

AGRI-FOOD TRADE STATISTICAL FACTSHEET

European Union - South Korea

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"EU" refers to the European Union at 27 members (after the withdrawal of the UK) for all years indicated.

"Agri-food products" refers to the WTO definition of agricultural products and includes the chapters 1-24 (excluding fish and fish products) of the Harmonised System, and a number of headings in chapters 33, 35, 38, 41, 43 and 51-53. The aggregate of EU Agri-food trade does not contain tariff codes CN 3302.10.40 and CN 3302.10.90 (some odoriferous substances which are regarded as industrial products).

The details of the **product categories** referred to in this factsheet are available on: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/agrifood-product-classes-details_en.pdf

More trade statistics including main economic indicators, GDP by sector, trade in goods and trade in commercial services are provided by the EU Commission Directorate-General for Trade on their website: https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/data-and-analysis/markets/trade-data/trade-countryregion/trade-value_en

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EU Agri-Food trade with: South Korea

1. Selection of indicators

Agricultural indicators

	Unit	Period	World	Partner
1 Agriculture, value added	(% of GDP)	2019	4.0	1.7
2 Employment in agriculture	(% of total employment)	2019	26.7	5.1
3 Arable land	(ha)	2018	n.a.	1 374 000
4 Crop production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	105.6
5 Livestock production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	98.2
6 Food production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	102.0
7 Rural population	(% of total population)	2019	44.3	18.6

Source: World Bank

Trade indicators

	Unit	Exports	Imports	Balance
EU27 Agri-food trade with South Korea				
Agri-food trade value	Mio €	4 613	377	4 236
- as share of EU27 total Agri-food trade	(%)	2.0	0.2	
- as share of EU27 total trade with South Korea	(%)	7.7	0.5	
% change 2021 - 2022		17.0	24.8	
Annual rate of change from 2012 - 2022	(%)	11.3	16.6	
EU27 total trade with South Korea				
Total trade value	Mio €	60 153	71 850	-11 697
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	2.3	2.4	
EU27 world trade				
Total trade value	Mio €	2 572 884	3 003 132	-430 248
Total Agri-food trade	Mio €	229 559	172 002	57 557
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	8.9	5.7	-13.4

Ranking of EU main Agri-food trade partners and South Korea

Top Destinations: 2022				Top Origins: 2022			
		Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU			Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU
1	United Kingdom	47 879	21.0	1	Brazil	20 190	11.8
2	USA	29 011	12.8	2	United Kingdom	15 249	8.9
3	China	15 819	7.0	3	Ukraine	13 213	7.7
4	Switzerland	11 196	4.9	4	USA	12 279	7.2
5	Japan	8 330	3.7	5	China	9 811	5.7
6	Russia	7 134	3.1	6	Argentina	6 956	4.1
7	Norway	5 890	2.6	7	Indonesia	6 708	3.9
8	Saudi Arabia	4 817	2.1	8	Türkiye	5 624	3.3
9	Canada	4 731	2.1	9	Switzerland	4 846	2.8
10	South Korea	4 609	2.0	10	Australia	3 856	2.2
11	Türkiye	4 162	1.8	11	India	3 669	2.1
12	Morocco	4 010	1.8	12	Ivory Coast	3 509	2.0
13	Australia	3 838	1.7	13	Vietnam	3 460	2.0
14	Algeria	3 605	1.6	14	Malaysia	3 404	2.0
15	United Arab Emirates	3 256	1.4	15	Peru	3 379	2.0
16	Israel	3 176	1.4	16	Morocco	3 256	1.9
17	Ukraine	2 928	1.3	17	Canada	2 974	1.7
18	Egypt	2 844	1.3	18	Colombia	2 650	1.5
19	Brazil	2 352	1.0	19	South Africa	2 620	1.5
20	Mexico	2 311	1.0	20	Thailand	2 361	1.4
				56	South Korea	342	0.2
	Rest of the World	55 593	23.1		Rest of the World	41 407	23.4

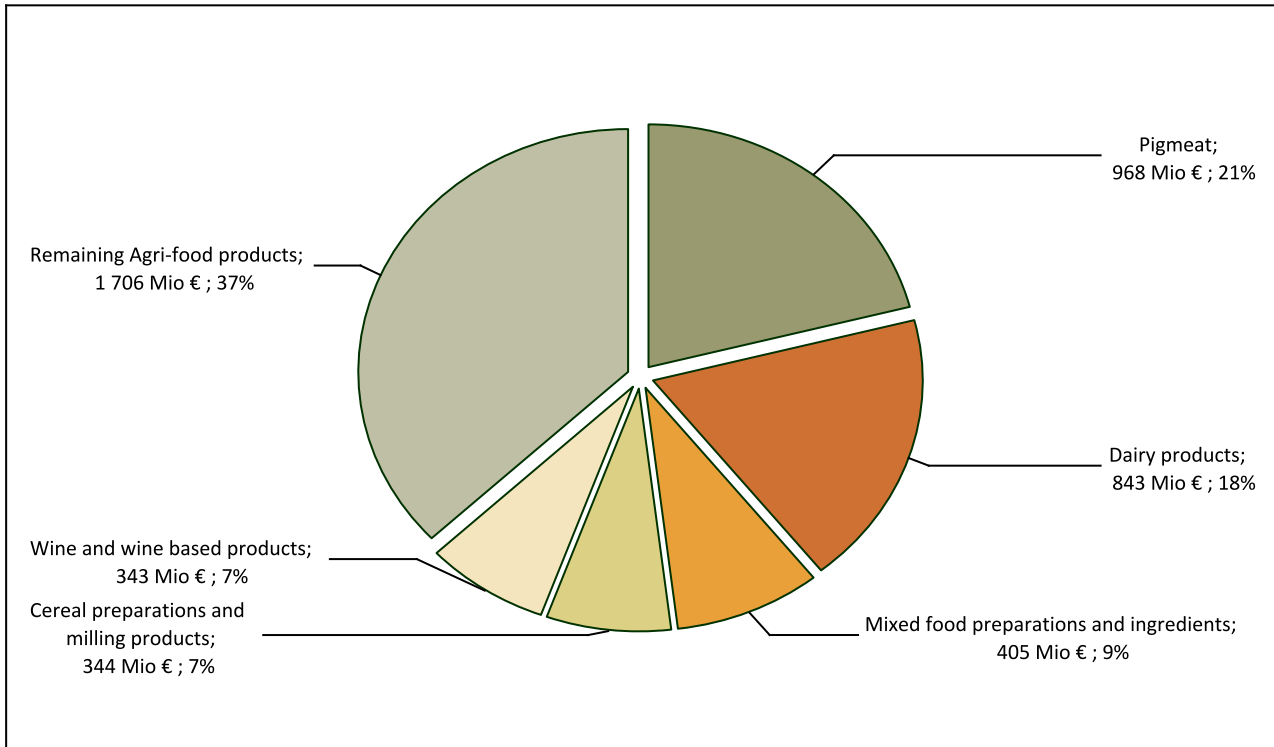
EU Agri-Food trade with: South Korea

2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with South Korea, 2012 - 2022



3. EU Agri-food EXPORTS to South Korea by product category

Top EU Agri-food exports to South Korea in 2022



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food exports to South Korea, 2018 - 2022

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	2 837	2 966	3 029	3 940	4 609	100.0	17.0
1	Pigmear	803	707	595	917	968	21.0	5.6
2	Dairy products	358	434	509	563	843	18.3	49.7
3	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	158	197	254	297	405	8.8	36.4
4	Cereal preparations and milling products	241	262	289	318	344	7.5	8.2
5	Wine and wine based products	125	142	182	294	343	7.4	16.7
6	Cereals	39	157	113	323	197	4.3	-39.0
7	Other animal products	143	129	106	130	182	3.9	40.0
8	Confectionery and chocolate	130	152	155	144	175	3.8	21.5
9	Beer, cider and other beverages	158	171	164	187	167	3.6	-10.7
10	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	78	91	119	118	159	3.4	34.7
11	Olives and olive oil	61	65	66	109	150	3.3	37.6
12	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	64	79	109	131	147	3.2	12.2
13	Pet food and forage crops	79	71	82	98	128	2.8	30.6
14	Spirits and liqueurs	40	49	29	37	76	1.6	105.4
15	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	33	39	43	56	76	1.6	35.7
	Remaining Agri-food products	325	219	215	217	250	5.4	15.2

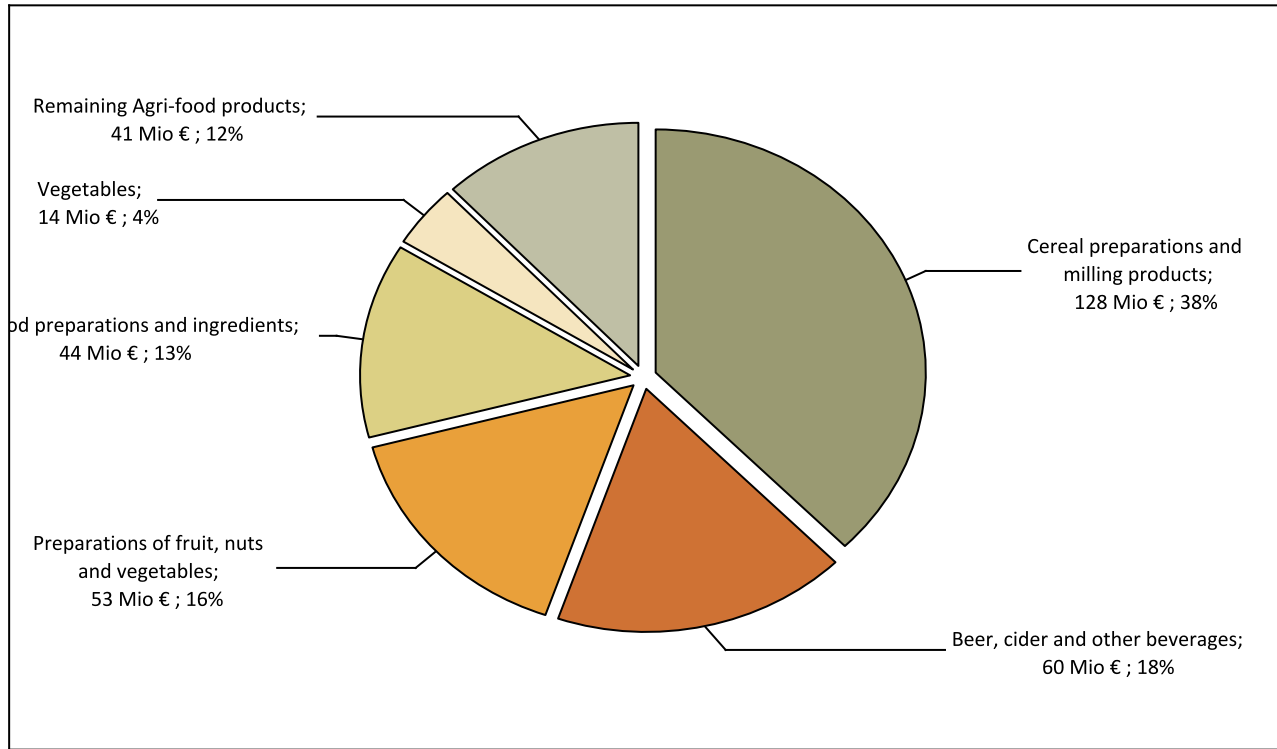
EU Agri-Food trade with: South Korea

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to South Korea, 2018 - 2022

	Exports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
Agri-food	2 837	2 966	3 029	3 940	4 609	100.0	17.0
Animal products	1 323	1 300	1 238	1 630	2 030	44.0	24.5
- Beef and veal	1	2	2	6	7	0.2	16.7
- Pigmeat	803	707	595	917	968	21.0	5.6
- Poultry and eggs	18	26	26	13	29	0.6	123.1
- Sheep and goat	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
- Dairy products	358	434	509	563	843	18.3	49.7
- Other animal products	143	129	106	130	182	3.9	40.0
Arable crops and plant based products	335	492	485	745	666	14.4	-10.6
- Cereals	39	157	113	323	197	4.3	-39.0
- Cereal preparations and milling products	241	262	289	318	344	7.5	8.2
- Oilseeds and protein crops	2	3	4	5	4	0.1	-20.0
- Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	18	28	32	40	44	1.0	10.0
- Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	33	39	43	56	76	1.6	35.7
- Sugar and isoglucose	2	2	4	3	2	0.0	-33.3
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	167	184	212	258	343	7.4	32.9
- Vegetables	20	22	22	25	26	0.6	4.0
- Fruit and nuts	8	6	4	5	8	0.2	60.0
- Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	78	91	119	118	159	3.4	34.7
- Olives and olive oil	61	65	66	109	150	3.3	37.6
Wine, beverages and food preparations	612	711	784	959	1 165	25.3	21.5
- Wine and wine based products	125	142	182	294	343	7.4	16.7
- Spirits and liqueurs	40	49	29	37	76	1.6	105.4
- Beer, cider and other beverages	158	171	164	187	167	3.6	-10.7
- Confectionery and chocolate	130	152	155	144	175	3.8	21.5
- Mixed food preparations and ingredients	158	197	254	297	405	8.8	36.4
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	64	79	109	131	147	3.2	12.2
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Non-edible	336	200	203	217	258	5.6	18.9
- Pet food and forage crops	79	71	82	98	128	2.8	30.6
- Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	189	59	50	38	50	1.1	31.6
- Horticulture	19	23	22	26	29	0.6	11.5
- Non edible for technical use	29	28	29	39	38	0.8	-2.6
- Unspecified	19	19	20	16	13	0.3	-18.8

4. EU Agri-food IMPORTS from South Korea by product category

Top EU Agri-food imports from South Korea in 2022



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food imports from South Korea, 2018 - 2022

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	163	181	218	270	342	100.0	26.7
1	Cereal preparations and milling products	41	49	62	91	128	37.4	40.7
2	Beer, cider and other beverages	34	39	38	50	60	17.5	20.0
3	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	26	30	32	47	53	15.5	12.8
4	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	19	23	25	33	44	12.9	33.3
5	Vegetables	14	15	13	15	14	4.1	-6.7
6	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	11	11	13	12	12	3.5	0.0
7	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	1	0	1	0	7	2.0	
8	Spirits and liqueurs	1	1	2	3	4	1.2	33.3
9	Non edible for technical use	4	3	22	6	3	0.9	-50.0
10	Confectionery and chocolate	6	2	1	1	3	0.9	200.0
11	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	1	1	2	2	3	0.9	50.0
12	Other animal products	2	3	2	4	3	0.9	-25.0
13	Pigmeat	0	0	1	3	1	0.3	-66.7
14	Pet food and forage crops	1	1	2	1	1	0.3	0.0
15	Horticulture	1	1	1	1	1	0.3	0.0
	Remaining Agri-food products	2	2	2	1	3	0.9	200.0

Evolution of EU Agri-food imports from South Korea, 2018 - 2022

	Imports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
Agri-food	163	181	218	270	342	100.0	26.7
Animal products	2	3	3	7	5	1.5	-28.6
- Beef and veal	0	0		0	0	0.0	
- Pigmeat	0	0	1	3	1	0.3	-66.7
- Poultry and eggs	0	0		0	0	0.0	
- Sheep and goat							
- Dairy products	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Other animal products	2	3	2	4	3	0.9	-25.0
Arable crops and plant based products	43	51	65	94	131	38.3	39.4
- Cereals	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	
- Cereal preparations and milling products	41	49	62	91	128	37.4	40.7
- Oilseeds and protein crops	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	1	1	2	2	3	0.9	50.0
- Sugar and isoglucose	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	40	46	46	62	68	19.9	9.7
- Vegetables	14	15	13	15	14	4.1	-6.7
- Fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	
- Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	26	30	32	47	53	15.5	12.8
- Olives and olive oil	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Wine, beverages and food preparations	60	65	67	87	113	33.0	29.9
- Wine and wine based products	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Spirits and liqueurs	1	1	2	3	4	1.2	33.3
- Beer, cider and other beverages	34	39	38	50	60	17.5	20.0
- Confectionery and chocolate	6	2	1	1	3	0.9	200.0
- Mixed food preparations and ingredients	19	23	25	33	44	12.9	33.3
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	11	11	13	12	12	3.5	0.0
- Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	11	11	13	12	12	3.5	0.0
Non-edible	7	5	25	9	13	3.8	44.4
- Pet food and forage crops	1	1	2	1	1	0.3	0.0
- Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	1	0	1	0	7	2.0	
- Horticulture	1	1	1	1	1	0.3	0.0
- Non edible for technical use	4	3	22	6	3	0.9	-50.0
- Unspecified	0				0	0.0	

EU Agri-Food trade with: South Korea

5. EU Agri-food trade with South Korea by HS chapters

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to South Korea, 2018 - 2022

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	2 837	2 966	3 029	3 940	4 609	100.0	17.0
01	Live Animals	11	9	8	8	12	0.3	50.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	825	729	613	926	993	21.5	7.2
04	Dairy produce	341	403	485	534	806	17.5	50.9
05	Products of animal origin	22	27	16	23	21	0.5	-8.7
06	Live trees and other plants	19	22	21	25	29	0.6	16.0
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	9	10	10	13	14	0.3	7.7
08	Edible fruits & nuts	7	6	4	5	8	0.2	60.0
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	36	50	77	95	101	2.2	6.3
10	Cereals	29	145	100	306	179	3.9	-41.5
11	Products of the milling industry	82	81	84	89	101	2.2	13.5
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	27	31	40	44	64	1.4	45.5
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	35	54	63	64	80	1.7	25.0
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	107	126	133	195	263	5.7	34.9
16	Preparations of meat	10	12	10	11	14	0.3	27.3
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	62	88	86	67	87	1.9	29.9
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	95	100	100	108	125	2.7	15.7
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	150	172	195	221	235	5.1	6.3
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	85	98	128	131	173	3.8	32.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	161	184	227	273	360	7.8	31.9
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	325	363	376	521	588	12.8	12.9
23	Residues and waste from food industry	75	66	70	79	91	2.0	15.2
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	190	60	51	38	50	1.1	31.6
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	133	131	130	161	215	4.7	33.5

Evolution of Agri-food imports from South Korea, 2018 - 2022

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	163	181	218	270	342	100.0	26.7
01	Live Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
02	Meat and edible meat offal	0	0	1	3	1	0.3	-66.7
04	Dairy produce	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	
05	Products of animal origin	0	0	0	1	1	0.3	0.0
06	Live trees and other plants	1	1	1	1	1	0.3	0.0
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	13	14	12	14	12	3.5	-14.3
08	Edible fruits & nuts	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	3	2	2	3	3	0.9	0.0
10	Cereals	0	0	0	0	1	0.3	
11	Products of the milling industry	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	2	2	3	3	4	1.2	33.3
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	8	8	7	10	15	4.4	50.0
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	2	2	19	7	3	0.9	-57.1
16	Preparations of meat	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	6	2	1	1	3	0.9	200.0
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	41	49	62	91	128	37.4	40.7
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	26	30	32	47	53	15.5	12.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	19	22	28	31	37	10.8	19.4
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	35	40	40	53	65	19.0	22.6
23	Residues and waste from food industry	1	1	2	1	1	0.3	0.0
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	1	0	1	0	7	2.0	
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	4	4	5	3	4	1.2	33.3