

AGRI-FOOD TRADE STATISTICAL FACTSHEET

European Union - LDC (Least Developed Countries)

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The data used in this factsheet were provided by ISDB and extracted from the **COMEXT-EUROSTAT** database unless otherwise indicated, in statistical regime All.

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

"Agri-food products" refers to the WTO definition of agricultural products and includes the chapters 1-24 (excluding fish and fish products) of the Harmonised System, and a number of headings in chapters 29, 33, 35, 38, 41, 43 and 50-53. The aggregate of EU Agri-food trade does not contain tariff codes CN 3302.10.40 and CN 3302.10.90 (some odoriferous substances which are regarded as industrial products).

The details of the product categories referred to in this factsheet are available on: Agri-food trade presentation (europa.eu)

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

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LDC (Least Developed Countries)

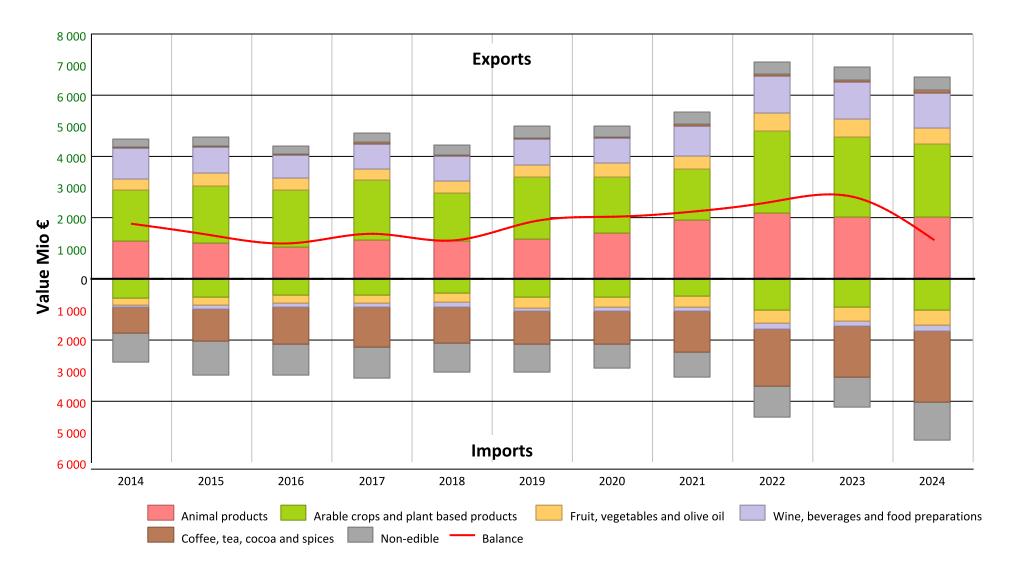
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1. Selection of indicators

Trade indicators

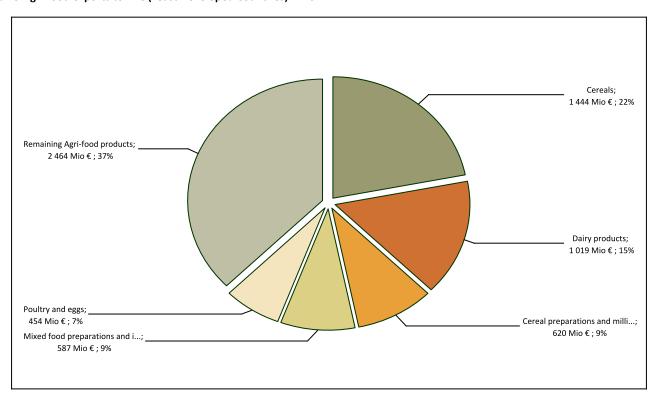
	Unit	Exports	Imports	Balance
EU27 Agri-food trade with LDC (Least Developed Countries)				
Agri-food trade value	Mio €	6 588	5 291	1 298
- as share of EU27 total Agri-food trade	(%)	2.8	3.1	
- as share of EU27 total trade with LDC (Least Developed Countries)	(%)	22.9	10.5	
% change 2023 - 2024		-4.4	25.9	
Annual rate of change from 2014 - 2024	(%)	3.8	6.8	
EU27 total trade with LDC (Least Developed Countries)				
Total trade value	Mio €	28 778	50 305	-21 527
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	1.1	2.1	
EU27 world trade				
Total trade value	Mio€	2 583 950	2 437 593	146 357
Total Agri-food trade	Mio €	235 409	171 887	63 522
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	9.1	7.1	43.4

2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2014 - 2024



3. EU Agri-food EXPORTS to LDC (Least Developed Countries) by product category

Top EU Agri-food exports to LDC (Least Developed Countries) in 2024



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food exports to LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2020 - 2024

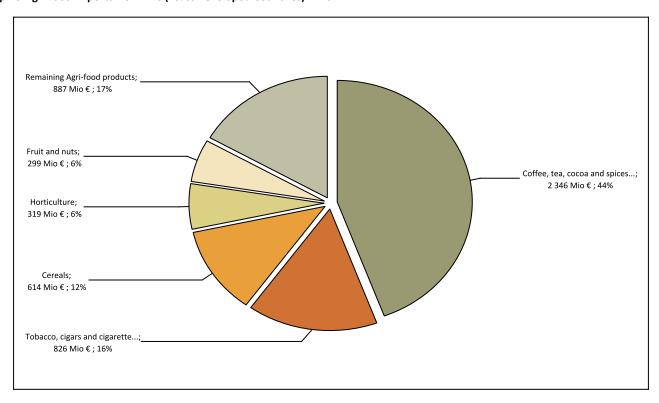
		Exports							
				Value Mio €			9	6	
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Share in all Agri 2024	Change 2023-2024	
	Agri-food	4 979	5 447	7 083	6 892	6 588	100.0	-4.4	
1	Cereals	994	838	1 707	1 685	1 444	21.9	-14.3	
2	Dairy products	797	911	1 175	1 023	1 019	15.5	-0.4	
3	Cereal preparations and milling products	658	646	741	654	620	9.4	-5.2	
4	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	407	488	594	621	587	8.9	-5.4	
5	Poultry and eggs	327	446	531	465	454	6.9	-2.3	
6	Other animal products	208	373	221	345	384	5.8	11.2	
7	Vegetables	269	234	340	377	319	4.8	-15.4	
8	Pet food and forage crops	189	212	268	223	245	3.7	9.7	
9	Beer, cider and other beverages	182	232	269	252	229	3.5	-9.0	
10	Wine and wine based products	118	143	193	176	172	2.6	-2.5	
11	Sugar and isoglucose	44	47	52	64	169	2.6	164.6	
12	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	106	123	151	145	144	2.2	-0.9	
13	Non-edible for technical use	76	103	76	104	101	1.5	-3.3	
14	Pigmeat	92	116	164	114	97	1.5	-15.0	
15	Spirits and liqueurs	68	73	99	92	96	1.5	4.4	
	Remaining Agri-food products	445	462	501	552	509	7.7	-7.8	

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2020 - 2024

				Exports			
			Value Mio€				%
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Share in all Agri 2024	Change 2023-2024
Agri-food	4 979	5 447	7 083	6 892	6 588	100.0	-4.4
Animal products	1 478	1 903	2 144	2 005	2 006	30.5	0.3
Beef and veal	50	53	47	53	47	0.7	-12.
Pigmeat	92	116	164	114	97	1.5	-15.
Poultry and eggs	327	446	531	465	454	6.9	-2.
Sheep and goat	5	3	6	5	5	0.1	13.
Dairy products	797	911	1 175	1 023	1 019	15.5	-0.
Other animal products	208	373	221	345	384	5.8	11.
Arable crops and plant based products	1 843	1 676	2 683	2 604	2 379	36.1	-8.
Cereals	994	838	1 707	1 685	1 444	21.9	-14.
Cereal preparations and milling products	658	646	741	654	620	9.4	-5.
Oilseeds and protein crops	19	10	13	25	10	0.1	-61.
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	88	101	122	133	94	1.5	-29.
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	40	36	48	44	42	0.6	-2.
Sugar and isoglucose	44	47	52	64	169	2.6	164.
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	433	411	562	585	532	8.1	-8.
Vegetables	269	234	340	377	319	4.8	-15.
Fruit and nuts	27	26	31	28	29	0.4	4.
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	106	123	151	145	144	2.2	-0.
Olives and olive oil	31	29	39	34	40	0.6	17.
Wine, beverages and food preparations	818	990	1 225	1 207	1 147	17.4	-5.
Wine and wine based products	118	143	193	176	172	2.6	-2.
Spirits and liqueurs	68	73	99	92	96	1.5	4.
Beer, cider and other beverages	182	232	269	252	229	3.5	-9.
Confectionery and chocolate	42	53	70	67	64	1.0	-4.
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	407	488	594	621	587	8.9	-5.
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	47	65	66	68	80	1.2	17.
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Non-edible	361	402	404	424	444	6.7	4.
Pet food and forage crops	189	212	268	223	245	3.7	9.
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	66	58	52	70	72	1.1	3.
Horticulture	6	7	6	6	7	0.1	0.
Non-edible for technical use	76	103	76	104	101	1.5	-3.
Unspecified	24	22	0	19	19	0.3	-0

4. EU Agri-food IMPORTS from LDC (Least Developed Countries) by product category

Top EU Agri-food imports from LDC (Least Developed Countries) in 2024



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food imports from LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2020 - 2024

		Imports							
				Value Mio €			9	%	
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Share in all Agri 2024	Change 2023-2024	
	Agri-food	2 934	3 233	4 543	4 201	5 291	100.0	25.9	
1	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	1 053	1 332	1 859	1 678	2 346	44.3	39.8	
2	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	437	451	600	577	826	15.6	43.1	
3	Cereals	332	266	593	453	614	11.6	35.6	
4	Horticulture	262	280	315	298	319	6.0	7.0	
5	Fruit and nuts	186	215	248	297	299	5.7	0.8	
6	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	129	120	172	157	179	3.4	13.9	
7	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	78	83	96	98	130	2.5	32.9	
8	Oilseeds and protein crops	82	105	184	127	115	2.2	-10.1	
9	Vegetables	92	106	112	107	107	2.0	0.6	
10	Non-edible for technical use	97	93	119	90	86	1.6	-4.4	
11	Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	21	48	84	53	78	1.5	46.6	
12	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	54	48	61	60	66	1.2	9.1	
13	Cereal preparations and milling products	20	31	54	46	53	1.0	15.0	
14	Sugar and isoglucose	80	42	30	140	51	1.0	-63.2	
15	Other animal products	6	8	7	7	8	0.2	8.6	
	Remaining Agri-food products	6	6	8	13	14	0.3	7.7	

Evolution of EU Agri-food imports from LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2020 - 2024

				Imports			
			Value Mio€				%
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Share in all Agri 2024	Change 2023-2024
Agri-food	2 934	3 233	4 543	4 201	5 291	100.0	25.9
Animal products	6	8	7	7	8	0.2	8.3
Beef and veal	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	14.8
Pigmeat		0	0	0	0	0.0	149900.0
Poultry and eggs	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	2485.1
Sheep and goat	0	0			0	0.0	
Dairy products	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-82.5
Other animal products	6	8	7	7	8	0.2	8.6
Arable crops and plant based products	612	574	1 041	917	1 041	19.7	13.5
Cereals	332	266	593	453	614	11.6	35.6
Cereal preparations and milling products	20	31	54	46	53	1.0	15.0
Oilseeds and protein crops	82	105	184	127	115	2.2	-10.1
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	21	48	84	53	78	1.7	46.6
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	78	83	96	98	130	2.5	32.9
Sugar and isoglucose	80	42	30	140	51	1.0	-63.2
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	332	370	421	464	472	8.9	1.8
Vegetables	92	106	112	107	107	2.0	0.6
Fruit and nuts	186	215	248	297	299	5.7	0.8
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	54	48	61	60	66	1.2	9.1
Olives and olive oil	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	131.2
Wine, beverages and food preparations	133	125	179	167	190	3.6	13.4
Wine and wine based products	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-59.8
Spirits and liqueurs	1	1	2	2	1	0.0	-26.8
Beer, cider and other beverages	2	3	3	6	6	0.1	-4.7
Confectionery and chocolate	1	1	2	2	4	0.1	85.9
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	129	120	172	157	179	3.4	13.9
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	1 053	1 332	1 859	1 678	2 346	44.3	39.8
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Non-edible	798	824	1 036	967	1 233	23.4	27.5
Pet food and forage crops	1	0	1	2	2	0.0	-13.4
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	437	451	600	577	826	15.7	43.1
Horticulture	262	280	315	298	319	6.2	7.0
Non-edible for technical use	97	93	119	90	86	1.6	-4.4
Unspecified			0	0	1	0.0	236.3

5. EU Agri-food trade with LDC (Least Developed Countries) by HS chapters

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2020 - 2024

		Exports							
				Value Mio €				%	
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Share in all Agri 2024	Change 2023-2024	
	Agri-food	4 979	5 447	7 083	6 892	6 588	100.0	-4.4	
01	Live Animals	37	42	33	38	53	0.9	41.2	
02	Meat and edible meat offal	370	496	638	528	487	7.4	-7.6	
04	Dairy produce	522	569	661	594	499	7.6	-15.9	
05	Products of animal origin	14	18	20	16	12	0.2	-21.3	
06	Live trees and other plants	4	5	5	5	5	0.1	-6.1	
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	229	193	300	342	260	3.9	-23.9	
08	Edible fruits & nuts	27	26	31	28	29	0.4	4.4	
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	20	21	25	26	26	0.4	2.0	
10	Cereals	764	603	1 411	1 380	1 142	17.3	-17.3	
11	Products of the milling industry	248	254	316	325	324	4.9	-0.2	
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	69	60	65	66	87	1.3	30.7	
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	18	18	18	17	21	0.3	22.3	
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	1	1	1	1	0.0	74.1	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	151	158	197	200	164	2.5	-18.1	
16	Preparations of meat	56	54	68	67	53	0.8	-21.0	
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	54	56	62	76	184	2.8	142.9	
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	36	48	62	57	56	0.8	-2.3	
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	939	1 013	1 269	1 089	1 139	17.3	4.6	
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	108	126	155	148	149	2.3	0.6	
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	431	512	603	658	615	9.3	-6.5	
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	377	458	572	526	506	7.7	-3.8	
23	Residues and waste from food industry	215	242	310	288	278	4.2	-3.3	
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	66	58	52	70	72	1.1	3.1	
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	223	415	208	349	425	6.5	21.7	

Evolution of Agri-food imports from LDC (Least Developed Countries), 2020 - 2024

		Imports							
				Value Mio €			9	6	
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Share in all Agri 2024	Change 2023-2024	
	Agri-food	2 934	3 233	4 543	4 201	5 291	100.0	25.9	
01	Live Animals	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	5.4	
02	Meat and edible meat offal	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	450.1	
04	Dairy produce	1	1	2	2	1	0.0	-25.5	
05	Products of animal origin	2	2	1	1	1	0.0	15.0	
06	Live trees and other plants	261	279	314	297	318	6.3	6.9	
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	121	146	153	137	142	2.7	3.6	
08	Edible fruits & nuts	177	198	230	291	293	5.5	0.5	
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	872	1 100	1 643	1 357	1 651	31.3	21.6	
10	Cereals	331	265	593	451	612	11.6	35.7	
11	Products of the milling industry	8	8	8	9	11	0.2	20.7	
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	122	144	233	193	172	3.3	-11.1	
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	122	112	162	142	170	3.2	20.0	
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	2	3	4	3	3	0.1	15.0	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	60	87	135	91	125	2.4	38.3	
16	Preparations of meat	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1028.1	
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	81	43	31	141	54	1.0	-61.7	
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	180	232	216	320	695	13.1	117.2	
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	12	15	27	25	31	0.6	21.2	
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	54	48	61	60	66	1.2	9.1	
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	2	3	3	4	4	0.1	-17.7	
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	19	15	14	8	18	0.3	116.4	
23	Residues and waste from food industry	5	15	26	21	34	0.7	67.5	
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	437	451	600	577	826	15.7	43.1	
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	64	66	87	69	62	1.2	-9.3	