

# The Global Agricultural Trade Landscape

## Trade Map: Top Ten Countries Trading the Top Ten Agricultural Categories\*



Exports: Crops and Livestock Products

Global Total: USD 1.91 trillion (2023)



Exports (# Global Ranking for Category)

Imports (# Global Ranking for Category)



Net Agricultural Exporting Country



Net Agricultural Importing Country



Meat & Meat Preparations



Fruit



Beverages



Oilseeds



Vegetables



Dairy Products



Food Preparations



Soya Beans



Wheat



Maize

Imports: Crops and Livestock Products

Global Total: USD 2.00 trillion (2023)



### Largest Overall Exporters

1.		U.S.	USD 171 bn
2.		Brazil	USD 146 bn
3.		Netherlands	USD 125 bn
4.		Germany	USD 98 bn
5.		France	USD 83 bn
6.		Spain	USD 69 bn
7.		China	USD 68 bn
8.		Canada	USD 68 bn
9.		Italy	USD 65 bn
10.		Belgium	USD 60 bn

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### Largest Export Categories

1.		Meat & Meat Preparations	USD 188 bn
2.		Fruit	USD 149 bn
3.		Beverages	USD 135 bn
4.		Oilseeds	USD 123 bn
5.		Vegetables	USD 105 bn
6.		Dairy	USD 98 bn
7.		Food Prep.	USD 96 bn
8.		Soya Beans	USD 93 bn
9.		Wheat	USD 59 bn
10.		Maize	USD 53 bn

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#### Notes:

Europe: Several countries (France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands) are top importers and exporters of Vegetables, Beverages and Dairy Products. Because these three categories consist of diverse, highly processed and branded sub-products, countries import and export different varieties of the same categories.

North America: According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the U.S. became a net food importer in 2019. According to USDA data, in 2024, U.S. agricultural exports exceeded USD 175 billion and imports reached a record high of USD 213 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of around USD 38 billion.

South America: Argentina is one of the largest exporters and importers of soya beans because it is both a producer and a processor. The country has advanced soya bean crushing facilities.

It imports raw soya beans, particularly from Paraguay and Brazil, and processes them into value-added products such as soybean meal, oil and other derivatives for export.

\* The map illustrates the ten largest importing and exporting countries for each of the ten largest traded agricultural categories

### Largest Overall Importers

1.		China	USD 214 bn
2.		U.S.	USD 195 bn
3.		Germany	USD 117 bn
4.		Netherlands	USD 86 bn
5.		U.K.	USD 75 bn
6.		France	USD 72 bn
7.		Italy	USD 62 bn
8.		Japan	USD 60 bn
9.		Spain	USD 50 bn
10.		Belgium	USD 48 bn

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### Largest Import Categories

1.		Meat & Meat Preparations	USD 188 bn
2.		Fruit	USD 149 bn
3.		Beverages	USD 135 bn
4.		Oilseeds	USD 123 bn
5.		Vegetables	USD 105 bn
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#### Notes:

Asia: China is simultaneously the second-largest exporter and importer of Food Preparations because it imports various food ingredients and semi-processed products, which are further processed and assembled into finished goods for export. China has a diverse consumer base with an increasing appetite for international flavours and specialty foods.

Asia: China, Japan and South Korea are among the top five countries with the largest annual agricultural trade deficits. According to China Customs, from January to November 2024, China exported agricultural products worth USD 92.47 billion and imported USD 289.46 billion, for a trade deficit of USD 104.52 billion, representing a 15.2% year-on-year decline.

Africa: Countries in North Africa, especially Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, are required to import substantial quantities of wheat due to the arid climate and limited arable land of the region. In addition, these countries often prioritise cash crops for export (e.g., citrus, olives and vegetables) over staple crops like wheat.

Source: FAOSTAT 2025 (Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN), Various, ANDAMAN PARTNERS Analysis. Note: Food Preparations includes a wide range of processed and composite food products such as soup and broth preparations, meal replacement powders or nutritional supplements and sauces and seasoning mixes.