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U.S. Agricultural Trade Slows From May to June

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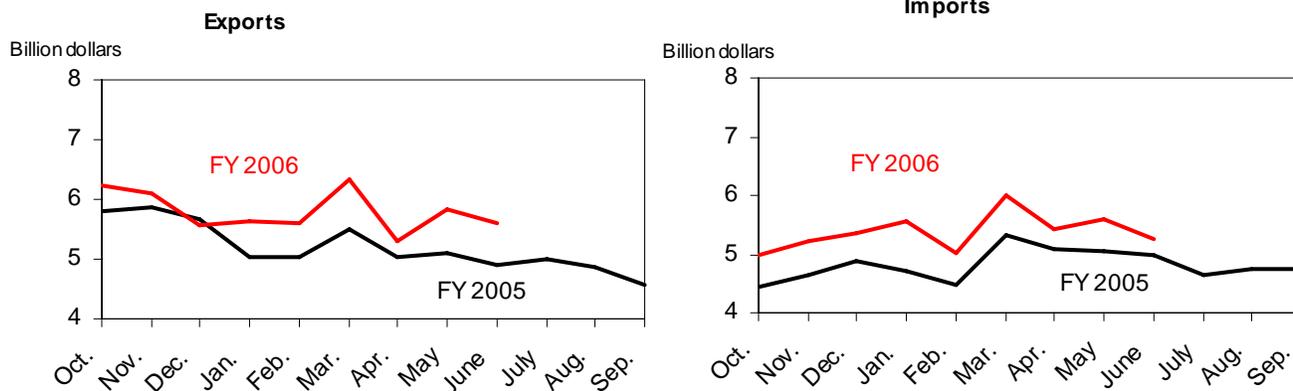
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The value of U.S. agricultural exports fell by 4 percent from May to June, with bulk products declining more than high-value products. Fiscal-year-to-date exports are \$52.3 billion—about \$4.3 billion higher than the same period in fiscal 2005. Year-to-date export values of cotton, corn, fruit juice, and nuts are all substantially higher than last year. Wheat shipments are keeping pace with the first 9 months of fiscal 2005 while corn volumes are slightly ahead of last year's pace. Cotton shipments rose in June with the largest increases going to Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia. China continues to account for half of U.S. cotton shipments. China, Mexico, Japan, and the EU-25 account for three-fourths of U.S. soybean shipments.

The value of U.S. agricultural imports fell by 6 percent from May to June. Imports are \$48.4 billion so far in fiscal 2006, up \$5 billion from this time during fiscal 2005. Although slowing from May to June, the import values of sugar, rubber, vegetable oils, and fresh and frozen vegetables are considerably higher compared with the first 9 months of fiscal 2005. Mexico supplies more than half of the value of fresh and frozen vegetables. 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	May	June	Change	Oct.-June	Oct.-June	Change
	2006	2006	June>May	2005	2006	'06>'05
	Million dollars		Percent	Million dollars		Percent
Agricultural export value	5,837	5,606	-4	48,000	52,300	9
Major bulk products	1,997	1,834	-8	18,075	19,282	7
High-value products	3,842	3,773	-2	29,935	33,027	10
Values						
Live animals	27	35	28	453	516	14
Red meats & products	468	433	-7	3,106	3,678	18
Poultry meats & products	221	223	1	2,100	2,118	1
Dairy products	183	170	-7	1,329	1,335	0
Hides & skins	196	176	-10	1,299	1,470	13
Grains and feeds	1,646	1,525	-7	11,944	13,687	15
Wheat	343	310	-9	3,066	3,232	5
Rice	100	99	-1	936	1,045	12
Corn	604	546	-10	3,565	4,405	24
Other grain products	275	271	-1	1,890	2,201	16
Animal feeds & oil meal	385	357	-7	3,042	3,283	8
Soybeans	312	260	-16	6,382	5,343	-16
Other oilseeds	89	90	2	769	901	17
Vegetable oils	138	136	-2	1,307	1,299	-1
Fruits, nuts, & products	535	584	9	4,436	5,148	16
Fruits, fresh or frozen	232	282	21	1,836	2,053	12
Fruits, prepared or preserved	69	73	7	565	605	7
Fruit juices	85	90	6	560	667	19
Vegetables & products	558	581	4	4,255	4,718	11
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	174	153	-12	1,213	1,233	2
Vegetables, preserved or processed	384	428	11	3,042	3,485	15
Tree nuts and preparations	233	229	-2	2,035	2,490	22
Wine	91	64	-30	513	553	8
Cotton & linters	503	515	2	2,827	3,835	36
Tobacco, unmanufactured	80	61	-23	857	924	8
Sugar & tropical products	208	212	2	1,546	1,761	14
Volumes	Thousand metric tons		Percent	Thousand metric tons		Percent
Red meats & products	203	181	-11	1,400	1,609	15
Poultry meats	228	217	-5	2,089	2,036	-3
Nonfat dry milk	31	29	-6	263	200	-24
Wheat	1,963	1,716	-13	19,023	19,118	0
Rice	301	326	8	3,225	3,255	1
Coarse grains	5,817	5,198	-11	38,582	44,620	16
Corn	5,347	4,860	-9	34,463	40,259	17
Sorghum	448	326	-27	3,598	4,060	13
Soybeans	1,265	1,062	-16	27,265	22,166	-19
Oil meal	570	484	-15	4,885	4,617	-5
Vegetable oils	167	152	-9	1,582	1,551	-2
Fruits, fresh or frozen	225	220	-2	1,988	2,137	8
Fruits, prepared or preserved	40	42	7	387	365	-6
Fruit juices	836	1,205	44	7,780	8,702	12
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	198	184	-7	1,569	1,528	-3
Vegetables, preserved or processed	151	174	15	1,215	1,521	25
Nuts & preparations	62	62	-1	602	648	8
Cotton & linters	403	413	2	2,428	3,029	25
Major bulk	11,197	10,086	-10	73,852	85,554	16

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.-June 2005	Oct.-June 2006	June 2006
	Metric tons		
Wheat			
Japan	2,122,200	2,218,200	265,786
Nigeria	1,871,322	2,032,032	187,096
Iraq	233,006	1,889,176	0
Mexico	2,110,907	1,753,155	170,394
Philippines	1,275,292	1,256,135	131,415
Egypt	966,518	827,959	57,749
South Korea	940,160	822,353	100,321
Venezuela	635,867	799,159	40,430
China (Taiwan)	758,034	750,951	126,887
European Union-25	796,673	599,931	43,803
World	19,023,034	19,117,667	1,716,442
Corn			
Japan	11,737,245	12,258,140	1,342,849
Mexico	4,754,860	4,963,810	441,349
South Korea	1,228,929	3,877,420	662,913
China (Taiwan)	3,314,664	3,564,591	284,489
Egypt	2,494,890	2,683,837	448,768
Colombia	1,542,253	2,105,215	210,469
Canada	1,740,737	1,289,978	167,525
Algeria	775,847	884,019	59,418
Morocco	715,539	824,419	103,231
Dominican Republic	749,942	772,124	97,648
World	34,463,442	40,258,932	4,859,983
Soybeans			
China (Mainland)	10,833,272	9,294,451	0
Mexico	2,758,478	2,711,813	309,158
Japan	2,472,527	2,616,161	211,906
European Union-25	4,520,538	1,656,461	62,784
China (Taiwan)	1,498,560	1,383,593	166,916
Indonesia	962,358	990,978	60,885
South Korea	622,459	438,876	24,033
Turkey	453,159	425,640	40,328
Egypt	290,414	410,123	17,571
Canada	302,127	270,146	15,222
World	27,264,794	22,166,419	1,062,453
Cotton			
China (Mainland)	601,077	1,577,796	177,129
Turkey	344,979	309,199	60,437
Mexico	243,472	229,263	49,717
Indonesia	203,789	150,582	26,492
China (Taiwan)	123,248	96,434	16,654
Thailand	162,886	89,349	12,153
South Korea	122,919	73,977	6,355
Pakistan	127,741	63,355	10,263
Colombia	27,674	45,677	5,859
Brazil	18,666	42,698	3,241
World	2,405,021	3,006,345	411,144

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	May	June	Change	Oct.-June	Oct.-June	Change
	2006	2006	June>May	2005	2006	'06>'05
	--Million dollars--		Percent	--Million dollars--		Percent
Agricultural imports						
Imports (c.i.f.)	5,951	5,582	-6	46,824	51,833	11
Imports (customs value)	5,589	5,245	-6	43,657	48,417	11
Customs value						
Live animals	144	137	-5	1,134	2,003	77
Red meats & products	420	433	3	4,319	3,914	-9
Beef & veal	272	275	1	2,853	2,483	-13
Pork	97	100	3	979	930	-5
Dairy products	208	216	4	2,000	2,033	2
Cheese	87	76	-12	769	741	-4
Grains & feeds	413	425	3	3,267	3,672	12
Grain products	289	289	0	2,396	2,597	8
Oilseeds & products	317	307	-3	2,186	2,558	17
Vegetable oils	265	249	-6	1,744	2,124	22
Fruits & preparations	545	565	4	4,526	5,103	13
Fruits, fresh or frozen	430	448	4	3,665	4,130	13
Fruits, prepared or preserved	114	117	2	860	973	13
Fruit juices	96	88	-8	756	766	1
Vegetables & preparations	662	618	-7	5,935	6,476	9
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	387	338	-13	3,652	4,068	11
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	275	280	2	2,282	2,409	6
Tree nuts & preparations	88	94	6	925	822	-11
Cotton & linters	3	1	-68	14	12	-10
Wine	373	362	-3	2,726	2,999	10
Malt beverages	330	307	-7	2,170	2,467	14
Essential oils	227	218	-4	1,708	1,755	3
Cut flowers & nursery stock	158	91	-42	1,094	1,125	3
Sugar & related products	278	267	-4	1,605	2,252	40
Confections	100	102	2	840	842	0
Cocoa & products	192	191	-1	2,019	1,943	-4
Coffee & products	315	297	-6	2,120	2,356	11
Rubber, natural	232	146	-37	1,125	1,440	28
Volume						
	Thousand metric tons		Percent	Thousand metric tons		Percent
Wine 1/	712	677	-5	5,206	5,729	10
Malt beverages 1/	3,178	2,968	-7	21,282	23,484	10
Cattle & calves	138	127	-9	1,152	1,967	71
Beef & veal	90	89	0	921	788	-14
Dairy products	26	25	-3	276	249	-10
Processed grains, ex. feed	84	83	-1	729	752	3
Fruits, fresh or frozen	827	741	-10	6,516	6,557	1
Fruits, prepared or preserved	101	101	0	786	874	11
Vegetables, fresh or frozen	417	353	-15	4,103	4,349	6
Vegetables, prepared or preserved	161	167	3	1,397	1,361	-3
Vegetable oils	241	245	1	1,625	2,098	29
Sugar & related products	342	327	-4	1,839	2,997	63
Cocoa & products	92	86	-6	957	928	-3
Coffee & products	120	115	-5	1,028	981	-5

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.-June 2005	Oct.-June 2006	June 2006
Million dollars			
Fruits, fresh or frozen			
Chile	971	1,095	45
Mexico	1,022	1,021	202
Costa Rica	362	574	65
Ecuador	218	275	30
Guatemala	300	274	25
Colombia	148	157	18
Canada	127	141	7
European Union-25	101	122	2
Honduras	138	120	11
Argentina	59	74	6
World	3,665	4,130	448
Fruits, prepared or preserved			
China (Mainland)	167	197	25
Thailand	158	180	19
Mexico	97	115	11
Philippines	96	90	9
European Union-25	73	70	7
Canada	60	65	8
Chile	24	39	11
Turkey	32	37	3
Indonesia	25	27	3
Costa Rica	13	16	2
World	860	973	117
Vegetables, fresh or frozen			
Mexico	2,221	2,560	145
Canada	939	988	146
Peru	94	117	8
European Union-25	109	96	13
China (Mainland)	67	84	8
Guatemala	45	43	3
Costa Rica	36	35	4
Ecuador	17	21	2
Israel	25	17	0
Dominican Republic	14	16	1
World	3,652	4,068	338
Vegetables, prepared or preserved			
European Union-25	653	638	77
Canada	447	483	52
Mexico	282	309	33
China (Mainland)	183	208	25
Thailand	91	105	13
Japan	78	78	9
Peru	39	68	5
India	42	61	8
Turkey	40	45	5
South Korea	28	43	5
World	2,282	2,409	280

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 details. 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>.

Related Websites

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