



European  
Commission



# MONITORING EU AGRI-FOOD TRADE

DEVELOPMENTS in June 2023  
Publication: September 2023

## CONTENTS

### [HIGHLIGHTS](#)

### [EU AGRI-FOOD EXPORTS](#)

### [EU AGRI-FOOD IMPORTS](#)

### [TABLES](#)

## EDITORIAL:

Directorate-General for Agriculture  
and Rural Development, Unit G.1

Email: [Agri-G1@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Agri-G1@ec.europa.eu)

Website:

[https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/international/agri-cultural-trade/trade-and-international-policy-analysis\\_en](https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/international/agri-cultural-trade/trade-and-international-policy-analysis_en)

Data source: Eurostat COMEXT

Extraction date for statistics: 12/09/2023

Next issue will be published on 23/10/2023

© European Union, 2023 – Reproduction authorised provided the source is acknowledged. Please cite this publication as: EC (2023), Monitoring EU agri-food trade. European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Brussels.

## Note to the reader

The latest available consolidated trade data at EU level cover market developments in June 2023. Monthly figures can be compared with the previous month. Year-on-year change compares the cumulative trade since the beginning of the year with the same period in the previous year.

The trade figures are expressed in values, except when specifically mentioned. The unit value is the average price of products traded in the period concerned (trade value at the border divided by quantity registered).

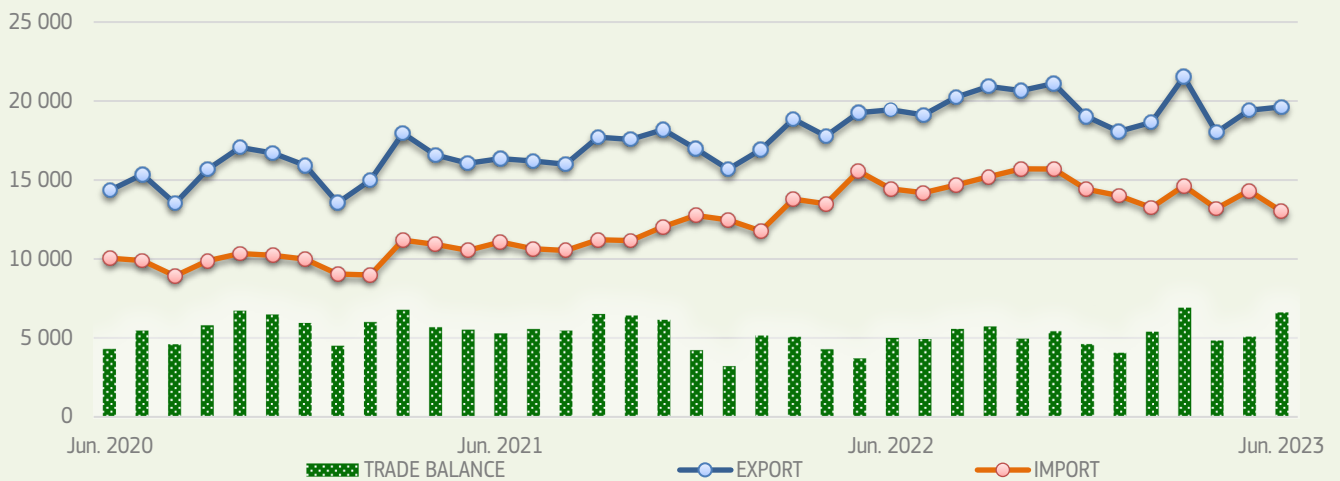
# HIGHLIGHTS: EU agri-food trade balance improves

EU agri-food trade improved to +EUR 6.6 billion in June 2023, a 30% increase month-on-month, as imports decreased and exports slightly increased. Cumulative trade balance (January to June 2023) reached EUR 32.9 billion (and is also 24% higher compared to the same period in 2022).

EU exports increased by 1% month-on-month and reached EUR 19.6 billion in June 2023, a similar level than in June 2022. Cumulative exports reached EUR 115.3 billion (+7% compared to the same period in 2022), in particular for cereal preparations and preparations of fruit and nuts.

EU imports decreased in June to EUR 13 billion, a 9% reduction month-on-month. They were 10% below their level in June 2022. Cumulative imports on the first half of 2023 remain 1% higher compared to the same period in 2022, notably with higher cereals imports but lower vegetable oil and oilseeds imports.

EU27: Trade of agri-food products (million EUR)



Source: Comext



# EU AGRI-FOOD EXPORTS

## EU AGRI-FOOD EXPORTS INCREASED IN JUNE

**EU agri-food exports** increased by 1% month-on-month in June to reach **EUR 19.6 billion**, following the same level of 2022 since April.

Cumulative exports in the first half of 2023 reached EUR 115.3 billion and were EUR 7.3 billion (+7%) higher than on the same period last year.

**UK** remained the first destination of EU agri-food exports, with a EUR 2.5 billion increase (+11%) between January and June 2023 compared to the same period last year. Cereals preparations was the most exported category of products to the UK and increased by EUR 629 million.

The **United States** was the 2<sup>nd</sup> destination of EU exports, while exports decreased by EUR 955 million year-on-year (-7%). Spirits and liqueurs are still the most exported product to the US, despite a 35% reduction in exports (-EUR 683 million) on that period compared to last year.

**China** was the 3<sup>rd</sup> destination of EU exports, with an increase of EUR 719 million (+10%) over the first half of 2023. The most exported products to China were cereal preparations and pigmeat, which increased respectively by 4% and 3%.

EU agri-food exports to **Türkiye** stabilised in June but cumulative exports since January grew by 39% (+EUR 763 million) compared to 2022.

Reductions of exports towards **Egypt** continued, with -32% (-EUR 420 million) on the first half of 2023, as well as to **Iran** (-EUR 284 million, - 50%) and **Tunisia** (-EUR 217 million, -34%).

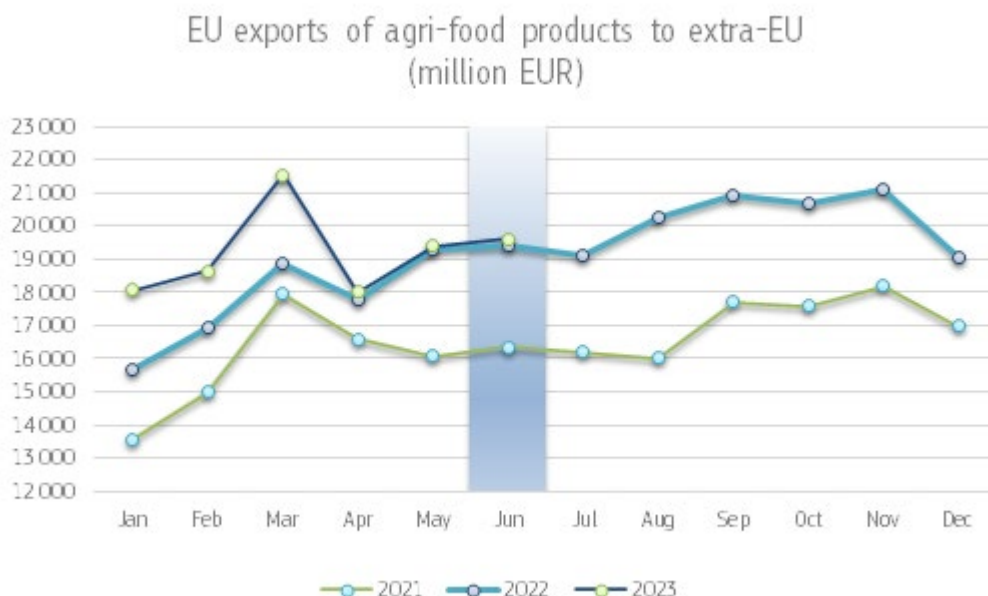
## VOLUMES OF CROPS EXPORTED ARE HIGH IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2023

The cumulative value of EU exports increased for most products between January and June 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, due to **higher export prices** whereas volumes were reduced. Exports of **cereal preparations and milling products** remained high (+EUR 1.4 billion, +14%), as well as **preparations of fruits and vegetables** (+EUR 1.1 billion, +23%) and **confectionary and chocolate** (+EUR 762 million, +18%).

Export volumes of **vegetable oils and oilseeds and protein crops** remained high in June. They grew by 38% and 21% respectively on the first half of 2023 compared to 2022, while their unit values have come down.

Exports of **cereals** decreased by 1% in value between January and June 2023 compared to 2022, due to reduced prices. However they increased by 13% in volume (+2.6 million tonnes), in particular in direction of Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia.

Other moderate reductions of export values can be observed for **pigmeat, spirits and liqueurs, olives and olive oil** and **non-edible products**.



# EU AGRI-FOOD IMPORTS

## EU IMPORTS DECREASED IN JUNE

After a rebound in May, EU **agri-food imports decreased** in June, at EUR 13 billion, a 9% reduction month-on-month. Imports were **10% below their level of June 2022**. Cumulative imports from January to June 2023 reached EUR 82.4 billion and were just 1% higher (+EUR 906 million) compared to the same period last year.

**Ukraine** remained the source of imports that saw the largest increase over the first half of 2023, compared to 2022 (+EUR 2 billion, +45%). The main products imported from Ukraine since January have been **cereals** (+EUR 1.7 billion, doubled in volume and in value), oilseeds and protein crops (+EUR 303 million, +63% in volume) and vegetable oils (decreased by EUR 383 million, despite stable volume).

**Brazil** was still the first source of EU imports. However, imports decreased by EUR 515 million (-6%). This is explained by large reduction in soya seeds imports (-30% in volume, -EUR 1 billion) and coffee (-19% in volume, -EUR 444 million), which are the main products imported from Brazil with soya meals.

The **UK** is the second source of EU agri-food imports. They grew by EUR 454 million (+6%) in the first half of 2023, mostly for cereals. The main products imported from the UK are spirits, cereal preparations, dairy products and mixed food preparations.

Imports from **Egypt** continued to increase in June, growing by 50% (+EUR 401 million). This increase was split between fruits and vegetables, the main imports from Egypt.

Imports from **Argentina** decreased (-EUR 873 million since January compared to 2022, -27%, mostly in soya meals), as well as from **Russia** (-EUR 515 million, -36%, mainly in vegetable oils and cereal preparations), **Australia** (-EUR 443 million, -20%; mainly in rapeseed) and **Philippines** (-EUR 350 million, -43%, mainly in coconut oil).

## CEREALS SURPLUS HAVE REDUCED

Imports of **cereals** have been high in the first half of 2023, with an increase both in value (+EUR 1.7 billion, +36%) compared to last year and in volume (+44%, +5.8 million tonnes). Although still positive, the trade surplus in cereals of the EU went down from 7.5 million tonnes in the first semester of 2022 to 4.4 in 2023.

**Sugar** imports have remained very high (+EUR 688 million, +150%), as volumes imported doubled. Imports of **tobacco products** also increased by 49% (+EUR 748 million).

Imports of **vegetable oils** (-EUR 1.4 billion), **oilseeds and protein crops** (-EUR 817 million) as well **margarine and other oils and fats** (-501 million) have all decreased.

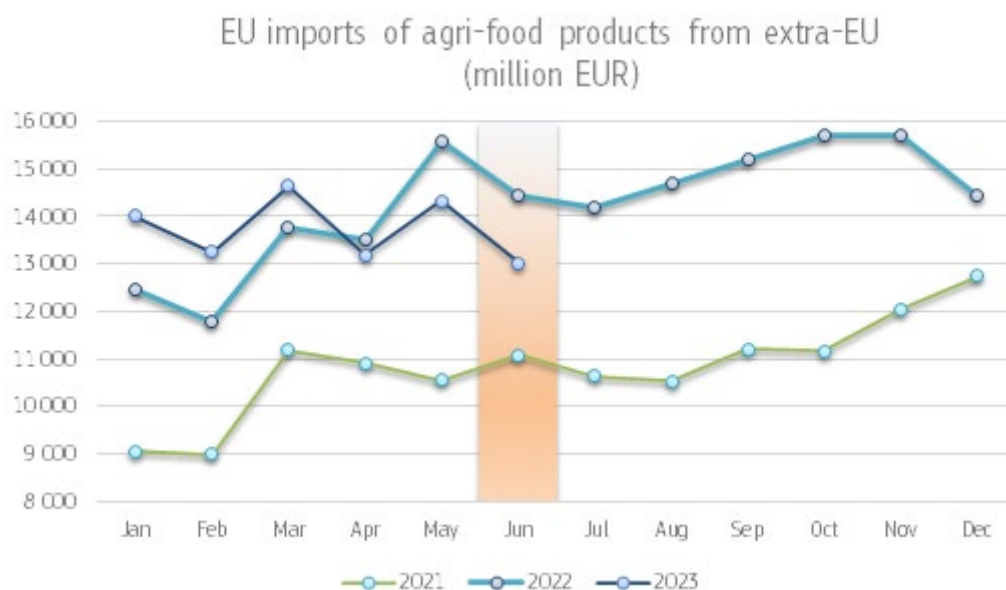


TABLE 1

EU AGRIFOOD EXPORTS – COUNTRIES WITH MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			Difference
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23		
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>198 150</b>	<b>229 028</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>107 945</b>	<b>115 303</b>	<b>7 358</b>	<b>7%</b>
United Kingdom	41 955	47 840	21%	23 173	25 644	2 471	11%
Türkiye	3 569	4 159	2%	1 954	2 717	763	39%
China	17 148	15 794	7%	6 919	7 638	719	10%
Russian Federation	7 341	7 129	3%	3 061	3 596	535	17%
Saudi Arabia	3 631	4 816	2%	1 889	2 342	452	24%
Canada	4 049	4 725	2%	2 251	2 056	- 195	-9%
Tunisia	558	1 071	0%	644	427	- 217	-34%
Iran, Islamic Republic of	873	1 070	0%	569	284	- 284	-50%
Egypt	2 184	2 843	1%	1 368	948	- 420	-31%
United States	24 518	28 983	13%	14 297	13 342	- 955	-7%
Other countries	92 323	110 596	48%	51 820	56 309	4 488	9%

TABLE 2

EU AGRIFOOD EXPORTS - TOP 15 EXPORT COUNTRIES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			Difference
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23		
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>198 150</b>	<b>229 028</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>107 945</b>	<b>115 303</b>	<b>7 358</b>	<b>7%</b>
United Kingdom	41 955	47 840	21%	23 173	25 644	2 471	11%
United States	24 518	28 983	13%	14 297	13 342	- 955	-7%
China	17 148	15 794	7%	6 919	7 638	719	10%
Switzerland	9 858	11 186	5%	5 635	5 995	360	6%
Japan	7 378	8 296	4%	4 017	4 164	148	4%
Russian Federation	7 341	7 129	3%	3 061	3 596	535	17%
Norway	5 412	5 889	3%	2 898	2 982	84	3%
Türkiye	3 569	4 159	2%	1 954	2 717	763	39%
Saudi Arabia	3 631	4 816	2%	1 889	2 342	452	24%
Korea, Republic of	3 940	4 608	2%	2 372	2 299	- 72	-3%
Canada	4 049	4 725	2%	2 251	2 056	- 195	-9%
Morocco	2 368	4 009	2%	2 004	1 943	- 61	-3%
Australia	3 302	3 836	2%	1 785	1 847	63	4%
Ukraine	3 109	2 926	1%	1 301	1 691	390	30%
United Arab Emirates	2 346	3 256	1%	1 444	1 652	209	14%
Other countries	58 225	71 575	31%	32 947	35 395	2 447	7%

TABLE 3

EU AGRIFOOD EXPORTS – PRODUCT CATEGORIES WITH MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23	Difference	
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>198 150</b>	<b>229 028</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>107 945</b>	<b>115 303</b>	<b>7 358</b>	<b>7%</b>
Cereal preparations and milling products	18 814	22 923	10%	10 574	12 002	1 428	14%
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	8 415	10 496	5%	4 809	5 923	1 114	23%
Confectionery and chocolate	8 887	10 248	4%	4 467	5 228	762	17%
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	5 504	6 153	3%	2 842	3 497	655	23%
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	6 180	7 353	3%	3 424	4 049	625	18%
Non-edible for technical use	4 171	4 822	2%	2 417	2 388	- 30	-1%
Olives and olive oil	4 023	5 036	2%	2 477	2 419	- 58	-2%
Cereals	11 993	16 867	7%	7 721	7 622	- 99	-1%
Spirits and liqueurs	8 413	9 744	4%	4 547	4 383	- 164	-4%
Pigmeat	14 527	13 782	6%	6 480	6 269	- 211	-3%
Other products	107 222	121 604	53%	58 188	61 526	3 339	6%

TABLE 4

EU AGRIFOOD EXPORTS - TOP 15 EXPORT PRODUCT CATEGORIES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23	Difference	
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>198 150</b>	<b>229 028</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>107 945</b>	<b>115 303</b>	<b>7 358</b>	<b>7%</b>
Cereal preparations and milling products	18 814	22 923	10%	10 574	12 002	1 428	14%
Dairy products	16 990	20 368	9%	9 606	10 138	532	6%
Wine and wine based products	16 641	18 254	8%	8 589	8 709	120	1%
Cereals	11 993	16 867	7%	7 721	7 622	- 99	-1%
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	12 263	14 872	6%	7 164	7 583	418	6%
Pigmeat	14 527	13 782	6%	6 480	6 269	- 211	-3%
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	8 415	10 496	5%	4 809	5 923	1 114	23%
Beer, cider and other beverages	10 003	10 917	5%	5 337	5 684	348	7%
Confectionery and chocolate	8 887	10 248	4%	4 467	5 228	762	17%
Vegetables	7 408	8 262	4%	3 966	4 488	523	13%
Spirits and liqueurs	8 413	9 744	4%	4 547	4 383	- 164	-4%
Other animal products	7 532	8 196	4%	3 780	4 224	444	12%
Pet food and forage crops	7 362	8 573	4%	4 107	4 200	93	2%
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	6 180	7 353	3%	3 424	4 049	625	18%
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	5 504	6 153	3%	2 842	3 497	655	23%
Other products	37 217	42 019	18%	20 532	21 306	774	4%

TABLE 5

EU AGRIFOOD IMPORTS – COUNTRIES WITH MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23	Difference	
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>130 147</b>	<b>171 434</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>81 526</b>	<b>82 433</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1%</b>
Ukraine	6 927	13 204	8%	4 413	6 409	1 995	45%
United Kingdom	11 900	15 256	9%	7 102	7 556	454	6%
Egypt	1 181	1 371	1%	806	1 207	401	50%
Türkiye	5 033	5 623	3%	2 785	3 147	363	13%
Canada	2 834	2 972	2%	1 261	1 617	356	28%
Philippines	1 019	1 513	1%	821	470	- 350	-43%
Australia	1 901	3 759	2%	2 271	1 828	- 443	-20%
Brazil	13 548	20 172	12%	9 343	8 829	- 515	-6%
Russian Federation	2 175	2 313	1%	1 419	904	- 515	-36%
Argentina	5 171	6 951	4%	3 251	2 378	- 873	-27%
Other countries	78 458	98 300	57%	48 055	48 088	33	0%

TABLE 6

EU AGRIFOOD IMPORTS - TOP 15 IMPORT COUNTRIES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23	Difference	
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>130 147</b>	<b>171 434</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>81 526</b>	<b>82 433</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1%</b>
Brazil	13 548	20 172	12%	9 343	8 829	- 515	-6%
United Kingdom	11 900	15 256	9%	7 102	7 556	454	6%
Ukraine	6 927	13 204	8%	4 413	6 409	1 995	45%
United States	9 254	12 249	7%	5 860	5 876	16	0%
China	6 109	9 794	6%	4 517	4 282	- 234	-5%
Türkiye	5 033	5 623	3%	2 785	3 147	363	13%
Indonesia	5 649	6 709	4%	2 998	2 917	- 81	-3%
Argentina	5 171	6 951	4%	3 251	2 378	- 873	-27%
Switzerland	4 523	4 846	3%	2 339	2 318	- 21	-1%
Côte d'Ivoire	3 259	3 509	2%	1 762	2 074	312	18%
Morocco	2 639	3 256	2%	2 159	2 019	- 140	-6%
Australia	1 901	3 759	2%	2 271	1 828	- 443	-20%
India	2 921	3 662	2%	1 857	1 792	- 65	-3%
Viet Nam	2 222	3 451	2%	1 618	1 645	27	2%
Canada	2 834	2 972	2%	1 261	1 617	356	28%
Other countries	46 257	56 020	33%	27 990	27 745	- 246	-1%



TABLE 7

EU AGRIFOOD IMPORTS – PRODUCT CATEGORIES WITH MOST IMPORTANT CHANGES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23	Difference	
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>130 147</b>	<b>171 434</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>81 526</b>	<b>82 433</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1%</b>
Cereals	6 189	12 736	7%	4 701	6 414	1 714	36%
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	2 306	3 707	2%	1 526	2 275	748	49%
Sugar and isoglucose	878	1 399	1%	459	1 146	688	150%
Vegetables	4 284	5 069	3%	2 841	3 397	557	20%
Spirits and liqueurs	3 301	4 415	3%	1 954	2 239	285	15%
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	5 592	6 704	4%	3 430	3 052	- 378	-11%
Non-edible for technical use	7 489	11 518	7%	5 186	4 787	- 399	-8%
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	3 931	5 109	3%	2 591	2 090	- 501	-19%
Oilseeds and protein crops	18 250	25 707	15%	12 530	11 713	- 817	-7%
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	8 239	11 027	6%	5 233	3 878	-1 355	-26%
Other products	69 687	84 042	49%	41 077	41 441	364	1%

TABLE 8

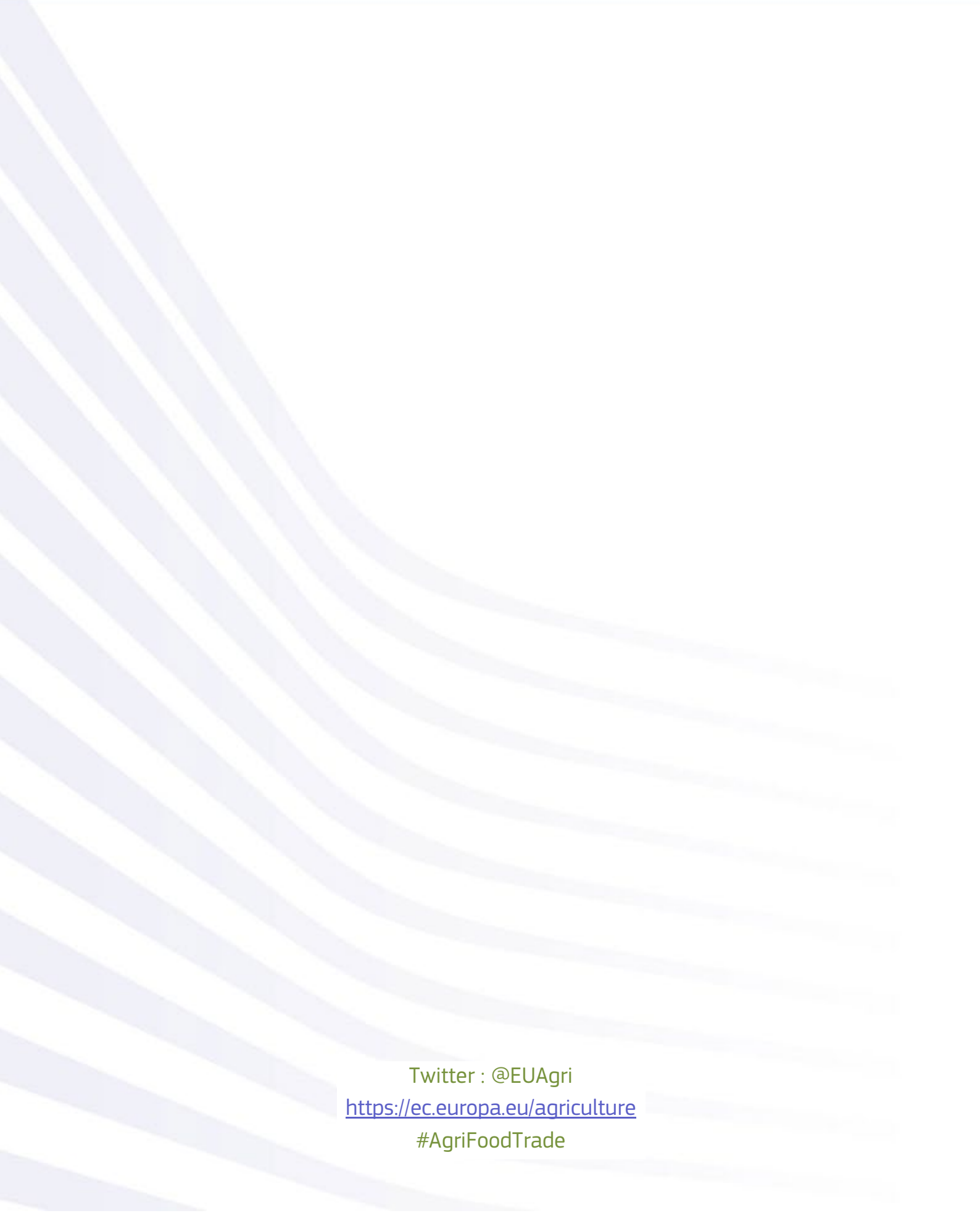
EU AGRIFOOD IMPORTS - TOP 15 IMPORT PRODUCT CATEGORIES (million EUR)

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2021	2022	Share 2022	Jan22-Jun22	Jan23-Jun23	Difference	
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>130 147</b>	<b>171 434</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>81 526</b>	<b>82 433</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1%</b>
Oilseeds and protein crops	18 250	25 707	15%	12 530	11 713	- 817	-7%
Fruit and nuts	20 720	22 206	13%	11 337	11 373	36	0%
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	16 947	21 958	13%	10 816	10 618	- 198	-2%
Cereals	6 189	12 736	7%	4 701	6 414	1 714	36%
Non-edible for technical use	7 489	11 518	7%	5 186	4 787	- 399	-8%
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	8 239	11 027	6%	5 233	3 878	-1 355	-26%
Vegetables	4 284	5 069	3%	2 841	3 397	557	20%
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	5 420	6 526	4%	3 036	3 200	164	5%
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	5 592	6 704	4%	3 430	3 052	- 378	-11%
Other animal products	4 669	6 084	4%	2 876	2 875	- 1	0%
Cereal preparations and milling products	3 858	4 864	3%	2 377	2 384	7	0%
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	2 306	3 707	2%	1 526	2 275	748	49%
Spirits and liqueurs	3 301	4 415	3%	1 954	2 239	285	15%
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	3 931	5 109	3%	2 591	2 090	- 501	-19%
Pet food and forage crops	2 765	3 515	2%	1 728	1 593	- 135	-8%
Other products	16 185	20 287	12%	9 366	10 544	1 178	13%

TABLE 9

## AGRI-FOOD TRADE BALANCE (MILLION EUR)

TRADE BALANCE			
PRODUCT/PERIOD	Exports Jan23- Jun23	Imports Jan23- Jun23	Trade balance Jan23-Jun23
	million EUR		
<b>TOTAL AGRIFOOD</b>	<b>115 303</b>	<b>82 433</b>	<b>32 871</b>
Cereal preparations and milling products	12 002	2 384	9 618
Dairy products	10 138	1 139	8 999
Wine and wine based products	8 709	770	7 939
Pigmeat	6 269	193	6 076
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	7 583	3 052	4 531
Beer, cider and other beverages	5 684	1 190	4 495
Confectionery and chocolate	5 228	1 438	3 791
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	5 923	3 200	2 722
Pet food and forage crops	4 200	1 593	2 607
Spirits and liqueurs	4 383	2 239	2 143
Olives and olive oil	2 419	439	1 980
Poultry and eggs	2 989	1 235	1 753
Horticulture	2 467	1 104	1 363
Other animal products	4 224	2 875	1 349
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	3 497	2 275	1 222
Cereals	7 622	6 414	1 207
Vegetables	4 488	3 397	1 091
Beef and veal	2 280	1 196	1 084
Unspecified	556	0	556
Sheep and goat	377	694	- 317
Sugar and isoglucose	297	1 146	- 850
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	1 113	2 090	- 977
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	2 052	3 878	-1 826
Non-edible for technical use	2 388	4 787	-2 399
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	4 049	10 618	-6 570
Fruit and nuts	3 012	11 373	-8 361
Oilseeds and protein crops	1 358	11 713	-10 355
<i>For info: fish and fish products</i>	<i>3 668</i>	<i>14 899</i>	<i>-11 231</i>
<i>Total agrifood and fish</i>	<i>118 972</i>	<i>97 332</i>	<i>21 639</i>



Twitter : @EUAgri  
<https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture>  
#AgriFoodTrade