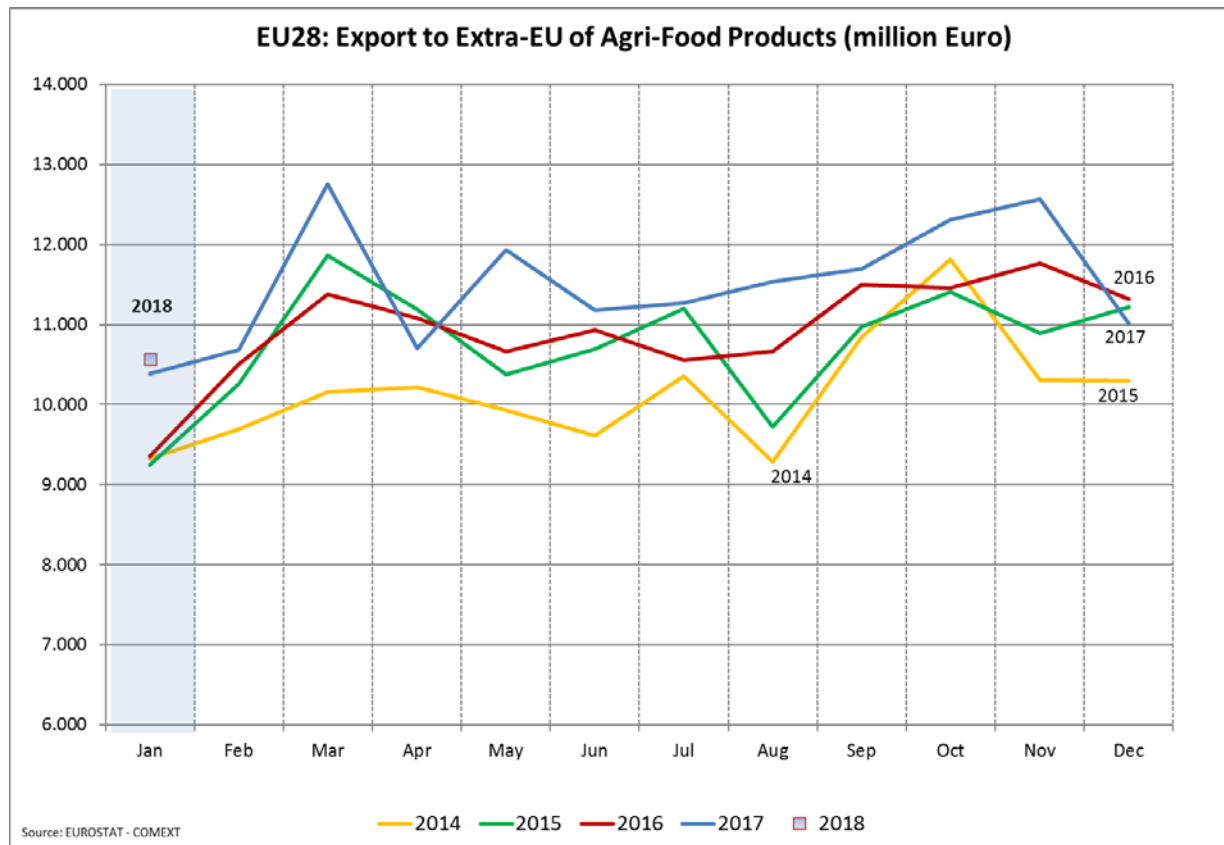


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until January 2018



January 2018: good start of a year for EU agri-food exports

The value of EU agri-food exports in January 2018 kept its very high level, now at **EUR 10.6 billion**. With agri-food imports to the EU decreasing slightly to a monthly value of **EUR 10.3 billion**, the monthly trade balance developed a surplus of EUR 0.3 billion, compared to a perfectly balanced trade in January 2017.

Highest increases in monthly export values (Jan 2018 compared to Jan 2017, EUR million) were recorded for **Japan** (+56), **Brazil** (+48), **Russia** (+43) and **Morocco** (+41). Monthly exports fell to **Saudi Arabia** (-59), **Algeria** (-51), **China** (-49) and **United Arab Emirates** (-39).

By sector, the highest export growth (EUR million) was achieved in **infant food** (+81), **sugar** (+67), **pasta** (+58) and **pet food** (+57).

Raw hides and skins exports dropped (EUR -72 million); so did exports of **wheat** (-51).

The value of January 2018 agri-food imports compared to January 2017 increased most for EU imports from **Ukraine**, and to a lesser extent, **India**. The value of imports from the **USA**, **Argentina** and **Indonesia** went down most. Major increases were seen in **cereals** (other than wheat and rice) and **tropical fruit**. Imports of **oilcakes** and **cocoa beans** are the ones decreasing most in value terms.

Wine and dairy exports increase, offset decrease in cereals and pork

For the 12-months period February 2017 to January 2018, EU agri-food exports reached a value of EUR 138.2 billion, corresponding to a sustained increase by 4.5% 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 +1.0 billion; +5%), **Russia** (EUR +0.8 billion; +14%) and several **Asian markets**: Japan (EUR +0.6 billion; +11%), China (EUR +0.4 billion; +4%), and Korea (EUR +0.3 billion; +11%). Further annual increases were recorded in agri-food exports to Turkey (EUR +0.5 billion; +15%), Hong Kong (EUR +0.3 billion; +9%) and Ukraine (EUR +0.3 billion; +19%) while increases of more than EUR 0.2 billion also took place in exports to Switzerland and Australia in the last twelve-month period.

Annual export values remain down for **North African** and **Middle East** destinations, in particular Saudi Arabia (EUR -0.6 billion; -13%), Egypt (EUR -0.4 billion; -22%), the United Arab Emirates (EUR -0.3 billion; -8%), Algeria (EUR -0.2 billion; -8%) and Libya (EUR -0.2 billion; -15%). Agri-food exports to Vietnam, Morocco and Tunisia also went down over the last twelve-month period.

Wine (EUR +1.2 billion; +11%), milk powder (EUR +843 million; +24%) and infant food (EUR +753 million; +11%) exports have been performing very well over the last twelve months. Export performance on a yearly basis also increased by EUR 614 million for pet food and by EUR 495 million for spirits and liqueurs. Of particular notice are the exports of sugar, which increased notably, by almost 50% or EUR 320 million.

On the other hand, **wheat, other cereals (excluding rice)** and **pork** exports experienced the biggest drop in value terms on an annual basis (respectively EUR -1.4 billion or -27%, EUR -240 million or -13% and EUR -280 million or -5%). Only two other categories recorded notable losses (around EUR 0.1 billion) in export values over the last 12 months: Fresh or dried fruit (excluding citrus and tropical fruit) and Fresh, chilled and dried vegetables.

EU agri-food imports increasing, but net trade surplus at record level

Agri-food imports from third countries in the 12-months period February 2017 to January 2018 accounted for EUR 117.2 billion, i.e. an increase by 3.3% 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 billion** (+EUR 2.2 billion; +12%).

Main origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months are **Brazil** (EUR 11.8 billion), the **USA** (EUR 10.8 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 -570 million or -9%) decreased most, while Brazil (-1%) limited the reduction in export values to the EU to EUR -137 million. Some other key partners also experienced reductions both in absolute and relative terms, most notably **Ghana** (EUR -382 million), the USA (EUR -291 million), Uruguay (EUR -205 million), Turkey and Ivory Coast.

On the other hand, the value of imports from **Ukraine** and **Indonesia** increased most significantly (EUR +1.4 billion; +34% and EUR 0.8 billion; +19%, respectively). Over the 12 months period, EU import values for agri-food products also went up for India, Australia, China, Morocco 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 +881 million; +38%), fatty acids (EUR +836 million; +50%) and palm oil (EUR +816 million; +15%). However, import values decreased in particular for **cocoa beans** (EUR -957 million; -19%), soya beans (EUR -445 million; -8%) and oilcakes (EUR -373 million; -5%).

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**, while the net exports reduced most for **wheat** and net imports increased most for **other cereals** and **palm oil** over the last 12 months.

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 | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | | mio € | mio € | mio € | % | mio € | mio € | mio € | % |
| Extra-EU28 | | 132.205 | 138.214 | 6.009 | 4,5 | 10.391 | 10.570 | 180 | 1,7 |
| United States of America | 1 | 20.943 | 21.953 | 1.010 | 4,8 | 1.607 | 1.606 | -2 | -0,1 |
| China | 2 | 11.504 | 11.927 | 423 | 3,7 | 893 | 844 | -49 | -5,5 |
| Switzerland | 3 | 7.946 | 8.217 | 271 | 3,4 | 655 | 659 | 5 | 0,7 |
| Russia | 4 | 5.744 | 6.559 | 815 | 14,2 | 497 | 540 | 43 | 8,7 |
| Japan | 5 | 5.839 | 6.477 | 637 | 10,9 | 455 | 511 | 56 | 12,3 |
| Norway | 6 | 4.309 | 4.481 | 172 | 4,0 | 338 | 336 | -2 | -0,6 |
| Hong Kong | 7 | 3.735 | 4.068 | 333 | 8,9 | 293 | 279 | -14 | -4,8 |
| Saudi Arabia | 8 | 4.573 | 3.988 | -585 | -12,8 | 364 | 305 | -59 | -16,2 |
| Turkey | 9 | 3.223 | 3.705 | 482 | 15,0 | 251 | 280 | 29 | 11,5 |
| Canada | 10 | 3.432 | 3.590 | 157 | 4,6 | 253 | 282 | 29 | 11,5 |
| Australia | 11 | 3.022 | 3.252 | 230 | 7,6 | 236 | 263 | 28 | 11,7 |
| Korea (Republic of) | 12 | 2.692 | 2.996 | 304 | 11,3 | 223 | 239 | 16 | 7,1 |
| United Arab Emirates | 13 | 3.174 | 2.914 | -260 | -8,2 | 247 | 209 | -39 | -15,7 |
| Algeria | 14 | 2.591 | 2.381 | -210 | -8,1 | 221 | 170 | -51 | -23,2 |
| Singapore | 15 | 2.016 | 2.211 | 195 | 9,7 | 163 | 170 | 7 | 4,3 |
| Ukraine | 16 | 1.560 | 1.850 | 290 | 18,6 | 143 | 178 | 35 | 24,1 |
| Israel | 17 | 1.723 | 1.811 | 88 | 5,1 | 132 | 146 | 14 | 10,7 |
| South Africa | 18 | 1.754 | 1.799 | 45 | 2,5 | 163 | 180 | 17 | 10,5 |
| Brazil | 19 | 1.564 | 1.739 | 175 | 11,2 | 115 | 163 | 48 | 41,7 |
| Morocco | 20 | 1.691 | 1.584 | -108 | -6,4 | 122 | 163 | 41 | 33,3 |
| <i>other countries</i> | | <i>39.167</i> | <i>40.712</i> | <i>1.544</i> | <i>3,9</i> | <i>3.019</i> | <i>3.048</i> | <i>28</i> | <i>0,9</i> |

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

| EU28 agri-food exports to | cumulative data: 12 month period | | | | | monthly data | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT | Rank 2017/18 | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | | mio € | mio € | mio € | % | mio € | mio € | mio € | % |
| Extra-EU28 | | 132.205 | 138.214 | 6.009 | 4,5 | 10.391 | 10.570 | 180 | 1,7 |
| Japan | 5 | 5.839 | 6.477 | 637 | 10,9 | 455 | 511 | 56 | 12,3 |
| Brazil | 19 | 1.564 | 1.739 | 175 | 11,2 | 115 | 163 | 48 | 41,7 |
| Russia | 4 | 5.744 | 6.559 | 815 | 14,2 | 497 | 540 | 43 | 8,7 |
| Morocco | 20 | 1.691 | 1.584 | -108 | -6,4 | 122 | 163 | 41 | 33,3 |
| Ukraine | 16 | 1.560 | 1.850 | 290 | 18,6 | 143 | 178 | 35 | 24,1 |
| Canada | 10 | 3.432 | 3.590 | 157 | 4,6 | 253 | 282 | 29 | 11,5 |
| Turkey | 9 | 3.223 | 3.705 | 482 | 15,0 | 251 | 280 | 29 | 11,5 |
| Australia | 11 | 3.022 | 3.252 | 230 | 7,6 | 236 | 263 | 28 | 11,7 |
| South Africa | 18 | 1.754 | 1.799 | 45 | 2,5 | 163 | 180 | 17 | 10,5 |
| Cameroon | 59 | 275 | 284 | 9 | 3,2 | 19 | 35 | 17 | 89,5 |
| Hong Kong | 7 | 3.735 | 4.068 | 333 | 8,9 | 293 | 279 | -14 | -4,8 |
| Belarus | 33 | 845 | 852 | 8 | 0,9 | 67 | 53 | -15 | -21,6 |
| Tunisia | 44 | 642 | 539 | -103 | -16,1 | 60 | 44 | -16 | -26,2 |
| Yemen | 74 | 297 | 210 | -87 | -29,3 | 30 | 8 | -22 | -74,3 |
| India | 32 | 900 | 859 | -41 | -4,6 | 78 | 54 | -23 | -30,1 |
| Vietnam | 26 | 1.470 | 1.149 | -321 | -21,8 | 100 | 67 | -33 | -33,4 |
| United Arab Emirates | 13 | 3.174 | 2.914 | -260 | -8,2 | 247 | 209 | -39 | -15,7 |
| China | 2 | 11.504 | 11.927 | 423 | 3,7 | 893 | 844 | -49 | -5,5 |
| Algeria | 14 | 2.591 | 2.381 | -210 | -8,1 | 221 | 170 | -51 | -23,2 |
| Saudi Arabia | 8 | 4.573 | 3.988 | -585 | -12,8 | 364 | 305 | -59 | -16,2 |
| <i>other countries</i> | | <i>74.368</i> | <i>78.488</i> | <i>4.120</i> | <i>5,5</i> | <i>5.784</i> | <i>5.943</i> | <i>159</i> | <i>2,7</i> |

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

| PRODUCT/PERIOD | EU 28 EXPORT | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | mio € | | % | | mio € | | % | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| All agri-food products | 132.205 | 138.214 | 6.009 | 4,5 | 10.391 | 10.570 | 180 | 1,7 |
| Commodities | 23.714 | 23.548 | -166 | -0,7 | 2.039 | 2.035 | -4 | -0,2 |
| Other primary | 23.599 | 23.983 | 384 | 1,6 | 2.016 | 1.964 | -52 | -2,6 |
| Processed | 24.684 | 26.885 | 2.201 | 8,9 | 1.822 | 1.953 | 131 | 7,2 |
| Food preparations | 28.069 | 30.471 | 2.402 | 8,6 | 2.099 | 2.307 | 209 | 9,9 |
| Beverages | 17.469 | 18.250 | 781 | 4,5 | 1.236 | 1.291 | 55 | 4,4 |
| Non-edible | 14.670 | 15.180 | 510 | 3,5 | 1.179 | 1.124 | -55 | -4,7 |
| Wheat | 5.417 | 3.978 | -1.439 | -26,6 | 361 | 311 | -51 | -14,0 |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice | 1.887 | 1.647 | -240 | -12,7 | 192 | 198 | 6 | 3,0 |
| Rice | 194 | 247 | 53 | 27,4 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 45,2 |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry | 798 | 784 | -14 | -1,7 | 68 | 65 | -3 | -5,0 |
| Malt | 1.038 | 987 | -51 | -4,9 | 84 | 78 | -6 | -6,9 |
| Starches, inulin & gluten | 942 | 1.098 | 156 | 16,6 | 85 | 89 | 5 | 5,6 |
| Soyabean | 71 | 128 | 57 | 80,4 | 19 | 3 | -16 | -85,3 |
| Oilseeds, other than soyabean | 806 | 795 | -11 | -1,3 | 102 | 118 | 16 | 15,9 |
| Palm & palm kernel oil | 162 | 177 | 15 | 9,3 | 14 | 15 | 0 | 2,0 |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil | 2.305 | 2.322 | 17 | 0,7 | 209 | 176 | -33 | -15,7 |
| Oilcakes | 287 | 299 | 12 | 4,2 | 32 | 32 | -1 | -1,7 |
| Other feed and feed ingredients | 1.116 | 1.121 | 5 | 0,5 | 85 | 101 | 16 | 19,0 |
| Beet and cane sugar | 649 | 969 | 320 | 49,4 | 40 | 106 | 67 | 168,4 |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane | 523 | 523 | 0 | 0,1 | 38 | 43 | 5 | 14,0 |
| Milk powders and whey | 3.574 | 4.416 | 843 | 23,6 | 369 | 331 | -38 | -10,3 |
| Butter | 830 | 952 | 122 | 14,7 | 57 | 90 | 33 | 58,4 |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts | 1.162 | 1.230 | 68 | 5,8 | 96 | 108 | 11 | 11,7 |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate | 526 | 522 | -5 | -0,9 | 42 | 39 | -2 | -5,7 |
| Cocoa beans | 22 | 10 | -12 | -54,1 | 2 | 0 | -1 | -73,6 |
| Cocoa paste and powder | 1.350 | 1.279 | -72 | -5,3 | 125 | 107 | -18 | -14,4 |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified | 55 | 64 | 9 | 15,8 | 5 | 5 | -1 | -15,8 |
| Live animals | 2.640 | 2.891 | 250 | 9,5 | 196 | 224 | 28 | 14,2 |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 710 | 809 | 99 | 13,9 | 57 | 48 | -9 | -15,3 |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 5.349 | 5.069 | -280 | -5,2 | 446 | 423 | -23 | -5,2 |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 1.437 | 1.504 | 67 | 4,7 | 111 | 116 | 5 | 4,5 |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 86 | 140 | 54 | 63,5 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 12,7 |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen | 2.941 | 2.980 | 38 | 1,3 | 260 | 230 | -31 | -11,8 |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt | 1.113 | 1.281 | 168 | 15,1 | 88 | 104 | 15 | 17,3 |
| Eggs and honey | 656 | 678 | 22 | 3,3 | 50 | 61 | 11 | 21,5 |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried | 3.171 | 3.067 | -104 | -3,3 | 285 | 262 | -23 | -8,1 |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit | 2.454 | 2.339 | -115 | -4,7 | 205 | 167 | -38 | -18,5 |
| Citrus fruit | 502 | 521 | 19 | 3,8 | 67 | 71 | 4 | 6,6 |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices | 998 | 1.054 | 56 | 5,6 | 83 | 83 | 0 | 0,3 |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones | 1.540 | 1.652 | 112 | 7,3 | 161 | 167 | 6 | 4,0 |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified | 1 | 0 | -1 | | | 0 | 0 | |
| Meat preparations | 1.244 | 1.327 | 83 | 6,6 | 94 | 100 | 6 | 6,5 |
| Cheese | 3.655 | 3.997 | 341 | 9,3 | 294 | 300 | 6 | 2,1 |
| Olive oil | 2.693 | 2.851 | 158 | 5,9 | 198 | 215 | 17 | 8,8 |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts | 4.399 | 4.692 | 293 | 6,7 | 328 | 378 | 49 | 15,0 |
| Fruit juices | 816 | 872 | 56 | 6,9 | 64 | 65 | 1 | 1,4 |
| Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar | 10.802 | 11.957 | 1.155 | 10,7 | 763 | 804 | 41 | 5,3 |
| Roasted coffee and tea | 1.075 | 1.189 | 114 | 10,7 | 80 | 91 | 11 | 13,5 |
| Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream | 5.245 | 5.503 | 258 | 4,9 | 375 | 410 | 36 | 9,6 |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 6.680 | 7.433 | 753 | 11,3 | 522 | 603 | 81 | 15,5 |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread | 4.742 | 5.078 | 335 | 7,1 | 336 | 394 | 58 | 17,4 |
| Soups and sauces | 1.206 | 1.311 | 105 | 8,7 | 89 | 99 | 10 | 11,3 |
| Coffee and tea extracts | 768 | 787 | 19 | 2,5 | 59 | 61 | 2 | 4,1 |
| Food preparations, not specified | 5.752 | 6.069 | 317 | 5,5 | 434 | 397 | -36 | -8,4 |
| Pet food | 3.676 | 4.290 | 614 | 16,7 | 284 | 342 | 57 | 20,2 |
| Waters and soft drinks | 3.485 | 3.766 | 281 | 8,1 | 258 | 286 | 28 | 10,7 |
| Beer | 3.451 | 3.454 | 3 | 0,1 | 273 | 260 | -13 | -4,6 |
| Spirits and liqueurs | 10.286 | 10.780 | 495 | 4,8 | 689 | 728 | 39 | 5,7 |
| Odoriferous substances | 247 | 250 | 3 | 1,3 | 16 | 17 | 1 | 5,4 |
| Raw hides, skins and furskins | 1.675 | 1.793 | 118 | 7,0 | 132 | 60 | -72 | -54,6 |
| Non edible animal products | 428 | 481 | 53 | 12,4 | 38 | 37 | 0 | -1,2 |
| Wool and silk | 144 | 140 | -4 | -2,7 | 10 | 12 | 2 | 16,0 |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials | 852 | 819 | -33 | -3,9 | 78 | 68 | -11 | -13,5 |
| Cut flowers and plants | 681 | 726 | 44 | 6,5 | 52 | 56 | 4 | 7,4 |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants | 1.643 | 1.762 | 119 | 7,2 | 117 | 130 | 13 | 11,4 |
| Raw tobacco | 976 | 902 | -74 | -7,6 | 77 | 80 | 3 | 3,8 |
| Cigars and cigarettes | 3.446 | 3.453 | 7 | 0,2 | 294 | 255 | -39 | -13,3 |
| Fatty acids and waxes | 527 | 696 | 169 | 32,1 | 42 | 60 | 18 | 44,3 |
| Sugar alcohols | 122 | 128 | 6 | 5,1 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 2,3 |
| Essential oils | 625 | 750 | 125 | 20,0 | 54 | 64 | 10 | 19,5 |
| Ethanol | 157 | 174 | 16 | 10,3 | 13 | 15 | 2 | 13,2 |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches | 1.927 | 1.978 | 51 | 2,7 | 163 | 164 | 1 | 0,7 |
| Non-edible, not specified | 1.311 | 1.218 | -93 | -7,1 | 85 | 97 | 12 | 14,6 |
| Products non-attributable | 155 | 160 | 6 | 3,6 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 9,1 |

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

| EU28 agri-food imports from | cumulative data: 12 month period | | | | | monthly data | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | Rank 2017/18 | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | | mio € | mio € | mio € | % | mio € | mio € | mio € | % |
| Extra-EU28 | | 113.420 | 117.213 | 3.793 | 3,3 | 10.413 | 10.252 | -161 | -1,5 |
| Brazil | 1 | 11.976 | 11.838 | -137 | -1,1 | 946 | 974 | 28 | 2,9 |
| United States of America | 2 | 11.089 | 10.798 | -291 | -2,6 | 1.179 | 988 | -191 | -16,2 |
| Ukraine | 3 | 4.208 | 5.621 | 1.413 | 33,6 | 530 | 652 | 122 | 23,0 |
| Argentina | 4 | 6.073 | 5.503 | -570 | -9,4 | 530 | 345 | -185 | -34,9 |
| China | 5 | 5.108 | 5.452 | 344 | 6,7 | 505 | 553 | 49 | 9,6 |
| Indonesia | 6 | 4.331 | 5.172 | 842 | 19,4 | 525 | 401 | -124 | -23,6 |
| Switzerland | 7 | 4.687 | 4.663 | -24 | -0,5 | 365 | 368 | 3 | 0,9 |
| Turkey | 8 | 4.646 | 4.500 | -146 | -3,1 | 425 | 433 | 8 | 1,8 |
| Ivory Coast | 9 | 3.687 | 3.564 | -123 | -3,3 | 320 | 304 | -16 | -5,0 |
| India | 10 | 2.790 | 3.495 | 705 | 25,3 | 235 | 299 | 64 | 27,1 |
| South Africa | 11 | 2.540 | 2.734 | 195 | 7,7 | 218 | 251 | 33 | 15,0 |
| Vietnam | 12 | 2.442 | 2.713 | 272 | 11,1 | 194 | 241 | 47 | 24,5 |
| Australia | 13 | 2.039 | 2.423 | 384 | 18,8 | 245 | 223 | -22 | -9,0 |
| Chile | 14 | 2.350 | 2.387 | 37 | 1,6 | 175 | 194 | 18 | 10,5 |
| Colombia | 15 | 2.147 | 2.377 | 230 | 10,7 | 195 | 180 | -15 | -7,6 |
| New Zealand | 16 | 2.335 | 2.361 | 26 | 1,1 | 121 | 150 | 29 | 24,2 |
| Thailand | 17 | 2.368 | 2.333 | -35 | -1,5 | 204 | 206 | 2 | 0,9 |
| Morocco | 18 | 1.968 | 2.241 | 273 | 13,9 | 254 | 256 | 2 | 0,6 |
| Canada | 19 | 2.310 | 2.203 | -107 | -4,6 | 290 | 258 | -32 | -11,2 |
| Peru | 20 | 2.231 | 2.122 | -108 | -4,9 | 236 | 223 | -13 | -5,3 |
| <i>other countries</i> | | <i>32.096</i> | <i>32.711</i> | <i>615</i> | <i>1,9</i> | <i>2.721</i> | <i>2.753</i> | <i>32</i> | <i>1,2</i> |

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

| EU28 agri-food imports from | cumulative data: 12 month period | | | | | monthly data | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | Rank 2017/18 | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | | mio € | mio € | mio € | % | mio € | mio € | mio € | % |
| Extra-EU28 | | 113.420 | 117.213 | 3.793 | 3,3 | 10.413 | 10.252 | -161 | -1,5 |
| Ukraine | 3 | 4.208 | 5.621 | 1.413 | 33,6 | 530 | 652 | 122 | 23,0 |
| India | 10 | 2.790 | 3.495 | 705 | 25,3 | 235 | 299 | 64 | 27,1 |
| China | 5 | 5.108 | 5.452 | 344 | 6,7 | 505 | 553 | 49 | 9,6 |
| Vietnam | 12 | 2.442 | 2.713 | 272 | 11,1 | 194 | 241 | 47 | 24,5 |
| South Africa | 11 | 2.540 | 2.734 | 195 | 7,7 | 218 | 251 | 33 | 15,0 |
| New Zealand | 16 | 2.335 | 2.361 | 26 | 1,1 | 121 | 150 | 29 | 24,2 |
| Brazil | 1 | 11.976 | 11.838 | -137 | -1,1 | 946 | 974 | 28 | 2,9 |
| Singapore | 53 | 138 | 290 | 152 | 109,9 | 11 | 33 | 22 | 213,2 |
| Chile | 14 | 2.350 | 2.387 | 37 | 1,6 | 175 | 194 | 18 | 10,5 |
| Paraguay | 30 | 923 | 1.023 | 101 | 10,9 | 29 | 46 | 18 | 61,0 |
| Colombia | 15 | 2.147 | 2.377 | 230 | 10,7 | 195 | 180 | -15 | -7,6 |
| Ivory Coast | 9 | 3.687 | 3.564 | -123 | -3,3 | 320 | 304 | -16 | -5,0 |
| Australia | 13 | 2.039 | 2.423 | 384 | 18,8 | 245 | 223 | -22 | -9,0 |
| Costa Rica | 22 | 1.743 | 1.809 | 66 | 3,8 | 159 | 136 | -23 | -14,3 |
| Ghana | 25 | 1.669 | 1.287 | -382 | -22,9 | 135 | 109 | -26 | -19,4 |
| Nigeria | 39 | 666 | 557 | -109 | -16,4 | 64 | 36 | -28 | -44,1 |
| Canada | 19 | 2.310 | 2.203 | -107 | -4,6 | 290 | 258 | -32 | -11,2 |
| Indonesia | 6 | 4.331 | 5.172 | 842 | 19,4 | 525 | 401 | -124 | -23,6 |
| Argentina | 4 | 6.073 | 5.503 | -570 | -9,4 | 530 | 345 | -185 | -34,9 |
| United States of America | 2 | 11.089 | 10.798 | -291 | -2,6 | 1.179 | 988 | -191 | -16,2 |
| <i>other countries</i> | | <i>42.857</i> | <i>43.604</i> | <i>746</i> | <i>1,7</i> | <i>3.808</i> | <i>3.879</i> | <i>71</i> | <i>1,9</i> |

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

| PRODUCT/PERIOD | EU 28 IMPORT | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|---|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | mio € | | % | | mio € | | % | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| All agri-food products | 113.420 | 117.213 | 3.793 | 3,3 | 10.413 | 10.252 | -161 | -1,5 |
| Commodities | 47.625 | 48.600 | 975 | 2,0 | 4.538 | 4.128 | -411 | -9,1 |
| Other primary | 31.616 | 32.624 | 1.008 | 3,2 | 2.852 | 2.961 | 109 | 3,8 |
| Processed | 13.015 | 12.805 | -209 | -1,6 | 1.073 | 1.063 | -10 | -1,0 |
| Food preparations | 7.001 | 7.581 | 580 | 8,3 | 630 | 724 | 94 | 14,9 |
| Beverages | 2.916 | 3.100 | 184 | 6,3 | 218 | 228 | 10 | 4,8 |
| Non-edible | 11.247 | 12.526 | 1.279 | 11,4 | 1.101 | 1.173 | 72 | 6,5 |
| Wheat | 1.301 | 1.119 | -182 | -14,0 | 153 | 137 | -16 | -10,2 |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice | 2.324 | 3.205 | 881 | 37,9 | 307 | 428 | 121 | 39,6 |
| Rice | 1.039 | 1.193 | 154 | 14,8 | 83 | 71 | -12 | -14,7 |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry | 169 | 165 | -4 | -2,2 | 15 | 13 | -2 | -12,3 |
| Malt | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0,0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -38,7 |
| Starches, inulin & gluten | 52 | 63 | 11 | 20,7 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 19,4 |
| Soybeans | 5.318 | 4.873 | -445 | -8,4 | 448 | 389 | -58 | -13,0 |
| Oilseeds, other than soybeans | 3.509 | 4.066 | 557 | 15,9 | 407 | 362 | -45 | -11,1 |
| Palm & palm kernel oil | 5.680 | 6.497 | 816 | 14,4 | 594 | 535 | -60 | -10,0 |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil | 2.357 | 2.750 | 393 | 16,7 | 194 | 231 | 37 | 19,3 |
| Oilcakes | 7.464 | 7.092 | -373 | -5,0 | 741 | 512 | -230 | -31,0 |
| Other feed and feed ingredients | 870 | 962 | 92 | 10,6 | 84 | 96 | 12 | 13,6 |
| Beet and cane sugar | 1.435 | 1.300 | -135 | -9,4 | 94 | 47 | -47 | -50,2 |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane | 448 | 445 | -2 | -0,5 | 40 | 39 | 0 | -0,9 |
| Milk powders and whey | 46 | 50 | 5 | 10,7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 7,7 |
| Butter | 59 | 66 | 7 | 11,8 | 5 | 5 | 0 | -5,9 |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts | 941 | 963 | 22 | 2,3 | 94 | 102 | 8 | 8,7 |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate | 7.613 | 7.819 | 206 | 2,7 | 693 | 678 | -15 | -2,2 |
| Cocoa beans | 4.932 | 3.975 | -957 | -19,4 | 407 | 304 | -103 | -25,3 |
| Cocoa paste and powder | 2.027 | 1.985 | -42 | -2,1 | 169 | 161 | -8 | -4,8 |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified | 35 | 7 | -28 | -80,9 | 0 | 6 | 6 | |
| Live animals | 283 | 229 | -55 | -19,4 | 18 | 13 | -5 | -28,0 |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 1.789 | 1.706 | -83 | -4,6 | 173 | 196 | 23 | 13,1 |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 31 | 30 | -1 | -4,2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6,7 |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 294 | 337 | 43 | 14,6 | 20 | 35 | 14 | 69,4 |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 951 | 1.002 | 52 | 5,4 | 56 | 80 | 24 | 42,5 |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen | 1.032 | 1.159 | 127 | 12,3 | 87 | 86 | -1 | -0,7 |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt | 27 | 25 | -2 | -7,4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | -15,5 |
| Eggs and honey | 496 | 520 | 24 | 4,8 | 58 | 62 | 4 | 7,1 |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried | 4.752 | 4.801 | 49 | 1,0 | 538 | 482 | -56 | -10,4 |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit | 6.055 | 6.198 | 143 | 2,4 | 522 | 558 | 35 | 6,7 |
| Citrus fruit | 2.068 | 2.002 | -66 | -3,2 | 129 | 140 | 10 | 8,1 |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices | 13.113 | 13.844 | 731 | 5,6 | 1.176 | 1.229 | 53 | 4,5 |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones | 718 | 771 | 53 | 7,4 | 68 | 77 | 9 | 14,0 |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified | 6 | 0 | -6 | -98,5 | 3 | 0 | -2 | -96,6 |
| Meat preparations | 2.108 | 1.867 | -241 | -11,5 | 196 | 162 | -35 | -17,8 |
| Cheese | 446 | 433 | -13 | -2,8 | 28 | 31 | 2 | 7,8 |
| Olive oil | 335 | 412 | 77 | 23,1 | 10 | 35 | 24 | 237,4 |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts | 3.512 | 3.480 | -31 | -0,9 | 311 | 293 | -18 | -5,8 |
| Fruit juices | 2.259 | 2.254 | -5 | -0,2 | 190 | 208 | 19 | 9,8 |
| Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar | 2.689 | 2.700 | 11 | 0,4 | 207 | 213 | 5 | 2,6 |
| Roasted coffee and tea | 1.667 | 1.660 | -7 | -0,4 | 130 | 123 | -8 | -6,1 |
| Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream | 1.196 | 1.251 | 55 | 4,6 | 107 | 127 | 20 | 19,1 |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 392 | 554 | 161 | 41,1 | 45 | 73 | 28 | 61,8 |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread | 1.256 | 1.336 | 80 | 6,4 | 115 | 123 | 8 | 7,4 |
| Soups and sauces | 697 | 728 | 31 | 4,5 | 59 | 67 | 8 | 13,9 |
| Coffee and tea extracts | 521 | 504 | -17 | -3,2 | 49 | 47 | -2 | -4,2 |
| Food preparations, not specified | 1.823 | 1.906 | 83 | 4,5 | 151 | 158 | 6 | 4,2 |
| Pet food | 1.114 | 1.302 | 187 | 16,8 | 104 | 129 | 25 | 24,1 |
| Waters and soft drinks | 999 | 1.056 | 57 | 5,7 | 77 | 83 | 7 | 8,5 |
| Beer | 367 | 372 | 5 | 1,4 | 28 | 23 | -5 | -19,3 |
| Spirits and liqueurs | 1.529 | 1.663 | 133 | 8,7 | 112 | 121 | 9 | 8,3 |
| Odoriferous substances | 21 | 10 | -11 | -53,9 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12,9 |
| Raw hides, skins and furskins | 667 | 660 | -7 | -1,0 | 76 | 62 | -15 | -19,2 |
| Non edible animal products | 356 | 402 | 46 | 13,0 | 33 | 38 | 5 | 15,6 |
| Wool and silk | 898 | 945 | 47 | 5,2 | 100 | 135 | 35 | 35,6 |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials | 512 | 595 | 84 | 16,3 | 46 | 55 | 9 | 19,2 |
| Cut flowers and plants | 1.321 | 1.331 | 9 | 0,7 | 104 | 107 | 3 | 3,1 |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants | 875 | 913 | 37 | 4,3 | 89 | 90 | 1 | 1,0 |
| Raw tobacco | 2.324 | 2.435 | 111 | 4,8 | 221 | 227 | 7 | 3,1 |
| Cigars and cigarettes | 324 | 312 | -12 | -3,8 | 23 | 31 | 8 | 35,0 |
| Fatty acids and waxes | 1.686 | 2.521 | 836 | 49,6 | 205 | 227 | 22 | 10,9 |
| Sugar alcohols | 22 | 42 | 19 | 85,7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 42,9 |
| Essential oils | 936 | 1.034 | 98 | 10,4 | 91 | 98 | 7 | 8,1 |
| Ethanol | 297 | 290 | -7 | -2,4 | 14 | 27 | 13 | 89,3 |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches | 667 | 692 | 25 | 3,8 | 57 | 57 | 0 | 0,6 |
| Non-edible, not specified | 3 | 7 | 4 | 103,0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | -10,2 |
| Products non-attributable | 359 | 349 | -11 | -3,0 | 40 | 14 | -26 | -64,6 |

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

| PRODUCT/PERIOD | EU28 TRADE BALANCE | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------|---|-------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|----------|
| | Feb16- Jan17 | Feb17- Jan18 | Difference Feb17-Jan18 to Feb16-Jan17 | | Jan 17 | Jan 18 | Difference Jan 18 to Jan 17 | |
| | mio € | | % | | mio € | | % | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| All agri-food products | 18.785 | 21.001 | 2.216 | 11,8 | -22 | 318 | 340 | -1.543,2 |
| Commodities | -23.911 | -25.052 | -1.141 | 4,8 | -2.499 | -2.092 | 407 | -16,3 |
| Other primary | -8.017 | -8.641 | -624 | 7,8 | -836 | -997 | -161 | 19,3 |
| Processed | 11.669 | 14.079 | 2.411 | 20,7 | 748 | 890 | 141 | 18,9 |
| Food preparations | 21.068 | 22.890 | 1.822 | 8,6 | 1.468 | 1.583 | 115 | 7,8 |
| Beverages | 14.553 | 15.150 | 597 | 4,1 | 1.018 | 1.063 | 45 | 4,4 |
| Non-edible | 3.422 | 2.654 | -768 | -22,4 | 78 | -48 | -126 | -162,1 |
| Wheat | 4.116 | 2.858 | -1.257 | -30,5 | 208 | 173 | -35 | -16,8 |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice | -438 | -1.558 | -1.121 | 256,1 | -115 | -230 | -116 | 101,0 |
| Rice | -845 | -946 | -101 | 11,9 | -69 | -51 | 19 | -26,8 |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry | 629 | 619 | -10 | -1,6 | 53 | 52 | -2 | -3,0 |
| Malt | 1.033 | 982 | -51 | -4,9 | 84 | 78 | -6 | -6,8 |
| Starches, inulin & gluten | 890 | 1.035 | 145 | 16,3 | 79 | 83 | 4 | 4,6 |
| Soyabbeans | -5.247 | -4.745 | 502 | -9,6 | -429 | -387 | 42 | -9,8 |
| Oilseeds, other than soyabbeans | -2.703 | -3.271 | -567 | 21,0 | -306 | -244 | 62 | -20,1 |
| Palm & palm kernel oil | -5.518 | -6.319 | -801 | 14,5 | -580 | -520 | 60 | -10,3 |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil | -52 | -428 | -376 | 718,2 | 15 | -56 | -70 | -478,8 |
| Oilcakes | -7.178 | -6.793 | 385 | -5,4 | -709 | -480 | 229 | -32,3 |
| Other feed and feed ingredients | 247 | 160 | -87 | -35,2 | 0 | 5 | 5 | |
| Beet and cane sugar | -786 | -331 | 455 | -57,9 | -55 | 59 | 114 | -208,7 |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane | 75 | 78 | 3 | 3,7 | -2 | 4 | 6 | -351,5 |
| Milk powders and whey | 3.528 | 4.366 | 838 | 23,7 | 366 | 328 | -38 | -10,4 |
| Butter | 771 | 886 | 115 | 15,0 | 52 | 85 | 34 | 65,0 |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts | 221 | 267 | 46 | 20,9 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 126,7 |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate | -7.087 | -7.298 | -211 | 3,0 | -652 | -639 | 13 | -2,0 |
| Cocoa beans | -4.910 | -3.965 | 945 | -19,2 | -405 | -303 | 102 | -25,1 |
| Cocoa paste and powder | -677 | -706 | -29 | 4,3 | -44 | -54 | -10 | 22,6 |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified | 21 | 57 | 37 | 178,8 | 5 | -2 | -7 | -132,1 |
| Live animals | 2.357 | 2.662 | 305 | 12,9 | 178 | 211 | 33 | 18,3 |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | -1.078 | -896 | 182 | -16,9 | -116 | -148 | -31 | 27,0 |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 5.318 | 5.039 | -279 | -5,2 | 444 | 421 | -23 | -5,2 |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | 1.144 | 1.168 | 24 | 2,1 | 90 | 81 | -9 | -10,2 |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen | -865 | -862 | 3 | -0,3 | -49 | -72 | -23 | 46,7 |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen | 1.909 | 1.820 | -89 | -4,6 | 173 | 143 | -30 | -17,3 |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt | 1.085 | 1.255 | 170 | 15,6 | 86 | 102 | 16 | 18,0 |
| Eggs and honey | 160 | 158 | -2 | -1,3 | -7 | 0 | 7 | -95,9 |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried | -1.581 | -1.734 | -154 | 9,7 | -253 | -220 | 33 | -12,9 |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit | -3.601 | -3.859 | -258 | 7,2 | -318 | -391 | -73 | 23,0 |
| Citrus fruit | -1.566 | -1.481 | 85 | -5,4 | -63 | -69 | -6 | 9,6 |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices | -12.115 | -12.790 | -675 | 5,6 | -1.093 | -1.146 | -53 | 4,8 |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones | 822 | 881 | 59 | 7,1 | 93 | 90 | -3 | -3,2 |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified | -5 | | 5 | | | | 0 | |
| Meat preparations | -864 | -540 | 324 | -37,5 | -102 | -61 | 41 | -40,2 |
| Cheese | 3.210 | 3.564 | 354 | 11,0 | 265 | 269 | 4 | 1,5 |
| Olive oil | 2.358 | 2.439 | 81 | 3,4 | 187 | 180 | -7 | -3,7 |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts | 887 | 1.212 | 325 | 36,6 | 18 | 85 | 67 | 379,3 |
| Fruit juices | -1.443 | -1.382 | 61 | -4,2 | -125 | -143 | -18 | 14,1 |
| Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar | 8.113 | 9.257 | 1.144 | 14,1 | 556 | 592 | 35 | 6,3 |
| Roasted coffee and tea | -592 | -470 | 122 | -20,6 | -51 | -32 | 19 | -36,9 |
| Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream | 4.048 | 4.252 | 204 | 5,0 | 268 | 283 | 16 | 5,8 |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 6.288 | 6.879 | 592 | 9,4 | 477 | 530 | 53 | 11,1 |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread | 3.486 | 3.742 | 256 | 7,3 | 221 | 271 | 50 | 22,6 |
| Soups and sauces | 509 | 583 | 74 | 14,5 | 30 | 32 | 2 | 6,3 |
| Coffee and tea extracts | 247 | 283 | 36 | 14,5 | 9 | 14 | 4 | 48,0 |
| Food preparations, not specified | 3.929 | 4.163 | 234 | 6,0 | 283 | 240 | -43 | -15,1 |
| Pet food | 2.562 | 2.988 | 426 | 16,6 | 180 | 213 | 32 | 18,0 |
| Waters and soft drinks | 2.486 | 2.710 | 224 | 9,0 | 181 | 202 | 21 | 11,6 |
| Beer | 3.085 | 3.082 | -3 | -0,1 | 245 | 237 | -7 | -2,9 |
| Spirits and liqueurs | 8.757 | 9.118 | 361 | 4,1 | 577 | 607 | 30 | 5,2 |
| Odoriferous substances | 226 | 240 | 14 | 6,4 | 15 | 16 | 1 | 5,0 |
| Raw hides, skins and furskins | 1.009 | 1.133 | 125 | 12,4 | 56 | -2 | -57 | -103,2 |
| Non edible animal products | 72 | 79 | 7 | 9,7 | 5 | -1 | -6 | -118,3 |
| Wool and silk | -754 | -805 | -51 | 6,7 | -89 | -123 | -34 | 37,9 |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials | 341 | 224 | -117 | -34,3 | 32 | 13 | -19 | -60,1 |
| Cut flowers and plants | -640 | -605 | 35 | -5,5 | -52 | -52 | 1 | -1,1 |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants | 768 | 849 | 81 | 10,6 | 28 | 40 | 12 | 44,9 |
| Raw tobacco | -1.348 | -1.533 | -186 | 13,8 | -144 | -148 | -4 | 2,7 |
| Cigars and cigarettes | 3.122 | 3.142 | 20 | 0,6 | 271 | 224 | -47 | -17,4 |
| Fatty acids and waxes | -1.159 | -1.825 | -666 | 57,5 | -163 | -167 | -4 | 2,4 |
| Sugar alcohols | 100 | 87 | -13 | -13,1 | 10 | 9 | -1 | -8,7 |
| Essential oils | -312 | -284 | 27 | -8,7 | -37 | -34 | 3 | -8,4 |
| Ethanol | -139 | -116 | 24 | -16,9 | -1 | -11 | -11 | 1.807,4 |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches | 1.260 | 1.286 | 26 | 2,1 | 106 | 107 | 1 | 0,7 |
| Non-edible, not specified | 1.308 | 1.211 | -97 | -7,4 | 84 | 97 | 12 | 14,8 |
| Products non-attributable | -205 | -188 | 17 | -8,1 | -27 | 0 | 27 | -99,6 |