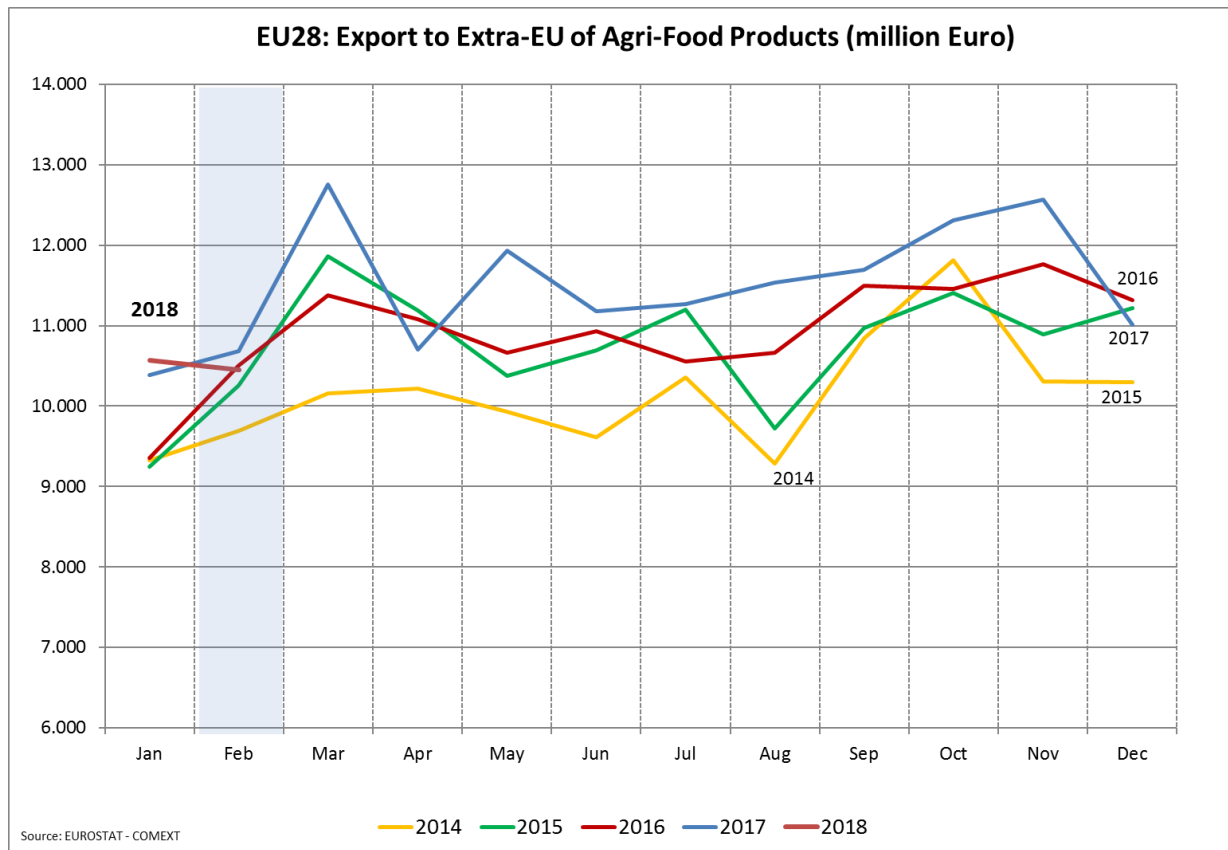


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until February 2018



February 2018: a further increase in EU agri-food trade surplus

The monthly value of EU agri-food exports in February 2018 decreased slightly to almost **EUR 10.5 billion**. With agri-food imports to the EU decreasing faster to a monthly value of **EUR 8.7 billion**, the monthly trade balance increased to a surplus of EUR 1.7 billion, compared to a surplus of EUR 1.3 billion in February 2017.

Highest increases in monthly export values (Feb 2018 compared to Feb 2017, EUR million) were recorded for **Turkey** (+63), **Brazil** (+19) and **Singapore** (+19). Monthly exports fell to the **USA** (-60), **South Africa** (-41), **United Arab Emirates** (-40) and **Switzerland** (-39).

By sector, the highest export growth (EUR million) was achieved in **sugar** (+60), **wine and wermouth** (+44), **infant food** (+36) and **raw hides and skins** (+34).

Wheat exports dropped most (EUR -114 million); exports of **vegetables** (-56), **food preparations, nowhere else specified** (-52) and **vegetable oils** (-51) also fell.

The value of February 2018 EU agri-food imports compared to February 2017 increased most for imports from **Malaysia** and **Tunisia**. The value of imports from the **USA**, **Brazil** and **Indonesia** went down most. Major decreases were seen in imports of **unroasted coffee**, **cocoa beans** and **vegetables**, while imports of **olive oil** and **fatty acids and waxes** were the ones increasing most in value terms.

Wine & spirits, dairy exports go up, offset decrease in cereals, pork and fruit & vegetables

For the 12-months period of March 2017 to February 2018, EU agri-food exports reached a value of EUR 138.0 billion, corresponding to a sustained increase by 4.1% in value terms compared to the same period one year ago.

Major gains in annual values have been achieved in agri-food exports to the **USA** (EUR +0.9 billion; +4%), **Russia** (EUR +0.7 billion; +13%) and several **Asian markets**: Japan (EUR +0.6 billion; +10%), Hong Kong (EUR +0.3 billion; +8%), China (EUR +0.3 billion; +3%) and Philippines (EUR +0.3 billion; +26%). Further annual increases were recorded in agri-food exports to Turkey (EUR +0.6 billion; +18%) and Ukraine (EUR +0.3 billion; +18%) while increases of more than EUR 0.2 billion also took place in exports to Korea, Nigeria, Australia, Serbia, Singapore and Switzerland in the last twelve-month period.

Annual export values remain down for **North African** and **Middle East** destinations, in particular Saudi Arabia (EUR -0.5 billion; -12%), Vietnam (EUR -0.3 billion; -22%), Egypt (EUR -0.3 billion; -20%), the United Arab Emirates (EUR -0.3 billion; -10%), Algeria (EUR -0.2 billion; -8%) and Libya (EUR -0.2 billion; -17%). Agri-food exports to Morocco and Tunisia also went down over the last twelve-month period.

Wine (EUR +1.1 billion; +10%), **infant food** (EUR +756 million; +11%) and **milk powder** (EUR +751 million; +21%) exports have been performing very well over the last twelve months. Export performance on a yearly basis also increased by EUR 575 million for pet food and by EUR 504 million for spirits and liqueurs. Of particular notice are the exports of sugar, which increased notably, by 55% or EUR 363 million.

On the other hand, **wheat** and **pork** exports experienced the biggest drop in value terms on an annual basis (respectively EUR -1.3 billion or -26% and EUR -387 million or -7%). Only three other categories recorded notable losses (over EUR 100 million) in export values over the last 12 months: Fresh, chilled and dried vegetables, Cereals (excluding wheat and rice) and Fresh or dried fruit (excluding citrus and tropical fruit).

EU agri-food imports increasing, but net trade surplus still growing

Agri-food imports from third countries in the 12-months period between March 2017 to February 2018 accounted for EUR 116.7 billion, i.e. an increase by 2.5% compared to the same period one year ago. Nevertheless, driven by the stronger export performance over the 12-months period, **the export surplus** now stands at **EUR 21.3 billion** (+EUR 2.6 billion; +14%).

Main origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months are **Brazil** (EUR 11.8 billion), the **USA** (EUR 10.6 billion), Ukraine (EUR 5.6 billion), followed by Argentina, China, Indonesia, Switzerland and Turkey, each accounting for between EUR 4.5 and 5.5 billion.

On the year-on-year basis, the value of agri-food imports from the two top Latin American import origins went down. Imports from **Argentina** (EUR -433 million or -7%) decreased most, followed by decrease in imports from **Brazil** (EUR -340 million or -3%). Some other key partners also experienced reductions both in absolute and relative terms, most notably **Ghana** (EUR -419 million or -25%), the USA (EUR -374 million), Ivory Coast (EUR -247 million) and Uruguay (EUR -214 million).

On the other hand, the value of imports from **Ukraine, India** and **Indonesia** increased most significantly (EUR +1.4 billion or +32%, EUR 681 million or +24%, and EUR 655 million or +15%, respectively). Over the 12 months period, EU import values for agri-food products also went up for China, Australia and Vietnam.

Looking at product categories, the highest increases in import values over the last twelve months were recorded for **cereals (excluding wheat and rice)** (EUR +916 million; +40%), fatty acids (EUR +823 million; +48%) and tropical fruit (EUR +779 million; +6%). However, import values decreased in particular for **cocoa beans** (EUR -1.1 billion; -23%) and soya beans (EUR -659 million; -12%).

This monthly newsletter again provides a table in the annex, presenting the **trade balance** and its development by product category. The largest gains in net exports were achieved in **wine**, with the biggest losses for **wheat**. At the same time net imports increased most for **other cereals** and decreased most for **cocoa beans**.

Table 1: EU28 agri-food exports – top 20 destinations

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Mar16- Feb17	Mar17- Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			132.504	137.971	5.467	4,1	10.692	10.455	-237	-2,2
United States of America	1	20.993	21.893	900	4,3	1.692	1.632	-60	-3,5	
China	2	11.589	11.896	307	2,6	829	792	-37	-4,4	
Switzerland	3	7.970	8.184	214	2,7	684	646	-39	-5,6	
Russia	4	5.831	6.560	729	12,5	570	570	0	0,0	
Japan	5	5.875	6.475	600	10,2	470	468	-2	-0,4	
Norway	6	4.306	4.470	164	3,8	331	318	-14	-4,1	
Hong Kong	7	3.761	4.072	312	8,3	283	284	0	0,1	
Saudi Arabia	8	4.480	3.960	-520	-11,6	355	326	-29	-8,1	
Turkey	9	3.193	3.768	575	18,0	256	319	63	24,7	
Canada	10	3.435	3.599	164	4,8	268	278	11	4,1	
Australia	11	3.026	3.260	234	7,7	228	234	7	2,9	
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.749	3.003	254	9,2	241	248	7	2,9	
United Arab Emirates	13	3.181	2.875	-306	-9,6	249	209	-40	-16,0	
Algeria	14	2.582	2.385	-197	-7,6	177	180	3	1,8	
Singapore	15	2.010	2.231	221	11,0	157	176	19	12,4	
Ukraine	16	1.579	1.860	281	17,8	184	193	9	5,1	
Israel	17	1.743	1.800	57	3,2	161	149	-12	-7,1	
South Africa	18	1.785	1.763	-22	-1,2	150	109	-41	-27,5	
Brazil	19	1.579	1.758	178	11,3	125	144	19	14,8	
Morocco	20	1.657	1.545	-112	-6,7	139	135	-3	-2,5	
<i>other countries</i>		<i>39.181</i>	<i>40.614</i>	<i>1.433</i>	<i>3,7</i>	<i>3.146</i>	<i>3.046</i>	<i>-100</i>	<i>-3,2</i>	

Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in February 2018

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Mar16- Feb17	Mar17- Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			132.504	137.971	5.467	4,1	10.692	10.455	-237	-2,2
Turkey	9	3.193	3.768	575	18,0	256	319	63	24,7	
Singapore	15	2.010	2.231	221	11,0	157	176	19	12,4	
Brazil	19	1.579	1.758	178	11,3	125	144	19	14,8	
Nigeria	28	793	1.033	240	30,2	59	76	16	27,7	
Ivory Coast	41	531	586	55	10,3	39	54	15	38,1	
Cambodia	57	198	309	112	56,6	9	23	15	165,5	
Cuba	49	345	407	63	18,2	23	37	14	58,9	
Oman	48	394	424	29	7,5	33	46	13	40,9	
Canada	10	3.435	3.599	164	4,8	268	278	11	4,1	
Qatar	44	420	529	109	26,0	35	45	10	28,8	
Lebanon	29	1.032	1.030	-2	-0,2	98	80	-18	-18,0	
Sudan	73	212	214	2	0,7	25	5	-20	-78,9	
Angola	37	767	745	-22	-2,9	73	50	-23	-31,5	
Saudi Arabia	8	4.480	3.960	-520	-11,6	355	326	-29	-8,1	
India	34	934	827	-108	-11,5	98	65	-33	-33,3	
China	2	11.589	11.896	307	2,6	829	792	-37	-4,4	
Switzerland	3	7.970	8.184	214	2,7	684	646	-39	-5,6	
United Arab Emirates	13	3.181	2.875	-306	-9,6	249	209	-40	-16,0	
South Africa	18	1.785	1.763	-22	-1,2	150	109	-41	-27,5	
United States of America	1	20.993	21.893	900	4,3	1.692	1.632	-60	-3,5	
<i>other countries</i>		<i>66.662</i>	<i>69.940</i>	<i>3.278</i>	<i>4,9</i>	<i>5.436</i>	<i>5.342</i>	<i>-94</i>	<i>-1,7</i>	

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	Mar16- Feb17	Mar17- Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	132.504	137.971	5.467	4,1	10.692	10.455	-237	-2,2
Commodities	23.628	23.443	-185	-0,8	2.015	1.903	-112	-5,5
Other primary	23.798	23.895	96	0,4	1.960	1.852	-108	-5,5
Processed	24.781	26.932	2.151	8,7	2.007	2.069	62	3,1
Food preparations	28.168	30.473	2.304	8,2	2.249	2.251	2	0,1
Beverages	17.505	18.250	745	4,3	1.311	1.306	-5	-0,4
Non-edible	14.623	15.189	566	3,9	1.150	1.180	30	2,6
Wheat	5.207	3.863	-1.343	-25,8	309	195	-114	-37,0
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.829	1.664	-165	-9,0	194	211	18	9,1
Rice	198	250	52	26,2	21	24	4	17,8
Flours and other products of the milling industry	817	774	-43	-5,2	80	67	-13	-16,1
Malt	1.029	995	-34	-3,3	81	92	11	13,5
Starches, inulin & gluten	947	1.084	137	14,4	73	70	-3	-3,5
Soyabeans	79	118	39	48,9	14	4	-10	-71,3
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	834	801	-33	-4,0	131	137	6	4,5
Palm & palm kernel oil	168	175	8	4,7	14	12	-2	-12,8
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.354	2.272	-83	-3,5	212	161	-51	-24,2
Oilcakes	290	299	9	3,2	23	22	0	-0,5
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.118	1.126	8	0,7	89	94	4	4,9
Beet and cane sugar	666	1.029	363	54,5	49	108	60	121,5
Sugar, other than beet & cane	521	525	5	0,9	40	42	2	4,5
Milk powders and whey	3.626	4.376	751	20,7	363	319	-44	-12,2
Butter	821	976	155	18,9	66	89	23	34,3
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.162	1.235	74	6,3	99	104	5	5,5
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	534	519	-15	-2,9	45	42	-3	-6,7
Cocoa beans	23	10	-13	-56,6	1	0	-1	-56,7
Cocoa paste and powder	1.351	1.266	-85	-6,3	107	94	-12	-11,6
Agricultural commodities, not specified	55	84	29	53,9	5	14	9	195,7
Live animals	2.633	2.894	260	9,9	162	168	5	3,4
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	726	806	80	11,0	60	55	-5	-8,4
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.429	5.043	-387	-7,1	436	409	-28	-6,3
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.490	1.526	37	2,5	113	122	9	7,8
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	88	141	53	60,3	9	10	1	9,4
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	2.968	2.995	27	0,9	225	240	14	6,4
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.125	1.271	146	13,0	101	91	-10	-10,3
Eggs and honey	652	674	22	3,3	58	54	-4	-7,1
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.185	3.012	-173	-5,4	274	219	-56	-20,3
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.447	2.301	-146	-6,0	198	160	-38	-19,4
Citrus fruit	501	530	28	5,7	64	72	9	13,6
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.000	1.059	58	5,8	82	87	4	5,5
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.553	1.645	92	5,9	177	167	-10	-5,5
Agricultural primary products, not specified	1	0	-1		0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.244	1.334	91	7,3	94	101	7	7,0
Cheese	3.675	3.998	323	8,8	305	305	0	-0,1
Olive oil	2.675	2.857	182	6,8	213	219	6	2,8
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.408	4.683	275	6,2	364	372	8	2,1
Fruit juices	817	873	56	6,8	66	68	1	1,7
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	10.879	12.001	1.122	10,3	873	917	44	5,0
Roasted coffee and tea	1.084	1.187	103	9,5	92	89	-3	-3,1
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.248	5.495	247	4,7	400	391	-9	-2,3
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.715	7.471	756	11,3	539	575	36	6,7
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	4.747	5.078	331	7,0	364	379	15	4,2
Soups and sauces	1.210	1.312	103	8,5	99	99	0	0,1
Coffee and tea extracts	763	788	25	3,3	60	61	1	1,9
Food preparations, not specified	5.770	6.038	268	4,6	468	416	-52	-11,1
Pet food	3.716	4.291	575	15,5	319	330	11	3,4
Waters and soft drinks	3.503	3.788	285	8,1	269	289	19	7,2
Beer	3.465	3.423	-42	-1,2	266	233	-33	-12,2
Spirits and liqueurs	10.289	10.793	504	4,9	758	770	12	1,6
Odoriferous substances	248	246	-2	-0,7	18	14	-4	-20,6
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.663	1.827	164	9,9	80	114	34	41,7
Non edible animal products	427	484	56	13,1	35	38	3	9,0
Wool and silk	142	143	1	0,7	8	10	3	32,8
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	850	828	-21	-2,5	71	78	7	10,4
Cut flowers and plants	683	734	50	7,4	101	109	8	7,8
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.647	1.776	128	7,8	141	156	15	10,5
Raw tobacco	972	892	-80	-8,3	74	63	-10	-14,1
Cigars and cigarettes	3.445	3.420	-25	-0,7	269	235	-34	-12,5
Fatty acids and waxes	527	698	171	32,4	43	46	2	5,3
Sugar alcohols	124	128	4	3,1	12	12	0	-1,0
Essential oils	631	759	128	20,3	55	64	9	16,5
Ethanol	160	171	11	6,8	14	11	-3	-21,6
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.937	1.935	-3	-0,1	155	134	-22	-13,9
Non-edible, not specified	1.260	1.234	-26	-2,0	79	95	17	21,0
Products non-attributable	154	161	7	4,9	13	15	1	9,7

Table 4: EU28 agri-food imports – top 20 origins

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	Mar16- Feb17	Mar17- Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		113.787	116.660	2.873	2,5	9.363	8.737	-627	-6,7
Brazil	1	12.145	11.804	-341	-2,8	897	808	-89	-10,0
United States of America	2	11.004	10.630	-374	-3,4	988	817	-171	-17,3
Ukraine	3	4.240	5.615	1.375	32,4	425	426	1	0,2
Argentina	4	5.921	5.487	-433	-7,3	342	324	-18	-5,1
China	5	5.116	5.463	347	6,8	448	459	11	2,4
Indonesia	6	4.423	5.078	655	14,8	418	330	-89	-21,2
Switzerland	7	4.661	4.672	11	0,2	347	356	9	2,5
Turkey	8	4.615	4.503	-112	-2,4	343	346	3	0,9
Ivory Coast	9	3.749	3.503	-247	-6,6	343	281	-61	-17,9
India	10	2.811	3.493	682	24,2	240	236	-3	-1,4
Vietnam	11	2.459	2.722	262	10,7	196	204	8	4,2
South Africa	12	2.561	2.691	129	5,1	237	194	-43	-18,2
Chile	13	2.344	2.383	39	1,7	171	167	-4	-2,2
Australia	14	2.103	2.371	268	12,7	246	194	-52	-21,2
New Zealand	15	2.291	2.368	77	3,3	123	129	6	4,9
Colombia	16	2.152	2.363	211	9,8	193	174	-19	-9,8
Thailand	17	2.338	2.344	6	0,3	158	167	9	5,5
Morocco	18	2.002	2.250	248	12,4	259	268	9	3,4
Canada	19	2.332	2.144	-188	-8,1	175	118	-57	-32,6
Peru	20	2.245	2.107	-137	-6,1	159	144	-15	-9,5
<i>other countries</i>		32.273	32.667	394	1,2	2.655	2.595	-60	-2,3

Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in February 2018

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	Mar16- Feb17	Mar17- Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		113.787	116.660	2.873	2,5	9.363	8.737	-627	-6,7
Malaysia	21	2.000	2.106	106	5,3	135	176	41	30,7
Tunisia	41	463	512	49	10,7	32	72	40	124,4
Pakistan	48	324	396	72	22,1	19	45	26	134,8
Malawi	47	275	398	123	44,9	17	40	23	136,0
Singapore	51	137	312	174	127,2	9	30	21	233,8
China	5	5.116	5.463	347	6,8	448	459	11	2,4
Morocco	18	2.002	2.250	248	12,4	259	268	9	3,4
Switzerland	7	4.661	4.672	11	0,2	347	356	9	2,5
Thailand	17	2.338	2.344	6	0,3	158	167	9	5,5
Vietnam	11	2.459	2.722	262	10,7	196	204	8	4,2
Honduras	29	902	1.036	134	14,8	103	75	-28	-27,0
Ghana	26	1.675	1.256	-419	-25,0	125	94	-31	-24,8
Cuba	53	280	287	7	2,5	44	12	-33	-73,4
South Africa	12	2.561	2.691	129	5,1	237	194	-43	-18,2
Australia	14	2.103	2.371	268	12,7	246	194	-52	-21,2
Canada	19	2.332	2.144	-188	-8,1	175	118	-57	-32,6
Ivory Coast	9	3.749	3.503	-247	-6,6	343	281	-61	-17,9
Indonesia	6	4.423	5.078	655	14,8	418	330	-89	-21,2
Brazil	1	12.145	11.804	-341	-2,8	897	808	-89	-10,0
United States of America	2	11.004	10.630	-374	-3,4	988	817	-171	-17,3
<i>other countries</i>		52.836	54.684	1.847	3,5	4.166	3.997	-169	-4,1

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	Mar16- Feb17	Mar17- Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	113.787	116.660	2.873	2.5	9.363	8.737	-627	-6.7
Commodities	48.002	48.094	93	0,2	4.022	3.497	-525	-13,1
Other primary	31.614	32.564	950	3,0	2.603	2.538	-65	-2,5
Processed	12.995	12.759	-236	-1,8	968	894	-74	-7,6
Food preparations	6.998	7.608	610	8,7	547	565	18	3,2
Beverages	2.910	3.102	192	6,6	202	204	2	0,9
Non-edible	11.268	12.577	1.309	11,6	1.021	1.059	37	3,6
Wheat	1.265	1.130	-135	-10,7	85	96	11	13,0
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	2.281	3.198	916	40,2	208	204	-4	-1,8
Rice	1.021	1.198	177	17,3	74	77	3	3,8
Flours and other products of the milling industry	167	162	-5	-3,0	14	11	-3	-21,8
Malt	6	5	-1	0,0	1	0	-1	-47,7
Starches, inulin & gluten	52	64	13	24,5	5	6	2	32,4
Soyabeans	5.496	4.837	-659	-12,0	455	400	-55	-12,1
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	3.587	3.993	406	11,3	369	322	-47	-12,7
Palm & palm kernel oil	5.746	6.434	688	12,0	522	459	-63	-12,0
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.408	2.682	274	11,4	236	171	-65	-27,4
Oilcakes	7.339	7.096	-244	-3,3	499	497	-2	-0,5
Other feed and feed ingredients	864	961	97	11,2	70	68	-1	-1,7
Beet and cane sugar	1.462	1.241	-221	-15,1	114	53	-61	-53,3
Sugar, other than beet & cane	443	454	11	2,5	31	40	9	29,0
Milk powders and whey	45	51	6	12,3	4	4	0	2,2
Butter	57	65	8	14,0	4	2	-2	-41,0
Gums, resins and plant extracts	933	974	41	4,4	69	79	10	13,8
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	7.760	7.707	-53	-0,7	678	545	-132	-19,6
Cocoa beans	5.015	3.867	-1.149	-22,9	428	319	-108	-25,3
Cocoa paste and powder	2.019	1.962	-57	-2,8	158	135	-23	-14,6
Agricultural commodities, not specified	35	13	-22	-62,3	0	6	6	
Live animals	282	231	-51	-18,1	10	12	1	13,3
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.778	1.684	-94	-5,3	117	94	-22	-19,0
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	30	31	0	1,2	2	2	0	33,6
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	299	345	46	15,6	25	34	9	33,5
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	915	1.017	101	11,1	61	76	15	23,6
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.031	1.173	142	13,8	75	87	12	16,7
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	27	25	-2	-7,2	2	1	-1	-17,8
Eggs and honey	498	522	24	4,9	37	39	2	5,1
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.831	4.698	-133	-2,7	532	427	-104	-19,6
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.059	6.191	132	2,2	519	514	-4	-0,9
Citrus fruit	2.063	2.017	-46	-2,2	116	132	16	13,7
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.080	13.859	779	6,0	1.041	1.053	12	1,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	715	771	56	7,8	66	65	-1	-0,8
Agricultural primary products, not specified	6	0	-6	-97,6	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	2.110	1.849	-261	-12,4	160	143	-17	-10,6
Cheese	442	437	-4	-1,0	32	36	4	13,2
Olive oil	321	464	143	44,7	22	74	52	232,7
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.499	3.443	-56	-1,6	266	229	-38	-14,1
Fruit juices	2.278	2.224	-54	-2,4	191	134	-56	-29,6
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.685	2.684	-1	0,0	178	162	-16	-9,0
Roasted coffee and tea	1.660	1.657	-3	-0,2	118	116	-3	-2,2
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.192	1.257	65	5,5	91	96	5	5,9
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	393	576	183	46,6	30	53	23	75,5
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.256	1.340	84	6,7	98	100	2	2,0
Soups and sauces	697	725	28	4,0	53	49	-4	-7,8
Coffee and tea extracts	516	499	-17	-3,3	40	34	-6	-14,0
Food preparations, not specified	1.822	1.901	78	4,3	143	132	-12	-8,1
Pet food	1.122	1.311	189	16,8	91	100	9	9,8
Waters and soft drinks	1.000	1.061	61	6,1	73	78	5	6,4
Beer	373	372	-1	-0,3	25	25	0	0,6
Spirits and liqueurs	1.518	1.659	141	9,3	104	101	-3	-3,2
Odoriferous substances	19	10	-9	-47,6	1	1	0	29,9
Raw hides, skins and furskins	659	652	-8	-1,2	69	60	-8	-12,1
Non edible animal products	356	404	48	13,3	32	33	2	5,1
Wool and silk	914	936	22	2,4	88	79	-9	-10,4
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	510	596	87	17,0	46	47	1	1,7
Cut flowers and plants	1.307	1.345	37	2,9	139	152	13	9,3
Bulbs, roots and live plants	873	922	49	5,7	88	97	9	10,7
Raw tobacco	2.300	2.458	157	6,8	188	213	25	13,2
Cigars and cigarettes	315	317	3	0,8	15	20	5	36,8
Fatty acids and waxes	1.733	2.556	823	47,5	155	197	42	26,9
Sugar alcohols	22	42	20	93,2	1	3	2	186,7
Essential oils	935	1.042	108	11,5	72	80	8	11,7
Ethanol	270	288	18	6,8	14	13	-1	-8,6
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	665	685	21	3,1	52	46	-7	-12,7
Non-edible, not specified	4	7	2		1	1	0	-32,9
Products non-attributable	406	327	-79	-19,4	62	18	-44	-70,8

Table 7: EU28 agri-food trade balance (exports – imports) by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	Mar16-Feb17	Mar17-Feb18	Difference Mar17-Feb18 to Mar16-Feb17		Feb-17	Feb-18	Difference Feb 18 to Feb 17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	18.718	21.311	2.593	13,9	1.329	1.719	390	29,3
Commodities	-24.373	-24.651	-278	1,1	-2.007	-1.593	414	-20,6
Other primary	-7.816	-8.669	-854	10,9	-642	-686	-44	6,8
Processed	11.786	14.173	2.387	20,3	1.039	1.175	136	13,1
Food preparations	21.170	22.864	1.694	8,0	1.702	1.686	-16	-0,9
Beverages	14.595	15.148	553	3,8	1.108	1.102	-7	-0,6
Non-edible	3.355	2.612	-743	-22,2	129	121	-8	-5,9
Wheat	3.941	2.733	-1.208	-30,7	224	99	-125	-55,9
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-452	-1.533	-1.082	239,5	-15	7	21	-146,5
Rice	-823	-947	-125	15,1	-54	-53	1	-1,5
Flours and other products of the milling industry	650	612	-38	-5,8	66	56	-10	-14,9
Malt	1.023	990	-33	-3,2	81	92	11	14,1
Starches, inulin & gluten	896	1.020	124	13,9	68	64	-4	-5,9
Soyabeans	-5.417	-4.720	697	-12,9	-441	-396	45	-10,2
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	-2.753	-3.192	-440	16,0	-237	-185	53	-22,2
Palm & palm kernel oil	-5.578	-6.258	-680	12,2	-508	-447	61	-12,0
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-53	-410	-357	668,8	-24	-11	13	-56,0
Oilcakes	-7.050	-6.797	253	-3,6	-476	-474	2	-0,4
Other feed and feed ingredients	253	165	-89	-35,0	20	25	6	28,4
Beet and cane sugar	-796	-212	584	-73,4	-65	55	120	-185,3
Sugar, other than beet & cane	77	71	-7	-8,5	9	2	-7	-82,8
Milk powders and whey	3.581	4.326	745	20,8	359	315	-44	-12,3
Butter	764	911	147	19,2	62	87	24	39,2
Gums, resins and plant extracts	229	261	32	14,1	30	25	-4	-13,8
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-7.226	-7.188	38	-0,5	-633	-503	129	-20,5
Cocoa beans	-4.993	-3.857	1.136	-22,8	-427	-319	108	-25,2
Cocoa paste and powder	-667	-696	-28	4,2	-51	-40	11	-20,9
Agricultural commodities, not specified	20	71	51	257,1	5	8	3	58,9
Live animals	2.351	2.663	311	13,2	152	156	4	2,7
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-1.052	-878	174	-16,6	-57	-40	17	-30,1
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.399	5.012	-387	-7,2	435	406	-28	-6,5
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.191	1.181	-10	-0,8	87	88	0	0,3
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-827	-876	-48	5,8	-53	-66	-14	26,0
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.937	1.822	-115	-5,9	151	153	2	1,3
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.097	1.245	148	13,5	99	89	-10	-10,1
Eggs and honey	154	152	-3	-1,7	21	15	-6	-28,8
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.645	-1.686	-41	2,5	-257	-209	48	-18,8
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.612	-3.890	-278	7,7	-320	-354	-34	10,6
Citrus fruit	-1.562	-1.488	74	-4,8	-53	-60	-7	13,8
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.080	-12.800	-721	6,0	-959	-966	-7	0,7
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	838	874	36	4,3	111	102	-9	-8,2
Agricultural primary products, not specified	-5	0	5		0	0	0	
Meat preparations	-866	-515	351	-40,6	-66	-42	24	-36,0
Cheese	3.233	3.560	328	10,1	273	269	-5	-1,7
Olive oil	2.355	2.393	38	1,6	190	144	-46	-24,1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	909	1.240	331	36,4	98	143	45	46,2
Fruit juices	-1.461	-1.351	110	-7,5	-124	-67	57	-46,3
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	8.193	9.317	1.124	13,7	694	754	60	8,7
Roasted coffee and tea	-576	-471	105	-18,3	-26	-26	0	0,6
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.056	4.238	182	4,5	309	294	-15	-4,8
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.322	6.894	573	9,1	509	522	13	2,6
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.491	3.738	247	7,1	266	279	13	4,9
Soups and sauces	513	587	75	14,5	45	50	4	9,4
Coffee and tea extracts	247	290	42	17,1	20	26	7	34,2
Food preparations, not specified	3.948	4.138	189	4,8	325	284	-40	-12,4
Pet food	2.594	2.980	386	14,9	228	230	2	0,8
Waters and soft drinks	2.503	2.727	223	8,9	196	211	15	7,5
Beer	3.092	3.051	-41	-1,3	241	209	-33	-13,5
Spirits and liqueurs	8.771	9.134	363	4,1	654	669	15	2,3
Odoriferous substances	229	236	7	3,1	17	13	-4	-23,3
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.003	1.175	172	17,1	12	54	42	355,8
Non edible animal products	71	80	9	12,2	3	4	1	49,8
Wool and silk	-772	-793	-21	2,7	-80	-69	12	-14,7
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	340	232	-108	-31,7	25	32	7	26,5
Cut flowers and plants	-624	-611	13	-2,1	-38	-43	-5	13,3
Bulbs, roots and live plants	774	853	79	10,2	53	59	5	10,1
Raw tobacco	-1.328	-1.566	-238	17,9	-114	-149	-35	30,7
Cigars and cigarettes	3.130	3.103	-28	-0,9	254	215	-39	-15,4
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.205	-1.858	-653	54,1	-112	-151	-39	35,3
Sugar alcohols	102	86	-17	-16,2	11	9	-2	-19,7
Essential oils	-304	-283	20	-6,7	-17	-16	1	-4,0
Ethanol	-110	-118	-7	6,7	0	-2	-2	-3.956,3
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.273	1.249	-23	-1,8	103	88	-15	-14,5
Non-edible, not specified	1.256	1.228	-28	-2,2	78	95	17	21,6
Products non-attributable	-252	-165	86	-34,2	-49	-4	45	-92,5