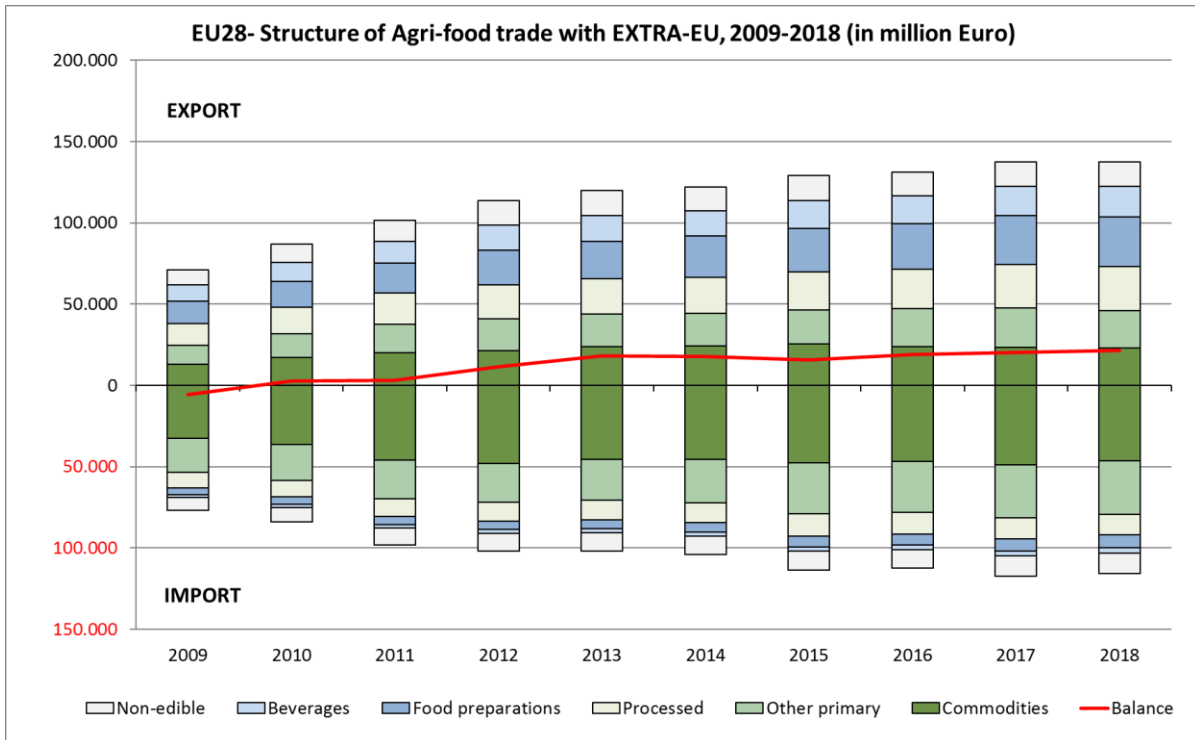


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Developments in 2018



2018: Exports drive EU agri-food trade surplus to record level

Exports remain strong to the USA and China

For the year 2018, EU agri-food exports steadied at EUR 137.4 billion, only -0.2% lower than the record level of EUR 137.7 billion in 2017.

In 2018, the main export destinations for EU products (in EUR billion) were USA (22.2), China (11.1), Switzerland (8.3), Russia (6.6) and Japan (6.6).

Major export gains in 2018 (in EUR million, % change from 2017) were achieved exports to the USA (+295; +1%), Ukraine (250; +14%), Algeria (+238; +10%), Japan (+224; +4%) Singapore (+216; +10%), Egypt (+175; +13%), Australia (+158; +5%) and Israel (+156; +9%).

Exports in 2018 (in EUR million, % change from 2017) were down for China (-761; -6%), Turkey

(-528, -14%), Hong Kong (-400, -10%) and the, United Arab Emirates (-326, -11%).

Spirits, wine and pasta lead export growth

For specific products, exports grew in 2018 (in EUR million, % change from 2017) for spirits and liqueurs (+590; +6%), wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar (+286; +2%), pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread (+282; +6%), preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts (+233; +5%), cereals other than wheat and rice (+221; +13%), waters and soft drinks (+216; +6%), beet and cane sugar (+180; +20%) and non-edible products (+175; +14%).

On the other hand, in 2018 exports fell back (in EUR million, % change from 2017) in the following products: milk powders and wheys (-489; -11%), raw hides and skins (-456; -24%), wheat (-441; -11%), offals (-380; -13%), pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen (-308; -6%), fruit, fresh or dried excluding citrus and tropical fruit (-272; -11%) and caseins (-186; -9%).

While EU agri-food imports also fell in 2018, they increased significantly from the USA

Agri-food imports from third countries in 2017 accounted for EUR 115.6 billion, i.e. a decrease of -1.5% compared to 2017.

The value of imports (in EUR million, % change from 2017) increased most significantly from the USA (+955; +9%). Other significant import increases were recorded from Russia (+332; +26%), Tunisia (+202; +44%), South Africa (+190; +7%). Over the 12 months period, EU imports of agri-food products also went up by more than EUR 100 million Ghana, Ukraine and Peru.

Main origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months remain the "Big 5" with over EUR 5 billion of imports, namely: the USA (11.9), Brazil (11.8), China (5.7), Ukraine (5.5), Argentina (5.1). High levels of imports also continue to originate from Switzerland (4.6), Turkey (4.5) and Indonesia (4.3).

Imports into the EU of palm oil and unroasted coffee and bulk tea and imports from Indonesia and India recorded the biggest fall in 2018

However, on the year-on-year basis, the value of agri-food imports in 2018 (in EUR million; % change since 2017) fell most from Indonesia (-953; -18.1%), Argentina (-553; -9.7%), India (-294; -8.6%), Canada (-266; -11.8%) and Ivory Coast (-200; -5.6%). Imports also fell by over EUR 100 million from Viet Nam (-188; -7.0%) and Philippines (-120; -12.0%).

Looking at product categories, the biggest falls in import values in 2018 (EUR million; % change since 2017) were recorded for palm oil (-1059; -16.1%) and unroasted coffee and tea in bulk (-880; -11.2%), which reflect the big falls recorded in imports from Indonesia and India.

Major import reduction were also recorded in beet and cane sugar (-690; -51.1%) oilseeds other than soybean (-474; -11.6%), tropical fruit (-348; -2.5%) and preparations of vegetables (-228; -6.5%).

Increases in import in particular products were more evenly spread. In value terms (EUR million; % change since 2017), only cereals (+846; +27.8%), fruit (fresh or dried excluding citrus and tropical fruit) (+526; +8.5%) and olive oil (+208; +53.6%) recorded increases higher than EUR 200 million.

With EU agri-food exports growing more than imports into the EU, the positive trade balance grew in 2018 by 7%

With the stronger export performance in 2018 and the slightly weaker growth in imports, the trade surplus grew by EUR 1.4 billion, that is, 7.1% higher than in 2017, and have reached an all-time high of EUR 21.7 billion.

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	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		137.668	137.366	-302	-0,2	10.948	10.769	-178	-1,6
United States of America	1	21.949	22.243	295	1,3	1.615	1.692	77	4,8
China	2	11.853	11.093	-761	-6,4	863	804	-59	-6,8
Switzerland	3	8.203	8.250	48	0,6	637	620	-17	-2,7
Japan	4	6.417	6.641	224	3,5	575	554	-21	-3,6
Russia	5	6.497	6.600	104	1,6	518	519	1	0,2
Norway	6	4.471	4.483	12	0,3	346	315	-31	-8,9
Saudi Arabia	7	4.045	3.813	-233	-5,7	325	313	-12	-3,5
Canada	8	3.559	3.706	147	4,1	244	257	13	5,4
Hong Kong	9	4.073	3.673	-400	-9,8	338	260	-78	-23,0
Australia	10	3.221	3.379	158	4,9	271	266	-5	-1,9
Turkey	11	3.669	3.140	-528	-14,4	351	223	-128	-36,6
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.888	3.023	134	4,6	240	238	-2	-0,9
Algeria	13	2.422	2.659	238	9,8	222	264	42	18,9
United Arab Emirates	14	2.948	2.622	-326	-11,1	229	217	-12	-5,2
Singapore	15	2.202	2.417	216	9,8	168	174	6	3,8
Ukraine	16	1.813	2.063	250	13,8	180	188	8	4,5
Israel	17	1.798	1.954	156	8,7	155	170	15	9,4
Brazil	18	1.691	1.779	88	5,2	144	139	-6	-4,0
South Africa	19	1.780	1.709	-71	-4,0	154	125	-29	-18,7
Egypt	20	1.351	1.526	175	13,0	101	159	58	57,6
<i>other countries</i>		<i>40.817</i>	<i>40.590</i>	<i>-227</i>	<i>-0,6</i>	<i>3.271</i>	<i>3.270</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0,0</i>

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

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		137.668	137.366	-302	-0,2	10.948	10.769	-178	-1,6
United States of America	1	21.949	22.243	295	1,3	1.615	1.692	77	4,8
Libya	27	998	1.133	135	13,5	63	129	67	106,2
Egypt	20	1.351	1.526	175	13,0	101	159	58	57,6
Algeria	13	2.422	2.659	238	9,8	222	264	42	18,9
Mexico	21	1.446	1.500	54	3,7	91	118	27	30,2
Cuba	53	402	371	-31	-7,7	21	42	21	96,1
Indonesia	35	774	770	-4	-0,5	44	60	16	36,6
Israel	17	1.798	1.954	156	8,7	155	170	15	9,4
Canada	8	3.559	3.706	147	4,1	244	257	13	5,4
Lebanon	29	1.039	1.064	25	2,4	86	98	12	14,0
Taiwan	23	1.441	1.396	-45	-3,1	124	105	-19	-15,2
Japan	4	6.417	6.641	224	3,5	575	554	-21	-3,6
Angola	38	767	668	-99	-12,9	62	37	-25	-40,6
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	46	635	492	-143	-22,5	53	28	-25	-47,6
Morocco	22	1.504	1.485	-19	-1,2	159	131	-28	-17,6
South Africa	19	1.780	1.709	-71	-4,0	154	125	-29	-18,7
Norway	6	4.471	4.483	12	0,3	346	315	-31	-8,9
China	2	11.853	11.093	-761	-6,4	863	804	-59	-6,8
Hong Kong	9	4.073	3.673	-400	-9,8	338	260	-78	-23,0
Turkey	11	3.669	3.140	-528	-14,4	351	223	-128	-36,6
<i>other countries</i>		<i>65.320</i>	<i>65.656</i>	<i>337</i>	<i>0,5</i>	<i>5.280</i>	<i>5.196</i>	<i>-84</i>	<i>-1,6</i>

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Difference Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	137.668	137.366	-302	-0,2	10.948	10.769	-178	-1,6
Commodities	23.525	22.900	-624	-2,7	1.875	1.771	-104	-5,5
Other primary	23.988	23.079	-909	-3,8	2.103	1.991	-112	-5,3
Processed	26.682	27.189	507	1,9	2.158	2.116	-41	-1,9
Food preparations	30.254	30.592	338	1,1	2.387	2.404	17	0,7
Beverages	18.099	18.765	666	3,7	1.324	1.408	84	6,4
Non-edible	15.120	14.841	-278	-1,8	1.101	1.077	-24	-2,2
Wheat	4.027	3.586	-441	-11,0	347	318	-29	-8,4
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.640	1.861	221	13,4	123	137	15	11,9
Rice	242	221	-21	-8,7	22	22	1	2,5
Flours and other products of the milling industry	791	717	-74	-9,4	59	52	-7	-11,5
Malt	989	1.012	22	2,3	69	81	12	17,2
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.092	959	-133	-12,2	86	68	-18	-20,7
Soyabeans	144	44	-100	-69,4	13	14	1	4,9
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	780	772	-8	-1,0	87	72	-15	-17,4
Palm & palm kernel oil	173	157	-16	-9,2	13	9	-4	-29,4
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.345	2.234	-111	-4,7	158	157	-1	-0,5
Oilcakes	300	341	42	13,9	24	19	-5	-20,2
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.103	1.232	129	11,7	95	90	-4	-4,6
Beet and cane sugar	903	1.083	180	20,0	127	73	-54	-42,8
Sugar, other than beet & cane	518	565	48	9,2	40	45	4	11,0
Milk powders and whey	4.451	3.962	-489	-11,0	298	321	22	7,5
Butter	919	937	18	2,0	70	59	-10	-14,9
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.218	1.324	107	8,8	102	98	-4	-3,8
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	524	480	-44	-8,4	47	31	-15	-32,5
Cocoa beans	11	22	10	91,5	0	2	2	465,1
Cocoa paste and powder	1.291	1.197	-94	-7,3	91	87	-4	-4,1
Agricultural commodities, not specified	65	195	130	200,4	4	14	10	275,5
Live animals	2.843	2.821	-22	-0,8	274	245	-29	-10,5
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	819	830	11	1,4	60	56	-4	-6,0
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.092	4.784	-308	-6,1	422	379	-43	-10,3
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.507	1.559	53	3,5	118	120	1	1,2
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	139	127	-12	-9,0	11	11	1	5,0
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	3.006	2.626	-380	-12,6	235	173	-62	-26,5
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.266	1.263	-3	-0,2	97	84	-13	-13,3
Eggs and honey	666	693	27	4,0	54	54	0	0,2
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.073	2.964	-109	-3,5	313	344	31	10,0
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.374	2.101	-272	-11,5	190	198	8	4,0
Citrus fruit	514	531	17	3,3	88	89	1	1,5
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.046	1.045	-1	-0,1	88	83	-6	-6,5
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.644	1.735	91	5,5	153	157	4	2,5
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.321	1.394	73	5,5	113	114	1	1,2
Cheese	3.985	4.018	32	0,8	315	315	0	0,0
Olive oil	2.832	2.703	-129	-4,6	210	190	-20	-9,6
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.585	4.818	233	5,1	364	388	24	6,5
Fruit juices	868	862	-6	-0,7	57	70	13	22,2
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	11.914	12.200	286	2,4	994	939	-55	-5,5
Roasted coffee and tea	1.177	1.195	18	1,6	105	101	-4	-3,6
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.463	5.580	117	2,1	445	427	-18	-4,0
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	7.330	7.469	140	1,9	567	582	15	2,6
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	5.022	5.303	282	5,6	398	411	12	3,1
Soups and sauces	1.300	1.326	26	2,0	107	107	0	-0,4
Coffee and tea extracts	781	773	-7	-1,0	59	63	4	7,4
Food preparations, not specified	6.115	6.020	-95	-1,5	460	503	43	9,4
Pet food	4.245	4.120	-125	-2,9	351	312	-39	-11,1
Waters and soft drinks	3.736	3.951	216	5,8	244	260	16	6,5
Beer	3.373	3.277	-96	-2,8	236	222	-14	-5,9
Spirits and liqueurs	10.742	11.332	590	5,5	827	910	84	10,2
Odoriferous substances	248	204	-43	-17,5	17	16	-1	-7,7
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.865	1.409	-456	-24,5	45	27	-18	-39,5
Non edible animal products	480	511	31	6,4	36	37	1	4,1
Wool and silk	138	136	-2	-1,8	11	6	-5	-46,8
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	832	915	84	10,1	90	126	36	40,0
Cut flowers and plants	719	746	28	3,9	64	63	-1	-1,8
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.737	1.845	108	6,2	121	121	1	0,6
Raw tobacco	904	869	-35	-3,9	60	50	-10	-16,4
Cigars and cigarettes	3.494	3.353	-141	-4,0	289	255	-35	-12,1
Fatty acids and waxes	568	611	43	7,5	40	37	-3	-6,3
Sugar alcohols	127	142	14	11,3	11	12	1	10,6
Essential oils	742	782	40	5,4	56	57	2	3,4
Ethanol	172	186	14	8,2	15	18	3	21,0
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.972	1.787	-186	-9,4	149	146	-4	-2,5
Non-edible, not specified	1.209	1.385	175	14,5	103	113	10	10,2
Products non-attributable	159	164	6	3,6	12	10	-2	-17,5

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

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			117.390	115.648	-1.742	-1,5	9.061	9.088	27	0,3
United States of America	1	10.989	11.944	955	8,7	837	948	111	13,3	
Brazil	2	11.834	11.858	24	0,2	904	837	-68	-7,5	
China	3	5.401	5.686	285	5,3	445	461	15	3,5	
Ukraine	4	5.415	5.520	105	1,9	424	654	230	54,3	
Argentina	5	5.680	5.127	-553	-9,7	403	380	-23	-5,7	
Switzerland	6	4.660	4.588	-72	-1,6	343	357	14	3,9	
Turkey	7	4.492	4.482	-10	-0,2	374	358	-16	-4,3	
Indonesia	8	5.280	4.327	-953	-18,1	380	272	-108	-28,4	
Ivory Coast	9	3.543	3.343	-200	-5,6	260	277	17	6,5	
India	10	3.439	3.145	-294	-8,6	304	194	-110	-36,2	
South Africa	11	2.705	2.895	190	7,0	211	186	-25	-11,7	
Chile	12	2.372	2.501	129	5,4	141	142	1	0,5	
Vietnam	13	2.666	2.478	-188	-7,0	192	170	-22	-11,5	
New Zealand	14	2.335	2.419	84	3,6	124	138	14	11,0	
Thailand	15	2.333	2.414	81	3,5	172	197	25	14,6	
Morocco	16	2.247	2.394	147	6,5	226	230	4	2,0	
Peru	17	2.158	2.262	104	4,8	203	249	47	23,1	
Colombia	18	2.407	2.175	-232	-9,6	153	160	7	4,5	
Australia	19	2.445	2.061	-384	-15,7	109	112	3	2,6	
Canada	20	2.250	1.984	-266	-11,8	292	202	-90	-30,7	
<i>other countries</i>			<i>32.738</i>	<i>32.044</i>	<i>-694</i>	<i>-2,1</i>	<i>2.564</i>	<i>2.564</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0,0</i>

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

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			117.390	115.648	-1.742	-1,5	9.061	9.088	27	0,3
Ukraine	4	5.415	5.520	105	1,9	424	654	230	54,3	
United States of America	1	10.989	11.944	955	8,7	837	948	111	13,3	
Peru	17	2.158	2.262	104	4,8	203	249	47	23,1	
Russia	23	1.284	1.616	332	25,9	119	157	38	31,7	
Madagascar	41	477	532	55	11,4	88	114	26	29,9	
Thailand	15	2.333	2.414	81	3,5	172	197	25	14,6	
Ghana	25	1.314	1.435	121	9,2	95	118	23	24,0	
Kenya	27	1.135	1.180	45	4,0	82	102	20	24,5	
Ivory Coast	9	3.543	3.343	-200	-5,6	260	277	17	6,5	
Nigeria	38	582	557	-25	-4,3	31	48	17	53,8	
Vietnam	13	2.666	2.478	-188	-7,0	192	170	-22	-11,5	
Argentina	5	5.680	5.127	-553	-9,7	403	380	-23	-5,7	
Philippines	31	1.002	882	-120	-12,0	79	54	-25	-31,2	
South Africa	11	2.705	2.895	190	7,0	211	186	-25	-11,7	
Moldova	36	634	588	-46	-7,3	82	54	-28	-34,3	
Tunisia	34	459	661	202	43,9	101	62	-38	-38,0	
Brazil	2	11.834	11.858	24	0,2	904	837	-68	-7,5	
Canada	20	2.250	1.984	-266	-11,8	292	202	-90	-30,7	
Indonesia	8	5.280	4.327	-953	-18,1	380	272	-108	-28,4	
India	10	3.439	3.145	-294	-8,6	304	194	-110	-36,2	
<i>other countries</i>			<i>52.210</i>	<i>50.899</i>	<i>-1.311</i>	<i>-2,5</i>	<i>3.802</i>	<i>3.811</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>0,2</i>

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Difference Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	117.390	115.648	-1.742	-1,5	9.061	9.088	27	0,3
Commodities	48.899	46.381	-2.517	-5,1	3.640	3.795	155	4,2
Other primary	32.614	33.018	404	1,2	2.679	2.604	-74	-2,8
Processed	12.828	12.616	-212	-1,6	1.016	972	-44	-4,3
Food preparations	7.503	7.949	446	5,9	587	617	30	5,1
Beverages	3.086	3.294	208	6,8	199	195	-4	-1,9
Non-edible	12.461	12.389	-72	-0,6	940	905	-35	-3,8
Wheat	1.135	1.241	106	9,4	48	105	57	119,2
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	3.048	3.894	846	27,8	276	496	220	79,6
Rice	1.215	1.207	-8	-0,7	141	99	-42	-29,9
Flours and other products of the milling industry	167	158	-9	-5,5	12	14	2	19,3
Malt	6	7	2	0,0	0	0	0	109,3
Starches, inulin & gluten	61	72	10	16,4	4	5	0	9,2
Soybeans	4.933	4.991	58	1,2	407	346	-61	-15,0
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	4.095	3.621	-474	-11,6	276	326	50	18,2
Palm & palm kernel oil	6.557	5.499	-1.059	-16,1	468	360	-108	-23,1
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.682	2.176	-506	-18,9	215	184	-31	-14,3
Oilcakes	7.274	7.337	63	0,9	600	635	35	5,9
Other feed and feed ingredients	951	1.080	129	13,6	68	93	25	37,0
Beet and cane sugar	1.350	660	-690	-51,1	85	49	-36	-42,3
Sugar, other than beet & cane	446	458	12	2,7	34	32	-2	-5,9
Milk powders and whey	50	44	-6	-12,6	4	5	1	24,7
Butter	67	99	32	46,8	4	14	10	242,3
Gums, resins and plant extracts	958	1.062	104	10,8	69	76	7	10,9
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	7.867	6.987	-880	-11,2	522	483	-39	-7,5
Cocoa beans	4.045	3.862	-184	-4,5	261	322	61	23,3
Cocoa paste and powder	1.989	1.894	-95	-4,8	146	148	2	1,1
Agricultural commodities, not specified	0	32	32		0	3	3	
Live animals	234	238	3	1,5	32	25	-7	-22,6
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.682	1.647	-34	-2,0	100	96	-3	-3,5
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	30	27	-3	-11,5	3	2	-1	-28,0
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	323	515	192	59,4	29	26	-3	-9,9
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	979	1.033	54	5,5	79	69	-10	-13,1
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.162	1.151	-11	-0,9	96	81	-15	-15,9
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	26	23	-3	-11,5	1	1	0	2,9
Eggs and honey	517	516	-1	-0,2	34	32	-2	-6,7
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.869	4.730	-139	-2,8	448	456	8	1,8
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.209	6.734	526	8,5	554	611	56	10,2
Citrus fruit	1.991	2.138	147	7,4	98	106	8	8,2
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.827	13.478	-348	-2,5	1.141	1.036	-104	-9,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	764	789	25	3,3	62	62	0	0,0
Agricultural primary products, not specified	3	0	-2	-85,0	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.901	1.798	-103	-5,4	135	149	13	9,9
Cheese	432	419	-12	-2,9	46	40	-6	-12,2
Olive oil	387	595	208	53,6	88	46	-42	-48,1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.498	3.271	-228	-6,5	269	256	-13	-4,9
Fruit juices	2.245	2.209	-36	-1,6	162	145	-17	-10,6
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.696	2.737	40	1,5	202	199	-3	-1,6
Roasted coffee and tea	1.668	1.588	-80	-4,8	114	138	24	21,2
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.231	1.302	71	5,8	87	92	5	5,5
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	526	647	121	23,0	46	58	12	24,9
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.327	1.389	63	4,7	103	114	11	10,6
Soups and sauces	721	726	5	0,7	58	61	3	4,4
Coffee and tea extracts	507	470	-37	-7,3	36	32	-4	-12,3
Food preparations, not specified	1.910	2.013	103	5,4	147	157	11	7,3
Pet food	1.280	1.401	121	9,4	110	104	-6	-5,7
Waters and soft drinks	1.051	1.130	79	7,5	63	69	6	9,9
Beer	377	441	64	16,9	22	29	7	33,6
Spirits and liqueurs	1.648	1.711	62	3,8	113	96	-17	-15,1
Odoriferous substances	10	13	3	36,1	1	1	0	-16,5
Raw hides, skins and furskins	674	616	-59	-8,7	65	56	-9	-14,3
Non edible animal products	397	406	9	2,3	34	29	-4	-12,6
Wool and silk	909	1.063	154	16,9	65	76	10	15,9
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	588	601	13	2,1	39	41	3	7,2
Cut flowers and plants	1.352	1.345	-7	-0,5	105	106	1	1,1
Bulbs, roots and live plants	913	949	36	4,0	70	70	0	0,2
Raw tobacco	2.415	2.360	-55	-2,3	172	173	0	0,1
Cigars and cigarettes	305	319	14	4,7	27	20	-7	-25,3
Fatty acids and waxes	2.490	2.325	-166	-6,6	203	163	-40	-19,6
Sugar alcohols	40	37	-2	-6,1	3	2	-1	-34,5
Essential oils	1.027	1.064	37	3,6	69	64	-6	-8,0
Ethanol	282	299	17	5,9	23	23	0	2,2
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	691	667	-24	-3,5	46	50	3	6,8
Non-edible, not specified	7	9	2	31,5	0	0	0	3,0
Products non-attributable	370	328	-41	-11,1	19	32	13	69,9

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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	Jan-17 - Dec-17	Jan-18 - Dec-18	Difference Jan-18 - Dec-18 to Jan-17 - Dec-17		Dec-17	Dec-18	Difference Dec-18 to Dec-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	20.278	21.718	1.440	7,1%	1.887	1.681	-205	-10,9%
Commodities	-25.374	-23.481	1.893	7,5%	-1.765	-2.024	-258	-14,6%
Other primary	-8.626	-9.940	-1.314	-15,2%	-576	-613	-37	-6,5%
Processed	13.855	14.573	718	5,2%	1.141	1.144	3	0,3%
Food preparations	22.751	22.643	-109	-0,5%	1.800	1.788	-13	-0,7%
Beverages	15.014	15.471	458	3,0%	1.125	1.213	88	7,8%
Non-edible	2.658	2.452	-206	-7,8%	161	173	12	7,3%
Wheat	2.892	2.345	-547	-18,9%	299	213	-86	-28,7%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-1.408	-2.033	-626	-44,5%	-154	-359	-205	-133,6%
Rice	-974	-987	-13	-1,3%	-119	-77	43	35,9%
Flours and other products of the milling industry	624	559	-65	-10,5%	47	38	-9	-19,4%
Malt	983	1.004	21	2,1%	69	81	12	17,2%
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.031	888	-143	-13,9%	82	64	-18	-22,2%
Soybeans	-4.789	-4.947	-158	-3,3%	-394	-332	62	15,7%
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	-3.315	-2.849	466	14,1%	-189	-254	-65	-34,6%
Palm & palm kernel oil	-6.384	-5.341	1.043	16,3%	-454	-350	104	22,9%
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-338	58	395	117,1%	-58	-28	30	52,0%
Oilcakes	-6.974	-6.996	-22	-0,3%	-576	-616	-40	-7,0%
Other feed and feed ingredients	152	151	-1	-0,5%	26	-3	-30	-111,6%
Beet and cane sugar	-447	423	870	194,8%	42	23	-18	-44,0%
Sugar, other than beet & cane	72	107	36	50,0%	7	13	6	95,6%
Milk powders and whey	4.401	3.919	-482	-11,0%	294	315	21	7,2%
Butter	851	838	-13	-1,6%	66	46	-20	-30,4%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	260	262	3	1,1%	34	22	-11	-33,6%
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-7.343	-6.507	836	11,4%	-475	-451	24	5,1%
Cocoa beans	-4.034	-3.840	194	4,8%	-261	-320	-59	-22,7%
Cocoa paste and powder	-698	-697	1	0,2%	-55	-61	-5	-9,7%
Agricultural commodities, not specified	64	162	98	151,8%	4	11	7	198,1%
Live animals	2.609	2.584	-25	-1,0%	242	220	-22	-8,9%
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-863	-817	46	5,3%	-40	-40	0	0,2%
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.062	4.757	-305	-6,0%	419	377	-42	-10,1%
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.184	1.045	-139	-11,8%	89	93	4	4,8%
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-840	-906	-66	-7,9%	-68	-58	10	14,4%
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.844	1.475	-369	-20,0%	138	91	-47	-33,9%
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.240	1.240	0	0,0%	95	82	-13	-13,5%
Eggs and honey	149	177	28	18,8%	20	22	2	12,1%
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.796	-1.766	30	1,7%	-136	-112	23	17,1%
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.835	-4.633	-798	-20,8%	-364	-413	-49	-13,4%
Citrus fruit	-1.477	-1.607	-130	-8,8%	-10	-16	-7	-67,5%
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.781	-12.434	347	2,7%	-1.052	-954	99	9,4%
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	881	946	66	7,5%	91	95	4	4,2%
Agricultural primary products, not specified	-3	0	2	85,0%	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	-580	-404	176	30,3%	-22	-34	-12	-54,2%
Cheese	3.554	3.598	44	1,3%	268	274	6	0,0%
Olive oil	2.445	2.108	-337	-13,8%	122	144	22	18,1%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	1.087	1.547	460	42,4%	95	132	37	38,8%
Fruit juices	-1.377	-1.347	30	2,2%	-105	-75	30	28,4%
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	9.217	9.464	246	2,7%	792	740	-52	-6,5%
Roasted coffee and tea	-491	-393	98	20,0%	-9	-37	-28	-316,6%
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.232	4.277	46	1,1%	358	336	-23	-6,3%
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.803	6.822	18	0,3%	521	524	3	0,6%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.695	3.914	219	5,9%	295	297	1	0,5%
Soups and sauces	578	600	21	3,7%	49	46	-3	-6,1%
Coffee and tea extracts	274	303	29	10,7%	23	31	9	38,5%
Food preparations, not specified	4.205	4.008	-197	-4,7%	313	345	32	10,3%
Pet food	2.964	2.719	-246	-8,3%	241	208	-33	-13,5%
Waters and soft drinks	2.685	2.822	136	5,1%	181	190	10	5,3%
Beer	2.996	2.837	-160	-5,3%	215	193	-21	0,0%
Spirits and liqueurs	9.094	9.622	528	5,8%	713	814	101	14,2%
Odoriferous substances	238	191	-47	-19,6%	16	15	-1	-7,3%
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.191	793	-398	-33,4%	-20	-28	-8	-42,4%
Non edible animal products	83	105	22	26,2%	2	8	6	262,8%
Wool and silk	-771	-927	-156	-20,3%	-54	-70	-15	-28,4%
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	244	315	71	29,2%	51	84	33	64,8%
Cut flowers and plants	-634	-599	35	5,5%	-41	-43	-2	-5,7%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	824	895	72	8,7%	51	51	-1	-1,5%
Raw tobacco	-1.511	-1.491	20	1,3%	-113	-123	-10	-8,9%
Cigars and cigarettes	3.190	3.034	-156	-4,9%	263	235	-28	-10,7%
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.922	-1.714	208	10,8%	-163	-126	37	22,8%
Sugar alcohols	88	104	17	19,3%	8	10	2	30,2%
Essential oils	-285	-282	3	1,0%	-14	-6	7	53,9%
Ethanol	-110	-113	-3	-2,4%	-8	-5	3	32,5%
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.282	1.120	-162	-12,6%	103	96	-7	-6,7%
Non-edible, not specified	1.202	1.376	173	14,4%	102	113	10	10,2%
Products non-attributable	-211	-164	47	22,2%	-7	-22	-15	-222,5%