 1990 to almost 10% by 2003, have slowly recovered from export bans on U.S. beef following the 2003 discovery of a BSE-infected cow in the United States. The beef export share of production in 2011 is forecast to be 8.7%.
- Pork exports as a share of production have grown substantially, from 1.6% in 1990 to a forecast 20.8% in 2011.
- Poultry's export share of production has almost tripled since 1990, from 6.2% to a forecast 18.1% in 2011.

Figure 3. U.S. Agricultural Exports: Shares of U.S. Livestock Products Exported, 1990-2011F



Year	Beef	Pork	Poultry
1990	4.4	1.6	6.2
1991	5.1	1.8	6.4
1992	5.7	2.4	7.1
1993	5.5	2.6	8.9
1994	6.5	3.1	12.1
1995	7.1	4.4	15.7
1996	7.2	5.7	16.9
1997	8.3	6.0	16.3
1998	8.3	6.5	15.8
1999	9.0	6.6	15.6
2000	9.1	6.8	16.3
2001	8.6	8.0	18.0
2002	8.9	8.2	15.1
2003	9.5	8.6	15.2
2004	1.9	10.6	14.2
2005	2.8	12.9	14.9
2006	4.3	14.2	14.8
2007	5.4	14.3	16.5
2008	7.0	20.0	19.1
2009	7.4	17.8	19.4
2010	8.8	20.2	18.0
2011F	8.7	20.8	18.1

Table 3. U.S. Agricultural Exports: Shares of U.S. Production of Livestock Exported, 1990-2011F

Source: Calculated by CRS using data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Composition of U.S. Agricultural Exports: Major Commodity Components

- The United States exports a wide range of agricultural products, including horticultural products, field crops, livestock products, and poultry.
- Oilseeds (mainly soybeans) and oilseed products (mainly meal and oil)—with a forecast value of \$30.2 billion in FY2011—are the largest commodity component of U.S. agricultural exports.
- Horticultural product exports (fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and their preparations)—forecast to be \$25 billion in FY2011—comprise the second-largest commodity category of U.S. agricultural exports in FY2011.
- Livestock and poultry products together would amount to more than \$21 billion in FY2011.
- Field crop exports (including feed grains, wheat, cotton, and tobacco) are forecast to account for almost \$37 billion of U.S. agricultural exports in FY2011.



Figure 4. U.S. Agricultural Exports of Major Commodities, FY2011F

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Commodity	FY2011F Exports
Oilseeds and Products	30.2
Horticultural Products	25.0
Livestock Products	17.6
Feed Grains	14.7
Wheat	11.7
Cotton	9.0
Poultry/Prods.	4.9
Tobacco	1.2

Table 4. U.S. Agricultural Exports of Major Commodities, FY2011F (\$ billions)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture. Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Composition of U.S. Agricultural Exports: Bulk, Consumer-Ready, and Intermediate Product Exports

- *Bulk agricultural exports* include products like wheat, coarse grains, cotton, and soybeans.
- *Intermediate products* have been processed to some extent and include products like wheat flour, soybean oil, and feeds.
- *Consumer-ready products* include both processed products such as breakfast cereals and products such as fresh fruits and vegetables, meat and dairy products, and wine and beer.
- Until 1990, bulk agricultural exports were the mainstay of U.S. farm export trade. The total of high-value (intermediate plus consumer-ready) products has exceeded the value of bulk agricultural exports in every fiscal year since FY1991.
- In FY2010, high-value exports accounted for 60.5% of total U.S. agricultural exports and bulk exports for 39.5%.



Figure 5. U.S. Agricultural Exports, FY1990-FY2010: Bulk, Consumer-Oriented, and Intermediate Product Exports

				(\$ thousands)			
Year	Total	Bulk	% of Total	Consumer-Oriented	% of Total	Intermediate	% of Total
1990	40,347,960	21,793,461	54.0	9,891,735	24.5	8,662,764	21.5
1991	37,864,207	17,701,487	46.7	11,574,646	30.6	8,588,074	22.7
1992	42,554,780	19,523,240	45.9	I 3,689,029	32.2	9,342,511	22.0
1993	43,057,753	19,084,550	44.3	14,889,726	34.6	9,083,477	21.1
1994	43,893,020	17,940,578	40.9	I 6,460,463	37.5	9,491,979	21.6
1995	54,613,152	24,446,611	44.8	18,847,340	34.5	11,319,201	20.7
1996	59,785,653	28,781,235	48.I	20,167,462	33.7	10,836,956	18.1
1997	57,305,347	24,250,805	42.3	20,878,010	36.4	12,176,532	21.2
1998	53,661,663	20,925,957	39.0	20,641,538	38.5	12,094,168	22.5
1999	49,118,260	18,596,897	37.9	19,898,512	40.5	10,622,851	21.6
2000	50,761,767	18,580,955	36.6	21,481,221	42.3	10,699,591	21.1
2001	52,716,911	18,436,458	35.0	22,541,751	42.8	11,738,702	22.3
2002	53,319,318	19,122,275	35.9	21,708,519	40.7	12,488,524	23.4
2003	56,013,986	21,224,523	37.9	22,723,487	40.6	12,065,977	21.5
2004	62,400,350	26,903,911	43.I	23,353,486	37.4	12,142,954	19.5
2005	62,516,299	23,613,456	37.8	26,287,920	42.0	12,614,923	20.2
2006	68,592,956	25,619,902	37.4	29,363,783	42.8	13,609,271	19.8
2007	82,216,762	32,883,623	40.0	33,191,509	40.4	16,141,630	19.6
2008	114,909,725	52,375,640	45.6	41,387,674	36.0	21,146,412	18.4
2009	96,295,144	38,438,804	39.9	39,406,888	40.9	18,449,452	19.2
2010	108,663,682	42,882,719	39.5	43,277,761	39.8	22,503,203	20.7

Table 5. U.S. Agricultural Exports, FY1990-FY2010: Total, Bulk, Consumer-Ready, and Intermediate Product Exports

Source: Data in this table are compiled from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service databases, available at http://www.fas.usda.gov/gats/default.aspx.

Major Country Markets for U.S. Agricultural Exports

- *China* is now forecast to be the top market for U.S. agricultural exports in FY2011, with exports valued at \$21 billion, surpassing *Canada* with \$18.5 billion.
- *Mexico*, with Canada a U.S. partner in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), is the third-largest market for U.S. agricultural exports, with exports valued at \$17 billion. Total U.S. agricultural exports to its NAFTA partners are forecast at \$37 billion for FY2011.
- *Japan* (\$13 billion forecast for FY2010), which was the number-one U.S. destination for agricultural products for many years, is forecast to be the fourth-largest export destination. It is followed by the *EU-27*, the fifth-largest U.S. farm export market, with forecast agricultural exports of \$10 billion.
- Other Asian markets—*South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong*—also are major markets for U.S. agricultural exports, with forecast values in FY2011 of \$6.5 billion, \$3.5 billion, and \$3.3 billion, respectively.



Figure 6. Major Country Markets for U.S. Exports, FY2009-FY2011F

(\$ Dillon)				
Country	2009	2010	2011F	
China	11.2	15.1	21.0	
Canada	15.5	16.6	18.5	
Mexico	13.5	13.9	17.0	
Japan	11.2	11.2	13.0	
EU-27	7.6	8.5	10.0	
South Korea	3.8	5.0	6.5	
Taiwan	2.9	3.2	3.5	
Hong Kong	1.8	2.5	3.3	
Turkey	1.4	2.0	2.9	
Russia	1.4	1.0	1.4	

Table 6. Major Country Markets for U.S. Agricultural Exports, FY2009-FY2011F (\$ billion)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture. Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

World Export Market Shares: Crops

- Wheat: The United States is the major supplier of wheat and wheat products to the world market, with a forecast export market share of 28.2% in marketing year 2010/2011. The EU (16.9%), Canada (14.1%), and Australia (12.1%) are major competitors in this market (see Figure 7 and Table 7).
- **Rice:** Thailand (33.1% export market share forecast for 2010/2011) is the world's major rice exporter; but Vietnam (19.9%) has emerged as a major competitor. Both Pakistan's and India's export market shares in 2010/2011 are forecast to be 8%. The United States would be the world's third-largest rice exporter with a forecast share in 2010/2011 of 11.4% (see **Figure 8** and **Table 8**).
- **Corn:** The United States has the world's largest export market for corn with a 2010/2011 forecast export share of 54.3% (see **Figure 9** and **Table 9**). Since the mid-1990s, Brazil has increased its share of world corn exports, while China, an exporter of corn during most of the last 16 years, has lost export market share.
- Soybeans: The United States is forecast to be the world's main supplier of soybeans to the world market in 2010/2011 with a share of 44%, down from 73% in 1995/1996. Over that same period, Brazil's export market share has grown from 10.9% to 33.1%. (see Figure 10 and Table 10).
- **Cotton:** U.S. cotton exports are estimated to be 40.8% of the world total in 2010/2011. U.S. competitors include India (12.4%), Uzbekistan (9.1%), Australia (7.8%) and West/Central African countries (6.3%) (see Figure 11 and Table 11).



Figure 7. Shares of World Exports of Wheat and Wheat Products, 2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service. **Notes:** F = Forecast.

Country	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Argentina	4.5	9.7	9.4	9.0	9.9	11.2	10.8
Australia	12.2	17.5	14.7	15.8	15.3	16.3	15.3
Canada	17.2	17.4	20.4	14.1	17.3	16.9	15.5
European Unionª	13.3	17.1	13.6	14.3	18.2	15.3	11.8
Russian Federation	0.2	0.7	1.1	1.6	0.5	0.7	4.0
Ukraine	1.4	1.2	1.3	4.6	1.7	0.1	5.1
United States	34.1	26.2	27.1	28.4	26.3	27.4	24.3
Rest of World	17.2	10.1	12.4	12.1	10.8	12.1	13.1
Country	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Argentina	5.9	7.1	11.9	7.3	10.6	8.8	6.0
Australia	10.2	14.6	13.9	13.3	9.7	6.4	9.4
Canada	8.8	15.0	13.3	13.7	16.7	14.2	13.0
European Unionª	17.0	9.5	12.9	13.8	11.9	10.5	17.7
Russian Federation	11.8	3.0	7.4	9.3	9.3	10.5	12.8
Ukraine	6.2	0.1	3.9	5.7	2.9	1.1	9.1
United States	21.2	31.0	25.0	23.7	21.5	29.4	18.9
Rest of World	18.9	19.7	11.7	13.1	17.3	19.1	13.0
Country	2009/2010E	2010/2	011F				
Argentina	3.9	5.6					
Australia	10.2	12.1					
Canada	4.	14.1					
European Unionª	16.5	16.9					
Russian Federation	13.8	3.2					
Ukraine	7.0	3.2					
United States	18.0	28.2					
Rest of World	16.5	16.7					

Table 7. Shares of World Exports of Wheat and Wheat Products, 1995/1996-2010/2011F

(percent)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: July-June marketing year.

E = Estimate.

F = Forecast.

a. 1995/1996-1998/1999 data are EU-15 and 1990/2000 to present are EU-27.



Figure 8. Shares of World Exports of Rice, 2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service. **Note:** F = Forecast.

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Country	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
China	0.2	1.3	5.0	13.5	10.9	13.0	7.6
India	20.0	18.6	11.1	16.9	11.1	6.4	7.9
Pakistan	8.5	8.5	9.4	7.2	7.4	8.9	9.9
Thailand	28.6	26.8	27.7	23.0	26.9	28.7	30.8
United States	14.6	13.3	12.2	11.5	10.7	12.5	10.2
Vietnam	11.1	15.4	17.6	13.7	18.4	14.8	14.5
Rest of World	17.1	16.1	17.0	14.2	14.7	15.8	19.0
Country	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
China	7.1	9.4	3.2	2.3	4.2	4.2	3.3
India	23.9	16.1	11.7	16.2	15.6	19.8	11.4
Pakistan	5.8	7.1	7.3	10.5	12.3	8.5	10.3
Thailand	26.1	27.4	37.2	25.1	25.4	30.0	33.7
United States	11.6	13.8	11.2	13.3	11.2	9.4	10.8
Vietnam	11.7	13.8	15.8	17.9	16.2	14.2	15.6
Rest of World	13.9	12.5	13.6	14.8	15.0	14.0	14.9
Country	2008/09	2009/10E	2010/11F				
China	2.7	2.0	2.0				
India	7.3	6.3	8.0				
Pakistan	10.9	12.8	8.8				
Thailand	29.3	28.9	33.1				
United States	10.2	12.3	11.4				
Vietnam	20.3	21.6	19.9				
Rest of World	19.3	16.1	16.9				

Table 8. Shares of World Exports of Rice, 1994/1995-2010/2011F (percent)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: July-June marketing year.

E = Estimate.

F = Forecast.



Figure 9. Shares of World Exports of Corn, 2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service.

	(percent)									
Country	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02			
Argentina	10.7	15.3	20.2	11.4	12.3	16.1	11.8			
Brazil	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.9	5.3			
China	0.2	5.8	9.8	4.9	13.7	9.6	11.8			
South Africa, Rep.	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.9	۱.6			
Ukraine	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5			
United States	81.4	70.0	59.9	75.7	68.4	63.7	64.9			
Rest of World	4.5	5.7	7.5	6.3	4.3	3.3	4.1			
Country	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09			
Argentina	16.0	13.2	18.1	12.9	17.2	16.0	10.1			
Brazil	4.1	7.4	1.9	3.4	8.8	8.0	8.6			
China	19.8	9.6	10.0	4.5	5.8	0.6	0.2			
South Africa, Rep.	1.5	1.0	2.0	1.7	0.5	1.1	2.5			
Ukraine	1.1	1.6	3.1	3.0	1.1	2.1	6.5			
United States	53.2	61.7	59.6	67.8	59.3	61.7	56.9			
Rest of World	4.3	5.6	5.3	6.7	7.4	10.5	15.2			
Country	2009/10E	2010/11F								
Argentina	18.2	14.1								
Brazil	9.3	10.9								
China	0.2	0.2								
South Africa, Rep.	1.7	2.7								
Ukraine	5.4	6.0								
United States	53.5	54.3								
Rest of World	11.7	11.8								

Table 9. Shares of World Exports of Corn, 1995/1996-2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: October-September marketing year.

E = Estimate.

F = Forecast.



Figure 10. Shares of World Exports of Soybeans, 2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service. **Note:** F = Forecast.

	(percent)										
Country	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02				
Argentina	6.6	2.1	7.2	8.1	9.0	13.6	11.3				
Brazil	10.9	22.9	22.3	23.5	24.3	28.8	27.4				
Canada	1.9	1.3	2.0	2.3	2.1	1.4	0.9				
Paraguay	5.0	5.8	5.8	6.1	4.4	4.4	4.3				
United States	73.0	65.6	60.5	57.7	58.2	50.5	54.7				
Rest of World	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.3	1.3				
Country	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09				
Argentina	4.	12.0	14.8	11.4	13.5	17.6	7.3				
Brazil	32.1	36.4	31.1	40.8	33.1	32.2	39.0				
Canada	1.2	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.6				
Paraguay	5.0	4.8	4.6	3.2	5.5	5.8	2.9				
United States	46.4	43.1	46.1	40.3	42.9	40.0	45.3				
Rest of World	1.3	2.1	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.2	2.9				
Country	2009/10E	2010/2	011F								
Argentina	4.	11.2									
Brazil	30.8	33.1									
Canada	2.4	2.9									
Paraguay	5.8	5.7									
United States	44.0	44.0									
Rest of World	2.8	3.1									

Table 10. Shares of World Exports of Soybeans, 1995/1996-2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: Marketing year.

E = Estimate

F = Forecast



Figure 11. Shares of World Exports of Cotton, 2010/2011F



Notes: West/Central Africa includes Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo.

F = Forecast.

Country	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02
Australia	5.3	8.9	10.1	12.9	11.8	14.9	10.7
West/Central Africaª	10.2	12.3	13.5	15.3	13.8	12.4	12.2
India	2.1	4.4	1.2	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.2
United States	28.1	25.6	28.1	18.3	24.8	25.7	37.7
Uzbekistan	16.5	17.0	17.1	16.2	15.5	13.2	12.0
Rest of World	37.8	31.8	30.0	36.5	33.9	33.4	27.1
Country	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Australia	8.7	6.5	5.7	6.4	5.7	3.1	4.0
West/Central Africaª	12.4	13.4	11.8	9.9	10.3	6.8	7.1
India	0.2	2.1	1.9	8.2	13.0	19.2	7.8
United States	39.1	41.4	41.2	39.4	34.6	35.0	44.I
Uzbekistan	11.2	9.3	11.3	10.7	12.0	10.8	10.0
Rest of World	28.4	27.3	28.1	25.4	24.4	25.1	26.9
Country	2009/10E	2010/11F					
Australia	5.9	7.8					
West/Central Africaª	6.4	6.3					
India	18.4	12.4					
United States	33.9	40.8					
Uzbekistan	10.7	9.1					
Rest of World	24.7	23.6					

Table 11. Shares of World Exports of Cotton, 1995/1996-2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: Marketing year.

E = Estimate.

F = Forecast.

a. Includes Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Togo.

World Market Shares: Livestock and Dairy

- **Beef:** Brazil, with 24.4% (forecast) of world exports in 2011, is the largest supplier of beef to world markets. The U.S. share of world beef exports is forecast to be 13.5% in 2010. Lingering effects of mad cow disease continue to affect demand for U.S. beef in world markets; the U.S. share of world beef exports had reached 18.9% in 2000. (See Figure 12 and Table 12.)
- **Pork:** The United States is forecast to have the largest export market share for pork (35%) in 2011. Main competitors for pork export market shares include the EU (25.5%) and Canada (19.4%). (See **Figure 13** and **Table 13**.)
- **Poultry:** Brazil is the world's leading supplier of poultry meat to the world market (37.1% forecast export market share for 2011). The United States, with 33.3% of world poultry meat exports, and the EU with 10.5% have lost market share to Brazil over the past decade. (See Figure 14 and Table 14.)
- **Dairy Products:** For 2011, New Zealand (29.4%) and the United States (27.4%) are forecast to be the leading suppliers of nonfat dry milk to world markets (see **Figure 15** and **Table 15**). The EU (42.4%) is the leading supplier of cheese to world markets (see **Figure 16** and **Table 16**), while New Zealand (58.5%) is the world's largest exporter of butter (see **Figure 17** and **Table 17**).



Figure 12. Shares of World Exports of Beef and Veal, 2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service. **Note:** F = Forecast.

Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	200 I
Argentina	9.8	9.5	7.8	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
European Unionª	22.0	21.1	18.8	14.2	17.3	11.2	10.4
United States	15.1	16.3	16.7	18.0	18.6	18.9	17.6
Brazil	4.2	4.3	4.0	5.5	7.8	8.2	12.7
Australia	20.3	19.7	20.1	22.7	21.3	22.2	23.5
New Zealand	9.1	9.6	8.6	8.7	7.4	8.0	8.3
Rest of World	19.5	19.5	24.0	25.3	21.5	25.5	24.7
Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Argentina	5.4	5.9	9.3	10.3	7.4	7.1	5.6
European Unionª	9.0	6.7	5.5	3.5	2.9	1.8	2.7
United States	17.3	17.6	3.1	4.3	6.9	8.6	11.4
Brazil	13.6	17.9	24.2	25.2	27.8	28.9	24.0
Australia	20.9	19.1	20.6	19.0	19.1	18.5	18.8
New Zealand	7.4	8.4	8.9	7.9	7.1	6.6	7.1
Rest of World	26.6	24.4	28.5	29.8	28.9	28.5	30.3
Country	2009	2010P	2011F				
Argentina	8.9	4.1	4.0				
European Union ^a	2.0	2.2	2.2				
United States	12.0	14.3	13.5				
Brazil	21.8	23.1	24.4				
Australia	18.6	18.3	17.9				
New Zealand	7.0	7.0	6.7				
Rest of World	29.6	31.0	31.3				

Table 12. Shares of World Exports of Beef and Veal, 1995-2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes:

P = Preliminary.

F = Forecast.

b. 1995-1998 data are EU-15 and 1999 to present are EU-27.



Figure 13. Shares of World Pork Exports, 2011F



	(percent)										
Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001				
Canada	15.5	13.6	4.4	14.7	17.0	21.4	22.7				
United States	15.1	15.6	16.2	19.0	17.9	18.9	21.8				
European Union ^a	32.6	30.5	32.6	35.1	49.0	43.3	30.2				
China	4.4	4.8	6.9	6.9	4.4	4.7	7.0				
Taiwan	16.1	13.7	2.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1				
Rest of World	16.3	21.8	27.6	24.3	11.8	11.7	18.3				
Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008				
Canada	23.1	23.3	20.6	21.7	20.7	20.0	18.4				
United States	19.6	18.7	21.0	24.2	26.0	27.6	34.4				
European Union ^a	26.6	27.3	27.6	22.8	24.6	24.9	28.1				
China	8.2	9.5	11.4	10.0	10.4	6.8	3.6				
Taiwan	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Rest of World	22.5	21.1	19.4	21.3	18.3	20.7	15.4				
Country	2009	2010P	2011F								
Canada	19.9	19.2	19.4								
United States	32.9	33.5	35.0								
European Union ^a	25.1	28.1	25.5								
China	4.1	4.1	4.6								
Taiwan	0.0	0.0	0.0								
Rest of World	17.9	15.0	15.5								

Table 13. Shares of World Pork Exports, 1994-2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: F = Forecast.

a. 1995-1998 data are EU-15 and 1999 to present are EU-27.



Figure 14. Shares of World Poultry Meat Exports, 2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service.

(percent)									
Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001		
United States	41.3	41.9	48.8	46.7	47.3	46.7	45.9		
Brazil	10.0	11.7	15.1	13.8	16.7	18.2	22.3		
European Union ^a	NA	NA	17.8	19.0	17.6	15.2	11.8		
China (PRC)	6.2	6.6	8.1	7.6	8.5	9.7	8.9		
Rest of World	42.5	39.8	10.3	12.9	9.9	10.1	11.1		
Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		
United States	38.7	37.0	35.8	34.6	36.0	36.3	37.5		
Brazil	28.0	31.6	39.9	40.1	38.2	39.6	38.5		
European Unionª	13.6	12.0	12.0	10.2	10.5	8.6	8.8		
China (PRC)	7.8	6.4	4.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.4		
Rest of World	12.1	12.9	8.3	10.3	10.3	10.7	11.7		
Country	2009	2010F	2011P						
United States	37.7	34.9	33.3						
Brazil	36.4	36.2	37.1						
European Union ^a	9.5	11.3	10.5						
China (PRC)	3.5	4.3	4.9						
Rest of World	12.8	13.3	14.0						

Table 14. Shares of World Total Poultry Meat Exports, 1994-2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: NA = Not Available.

P = Preliminary.

F = Forecast.

a. 1997-1998 data are EU-15 and 1999 to present are EU-27.



Figure 15. Shares of World Nonfat Dry Milk Exports, 2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service.

	(percent)										
Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001				
Canada	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.8	2.7	1.9	3.7				
United States	9.5	2.4	11.3	11.5	14.4	8.5	7.7				
European Unionª	NA	NA	27.3	19.4	24.4	27.1	22.3				
Australia	10.9	12.8	19.8	22.1	15.9	15.2	17.5				
New Zealand	9.7	11.5	20.7	21.8	13.6	10.5	15.6				
Rest of World	67.4	70.8	18.0	21.4	29.1	36.7	33.3				
Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008				
Canada	3.7	2.4	1.1	0.5	1.2	1.1	1.0				
United States	9.6	9.3	15.9	23.0	26.1	20.8	35.4				
European Union ^a	19.9	22.3	19.1	15.8	8.0	16.3	16.2				
Australia	17.6	12.8	12.9	11.7	17.2	4.	10.9				
New Zealand	18.9	20.8	21.0	18.4	22.1	26.3	22.8				
Rest of World	30.3	32.4	30.0	30.5	25.5	21.4	13.7				
Country	2009	2010P	2011F								
Canada	0.9	0.8	0.7								
United States	22.1	28.5	27.4								
European Union ^a	20.1	27.2	24.3								
Australia	14.5	9.7	11.8								
New Zealand	35.4	27.6	29.4								
Rest of World	7.0	6.2	6.5								

Table 15. Shares of World Nonfat Dry Milk Exports, 1995-2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: NA = Not Available.

P = Preliminary.

F = Forecast.

a. 1997-1998 data are EU-15 and 1999 to present are EU-27.



Figure 16. Shares of World Cheese Exports, 2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service.
Country	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
European Union ^a	NA	NA	NA	51.0	46.2	45.2	31.1	30.8	
New Zealand ^b	5.9	6.9	6.7	25.0	25.6	26.1	16.3	16.0	
Australia ^c	4.1	4.5	4.3	13.3	16.6	18.7	14.4	13.9	
Ukraine	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.8	2.0	
United States	1.1	1.1	1.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	3.0	3.4	
Argentina	0.6	0.5	0.4	2.0	1.9	2.2	1.4	1.1	
Canada	0.3	0.6	0.6	2.4	3.0	2.7	1.2	1.2	
Rest of World	87.8	86.2	86.6	2.0	2.2	0.3	31.8	31.5	
Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
European Union ^a	30.3	31.3	29.7	28.7	31.7	28.8	38.8	41.3	
New Zealand ^b	16.7	16.9	16.4	15.2	15.1	16.7	22.4	23.5	
Australia ^c	13.1	12.0	12.0	13.1	11.4	11.4	16.0	13.1	
Ukraine	2.2	3.5	5.3	6.7	2.8	3.3	6.1	6.2	
United States	3.3	3.0	3.5	3.3	4.0	5.4	10.4	8.7	
Argentina	1.6	1.3	1.8	2.6	3.3	2.4	2.9	3.9	
Canada	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	
Rest of World	31.8	31.2	30.8	29.9	31.2	31.5	2.6	2.6	
Country	2010P	2011F							
European Union ^a	42.5	42.4							
New Zealand ^b	20.9	21.2							
Australia ^c	12.1	12.9							
Ukraine	6.2	6.5							
United States	12.0	10.5							
Argentina	3.3	3.4							
Canada	0.7	0.6							
Rest of World	2.3	2.5							

Table 16. Shares of World Cheese Exports, 1994-2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: NA = Not Available.

P = Preliminary.

F = Forecast.

- a. 1997-1998 data are EU-15 and 1999 to present are EU-27.
- b. Year ending May 31 of the year shown.
- c. Year ending June 30 of the year shown.



Figure 17. Shares of World Butter Exports, 2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Note: F = Forecast.

(percent)								
Country	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
New Zealand ^a	20.2	19.3	21.0	42.1	50.2	34.1	37.0	36.3
European Union ^b	NA	NA	NA	29.2	26.8	24.5	21.4	21.7
Australia ^c	7.1	6.9	6.6	14.8	16.7	14.3	15.2	12.9
Ukraine	1.7	5.6	8.4	7.9	1.6	1.0	3.4	5.5
Canada	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.6	1.9	1.3	1.1	1.7
United States	7.1	5.2	1.7	2.4	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.0
Rest of World	63.7	62.5	61.1	2.0	2.2	24.5	21.5	21.9
Country	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
New Zealand ^a	35.9	33.5	31.6	27.8	35.7	40.2	50.9	60.1
European Union ^b	23.4	27.0	27.9	29.9	24.2	19.8	21.1	20.8
Australia ^c	12.7	9.2	5.9	6.2	8.0	7.3	8.0	10.2
Ukraine	1.5	1.5	3.3	2.1	1.8	0.4	0.8	0.1
Canada	1.7	1.0	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.2	0.1	0.4
United States	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.5	1.1	3.7	12.3	2.2
Rest of World	24.3	26.7	29.2	31.8	27.4	27.5	6.8	6.3
Country	2010P	2011F						
New Zealand ^a	55.9	58.5						
European Union ^b	24.8	20.9						
Australia ^c	8.2	9.1						
Ukraine	0.1	0.1						
Canada	1.2	1.3						
United States	7.0	6.3						
Rest of World	2.7	3.7						

Table 17. Shares of World Butter Exports, 1994-2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: NA = Not Available.

P = Preliminary.

F = Forecast.

a. Year ending May 31 of the year shown.

b. 1997-1998 data are EU-15 and 1999 to present are EU-27.

c. Year ending June 30 of the year shown.

World Market Shares: Sugar

- Brazil is the world's leading exporter of sugar with an export market share forecast to be 51.8% for 2010/2011.
- Australia, with 7.2% of global sugar exports, is the world's second-largest exporter of sugar.
- The United States is a sugar importer with negligible sugar exports (forecast to be 0.3% for 2010/2011).



Figure 18. Shares of World Centrifugal Sugar Exports, 2010/2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service.

Notes: DR-CAFTA includes Dominican Republic and Central America. The European Union (EU) data include French overseas departments of Reunion, Guadeloupe, and Martinique, but do not include intra EU trade. EU data include sugar-containing products. October-September marketing year. F = Forecast.

Country	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01	2001/02	
United States	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	
Mexico	1.8	2.5	2.9	1.4	0.8	0.4	1.0	
Total Caribbean	12.7	11.3	8.0	9.7	9.5	9.0	8.4	
DR-CAFTA ^a	5.2	5.7	6.3	5.3	5.3	6.1	5.3	
Brazil	16.4	15.3	19.1	23.3	27.1	20.1	27.4	
European Union ^b	13.1	13.8	16.9	14.2	14.7	17.3	11.3	
Australia	12.0	12.0	12.1	10.9	9.9	8.0	8.5	
Rest of World	37.8	38.9	34.4	34.7	32.6	38.8	37.8	
Country	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	
United States	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	
Mexico	0.1	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.3	1.3	2.8	
Total Caribbean	4.8	5.2	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.4	
DR-CAFTAª	4.9	5.1	5.5	5.3	5.3	4.8	5.9	
Brazil	29.7	32.7	38.4	34.3	40.5	37.8	44.1	
European Union ^b	11.9	10.5	12.8	16.7	4.7	3.2	2.7	
Australia	8.7	8.9	9.5	8.4	7.5	7.2	7.2	
Rest of World	39.7	36.9	30.5	30.7	38.6	42.9	34.7	
Country	2009/10E	2010/11F						
United States	0.4	0.3						
Mexico	1.5	1.8						
Total Caribbean	2.2	1.7						
DR-CAFTAª	5.6	5.6						
Brazil	46.9	51.8						
European Union ^b	4.6	2.8						
Australia	6.9	7.2						
Rest of World	31.8	28.8						

Table 18. Shares of World Centrifugal Sugar Exports, 1995/1996-2010/2011F (percent)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture. Foreign Agricultural Service Production, Supply and Distribution Online database, http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdHome.aspx.

Notes: P = Preliminary.

F = Forecast.

- a. DR-CAFTA includes Dominican Republic and Central America. 1995/1996-2003/2004 data are EU-15, 2004/2005-2005/2006 are EU-25, and 2006/2007 to present are EU-27.
- b. The EU Includes French overseas departments of Reunion, Guadeloupe, and Martinique. EU trade data does not Include intra trade. Beginning 2004/2005, the data reflects the EU enlargement by accession of 10 countries. EU exports include sugar-containing products.

Major U.S. Agricultural Imports

- High-value horticultural products (fruits, nuts, vegetables and preparations; wine and malt beverages; nursery stock and flowers, and others) are the largest category of U.S. agricultural imports, and are forecast to be \$39.4 billion in FY2011.
- Other sizeable commodity imports forecast for FY2011 are grains and feeds (\$8.2 billion), livestock and dairy (\$8.9 billion), and oilseeds and products (\$7.3 billion).
- Imports of tropical products such as coffee, cocoa, sugar, and products are forecast to be \$16.7 billion in FY2011.



Figure 19. Major Agricultural Imports by Commodity, FY2011F

Commodity	FY2011F
Fruits, Nuts & Preps.	13.3
Vegetables & Preps.	9.5
Wine & Malt Beverage	8.3
Grains and Feeds	8.2
Coffee and Products	7.4
Oilseeds and Products	7.3
Sweeteners and Products	5.3
Red Meats	4.3
Cocoa and Products	4.0
Dairy Products	2.7
Essential Oils	2.6
Livestock and Products	1.9
Nursery and Cut Flowers	1.5

Table 19. Major U.S. Agricultural Imports, FY2011F (\$ billions)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Note: F = Forecast.

U.S. Agricultural Imports by Country of Origin

- NAFTA partners Canada (\$17.8 billion) and Mexico (\$15.9 billion) and the EU-27 (\$14.5 billion) are forecast to be the source of more than 50% of total U.S. agricultural imports (\$93 billion) in FY2011.
- Agricultural imports from Brazil are expected to reach a forecast \$3.4 billion in FY2011; Indonesia is expected to ship \$3.7 billion of farm products to the United States in FY2011.
- Australia, with whom the United States entered into a free trade agreement (FTA) in 2005, is forecast to provide the United States with \$2.2 billion worth of agricultural imports in FY2011. Colombia, a prospective FTA partner, is forecast to ship \$2.6 billion of farm products to the United States in FY2011.



Figure 20. U.S. Agricultural Imports by Country of Origin, FY2009-FY2011F

(\$ billion)					
Country	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011F		
Canada	15.4	15.7	17.8		
Mexico	11.3	13.0	15.9		
European Union	13.6	14.2	15.5		
Brazil	2.5	2.6	3.4		
Indonesia	2.0	2.6	3.7		
Australia	2.4	2.3	2.2		
Colombia	1.8	1.9	2.6		
New Zealand	1.8	1.6	1.9		

Table 20. U.S. Agricultural Imports by Country of Origin, FY2009-FY2011F

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Notes: F = Forecast.

Regional Market Growth in U.S. Agricultural Exports

- Economic growth in Asia has contributed to relatively consistent long-term growth in U.S. agricultural exports to the region.
- Despite some year-to-year variation, the EU, the United States' fifth-largest agricultural export market, has been a relatively stable market for U.S. agricultural exports with little growth since 1992.
- Agricultural exports to countries in the former Soviet Union have declined in value since the 1992 break-up of the USSR.
- Agricultural exports to Latin America, including Mexico, and to Canada have grown rapidly since the early 1990s due in part to geographic proximity and NAFTA, among other factors.



Figure 21. Growth in U.S. Agricultural Exports, FY1992-FY2011F

Year	Asia	European Union	Latin America ^a	Former Soviet Union	Canada
1992	17.8	7.2	6.5	2.2	4.8
1993	17.8	7.2	6.9	1.6	5.2
1994	19.9	6.6	7.4	1.0	5.3
1995	24.0	8.4	8.2	1.2	5.8
1996	26.0	9.2	9.9	1.6	6.0
997	23.9	9.0	10.0	1.3	6.6
1998	19.7	8.5	11.3	1.0	7.0
999	18.5	7.0	10.4	0.8	7.0
2000	19.7	6.4	10.6	0.7	7.5
2001	20.1	6.5	11.6	1.1	8.0
2002	19.5	6.5	11.5	0.7	8.6
2003	21.7	6.3	12.4	0.7	9.1
2004	24.3	7.0	13.6	1.1	9.6
2005	22.5	7.2	14.4	1.2	10.4
2006	24.9	7.2	16.5	1.1	11.6
2007	29.3	8.0	20.0	1.4	13.3
2008	43.2	10.7	27.5	2.3	16.2
2009	37.8	7.6	22.8	1.8	15.5
2010	45.8	8.5	23.8	1.4	16.6
2011F	59.5	10.0	29.9	1.7	18.5
Rate of Growth ^b	6.22%	1.66%	7.93%	-1.28%	6.98%

Table 21. Growth in U.S. Agricultural Exports to Selected Markets, FY1992-FY2011F (\$ billion)

Source: U. S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Notes: F = Forecast.

- a. Including Mexico.
- b. The rate of growth is the change in U.S. exports from 1992 to 2011F. Calculations were made by CRS using a compound rate of growth calculator.

Growth in U.S. Agricultural Exports to Asian Markets

- Like the EU, Japan also has been a relatively stable and slow-growing market for U.S. agricultural exports.
- U.S. agricultural exports to China, fueled by rates of GDP growth in excess of 9%, have grown rapidly since the early 1990s (18.54%). FY2011 U.S. agricultural exports to China are forecast to be more than 10 times their value in FY2001, when China became a member of the World Trade Organization.
- Rapid income growth in Southeast Asia also has stimulated demand for U.S. agricultural exports since 1992.

Agricultural exports to South Asia also have shown growth since 1992.



Figure 22. Growth in Agricultural Exports to Asian Markets, FY1992-FY2011F

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(\$ billion)					
Year	Japan	Southeast Asia	South Asia	China	
1992	8.4	1.5	0.5	0.7	
1993	8.5	1.6	0.6	0.3	
1994	9.2	1.8	0.6	0.9	
1995	10.5	2.6	1.0	2.4	
1996	11.9	3.4	0.7	1.8	
1997	10.7	3.1	0.7	1.8	
1998	9.5	2.3	0.6	1.5	
1999	8.9	2.2	0.5	1.0	
2000	9.4	2.6	0.4	1.5	
2001	8.9	2.9	0.6	1.9	
2002	8.3	2.9	0.8	1.8	
2003	8.8	2.9	0.6	3.5	
2004	8.5	3.1	0.7	6.1	
2005	7.8	3.4	0.7	5.3	
2006	8.2	3.4	0.7	6.6	
2007	9.7	4.4	1.0	7.1	
2008	13.1	7.1	1.2	11.2	
2009	11.2	5.7	1.2	11.2	
2010	11.2	7.3	1.5	15.1	
2011F	13.0	10.0	2.2	21.0	
Rate of Growth ^a	2.21%	9.95%	7.69%	18.54%	

Table 22. Change in U.S.Agricultural Exports to Asian Markets, FY1992-FY2011F (\$ billion)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture. Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Notes: F = Forecast.

a. The rate of growth is the change in U.S. exports from 1992 to 2010F. Calculations were made by CRS using a compound rate of growth calculator.

Growth in Agricultural Exports to North and South America

- Growth in U.S. agricultural trade with Canada and Mexico, both NAFTA trading partners, and with Latin America has been particularly strong since 1992.
- U.S. agricultural exports to Canada are forecast to be \$18.5 billion in FY2011.
- U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico are expected to be \$17 billion in FY2011.
- U.S. agricultural exports to Latin America (excluding Mexico) are expected to reach \$12.9 billion in FY2011, up from \$9.9 billion in FY2010.



Figure 23. Change in Agricultural Exports to North and South America, FY1992-FY2011F

Year	Latin America ex. Mexico	Canada	Mexico	NAFTA
1992	2.8	4.8	3.7	8.5
1993	3.3	5.2	3.7	8.9
1994	3.2	5.3	4.1	9.4
1995	4.5	5.8	3.7	9.5
1996	4.9	6.6	5.1	11.7
1997	4.9	6.6	5.1	11.7
1998	5.3	7.0	6.0	13.0
1999	4.7	7.0	5.7	12.7
2000	4.3	7.5	6.3	13.8
2001	4.3	8.0	7.3	15.3
2002	4.5	8.6	7.1	15.7
2003	4.8	9.1	7.6	16.7
2004	5.2	9.6	8.4	18.0
2005	5.2	10.4	9.3	19.7
2006	6.1	11.6	10.4	22.0
2007	7.7	13.3	12.3	25.6
2008	12.0	16.2	15.6	31.8
2009	9.3	15.5	13.5	29.0
2010	9.9	16.6	13.9	30.5
2011F	12.9	18.5	17.0	35.5
Rate of Growth ^a	7.94%	6.98%	7.92%	7.41%

Table 23. Change in Agricultural Exports to North and South America,FY1992-FY2011F

(\$ billion)

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, AES-70, May 26, 2011, available at http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/ers/AES//2010s/2011/AES-05-26-2011.pdf.

Notes: F = Forecast.

a. The rate of growth is the change in U.S. exports from 1992 to 2011F. Calculations were made by CRS using a compound rate of growth calculator.

U.S. Agricultural and Trade Policies

Domestic Support

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-246, 2008 farm bill) was enacted into law in June 2008 and will govern most federal farm and food policies through 2012. The 2008 farm bill provides price and income support to U.S. agricultural producers through 2012. In addition, the farm bill authorizes programs for conservation, rural development, nutrition (domestic food assistance), trade, and food aid administered by USDA. Budgetary outlays for all U.S. agricultural programs were \$129.5 billion in FY2010.¹

By one widely used measure, the producer support estimate (PSE) calculated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United States provided an estimated \$30.6 billion in agricultural support to producers in 2009 (provisional estimate).² PSEs measure assistance to producers in terms of the value of monetary transfers generated by agricultural policy. Transfers are paid by consumers or by taxpayers in the form of market price support, direct payments, or other support. They are a broader measure of support than direct government spending alone. The percentage PSE measures support in relation to gross farm receipts. As a percent of gross farm receipts, the PSE for the United States is 10% in 2009, the third-lowest among OECD countries (**Figure 24, Table 24**). OECD attributes an increase of 2% (over 2008) in the PSE expected for the United States for 2009 to an increase in market price support for dairy. Over a longer period, the trend in producer support in the United States has been downward, dropping from a PSE of 22% in 1986-1988 to 10% in 2009. Among U.S. commodities, sugar is the most highly subsidized product in the United States, with a provisional single commodity transfer estimated at 21% of the gross value of sugar production in 2009 (**Figure 25, Table 25**).

¹ U.S. Department of Agriculture, at http://www.obpa.usda.gov/budsum/FY12budsum.pdf.

² OECD countries include Australia, Canada, the European Union, Iceland, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States.



Figure 24. Producer Support Estimates (PSEs) in Selected OECD Countries

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(percent)						
Country	1986-1988	2007-2009	2007	2008	2009P	
Australia	10	4	5	4	3	
EU	39	23	24	22	24	
Japan	64	47	46	48	48	
Korea	68	52	58	46	52	
U.S.	22	9	10	8	10	

Source: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Agricultural Policies in OECD Countries: At a Glance 2010.

Note: P = Provisional.



Figure 25. Producer Single Commodity Transfers (PSCs): Selected Commodities in the United States

Table 25. Producer Single Commodity Transfers (PSC) in the United States, by Commodity

(percent)

	1986-1988				
Products	(Average)	2007-2009	2007	2008	2009P
Wheat	46.5	6.1	7.6	0.2	14.4
Corn	34.8	0.6	0.5	2.8	-0.5
Rice	50.2	0.6	0.7	0.4	1.1
Soybeans	1.7	1.8	0.6	5.6	-0.8
Sugar	55.9	27.3	34.1	26.3	20.8
Milk	34.9	13.0	24.8	0.0	14.3
Beef and Veal	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), *Agricultural Policies in OECD Countries: At a Glance 2010.*

Note: P = Provisional.

Trade Measures

With agricultural exports totaling \$137 billion in FY2011, the United States is the world's largest exporter of agricultural products. The United States applies tariffs and tariff quotas³ to products entering the United States from abroad. According to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United States average applied tariff for agricultural products is 8.9%, which is slightly above the average applied U.S. tariff for non-agricultural products (4%), but relatively low compared to other WTO member countries.⁴ About 170 tariff lines (a tariff line is a product as described in a schedule or list of tariffs) are subject to tariff quotas, including beef, dairy products, and sugar. The average in-quota tariff was 9.1% in 2007, while the out-of-quota was 42%.⁵

Under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture, the United States made export subsidy reduction commitments for 13 commodities.⁶ The 2008 farm bill repealed authority for the Export Enhancement Program (EEP), which was used to fund subsidies for those products, with the exception of dairy products. Export subsidies, in the form of cash bonuses, can be provided to exporters of dairy products under the Dairy Export Incentive Program (DEIP), which was reauthorized in the 2008 farm bill through 2012. Prior to its repeal, no expenditures were made for EEP from FY2002. Spurred by declining prices for dairy products in 2008-2009, USDA announced in May 2009 DEIP allocations for nonfat dry milk, butter fat, and cheeses. DEIP bonuses of \$19 million were awarded in FY2009. In FY2010, DEIP bonuses of \$2 million were awarded.

A federally chartered public corporation operated by USDA, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), makes credit guarantees available to private financial institutions who finance the purchase of U.S. agricultural exports. Under the GSM-102, the CCC guarantees repayment of credit made available to finance U.S. agricultural exports on credit terms of up to three years. Exporters tallied \$3.1 billion of agricultural exports under the GSM-102 program. The CCC also operates the Facilities Guarantee Program (FGP), which guarantees credit to U.S. banks that finance export sales of U.S. goods and services that are used to improve agricultural export-related facilities in emerging markets (storage, processing, and handling facilities).

Export market development programs, the Market Access Program (MAP), and the Foreign Market Development Program (FMDP) assist producer groups, associations, and firms with promotional and other activities.

Food Aid

The United States is the world's leading supplier of food aid. It provides more than half of the global total.

³ A tariff quota is defined by WTO as a trade measure applied at the border where quantities inside a quota are charged lower import duty rates than those outside (which can be high).

⁴ WTO, *Trade Policy Review: United States 20108*, p. 90, available at http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/tpr_e/tp_rep_e.htm#bycountry.

⁵ Ibid, p. 81.

⁶ Wheat and wheat flour, coarse grains, rice, vegetable oils, butter and butter oil, skim milk powder, cheese, other milk products, bovine meat, pigmeat, poultry meat, live dairy cattle, and eggs.

The United States provides food aid mainly through P.L. 480, also known as the Food for Peace Program. Wheat and wheat flour are the main commodities provided as food aid, but rice and vegetable oils are also important in P.L. 480 programs. Higher-value products are made available in special feeding programs. Responsibility for implementing food aid programs is shared by USDA and the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID).

P.L. 480 food aid is provided on a grant basis through Title II of the Food for Peace Act of 2008, the successor legislation of the Agricultural Trade and Development Assistance Act of 1954 (P.L. 480). Two other food aid programs are conducted under Section 416(b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949 and the Food for Progress Act of 1985. The former provides surplus CCC inventories, if available, as donations; the latter provides concessional credit terms or commodity donations to support emerging democracies or countries making free market economic reforms. A recently enacted food aid program, the McGovern-Dole School Food for Education Program, finances school feeding and child nutrition projects in poor countries.

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