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Note to the reader

The latest available consolidated trade data at EU level cover market developments until September 2022. Monthly figures can be compared with the previous month. Year-to-year change compares the cumulative trade since the beginning of the year with the same period in the previous year.

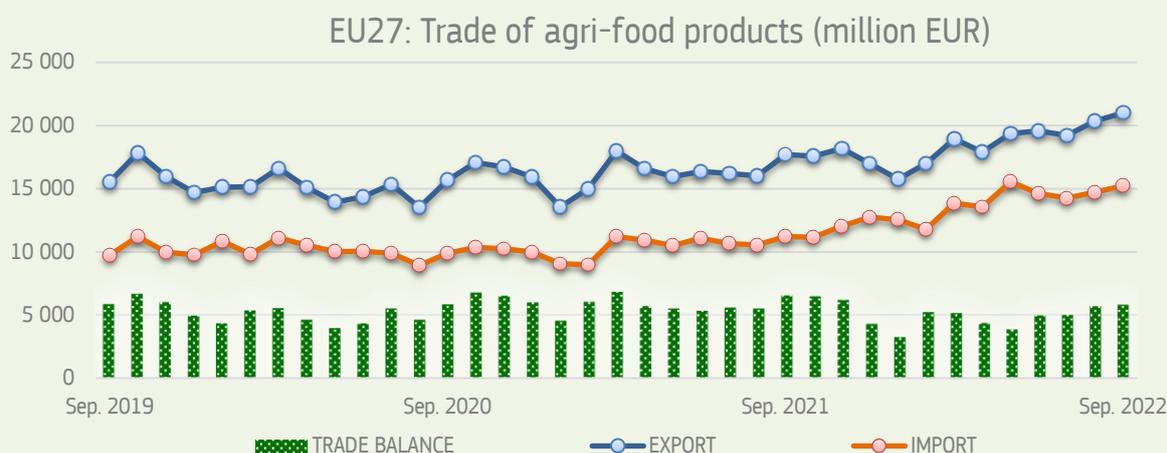
The trade figures are expressed in values, except when specifically mentioned. The unit value is the average price of products traded in the period concerned (trade value at the border divided by quantity registered).

HIGHLIGHTS: EU AGRI-FOOD TRADE BOOSTED IN SEPTEMBER 2022, STABLE TRADE BALANCE MONTH-TO-MONTH

EU agri-food **exports** increased for the second month in a row. In September 2022, EU exports reached **EUR 20.9 billion**. This confirmed the increasing trend since the beginning of the year. The total value increase of EU exports is mainly due to the increase in prices of wine and mixed food preparations. In September, also the volumes of EU exports in cereal preparations and wine.

EU **imports** of agriculture and food products slightly increased in September and reached **EUR 15.2 billion** (a 3% increase compared to the previous month). EU imports value, after the step increase from February to May 2022, with the increase in agricultural commodities price, remained overall stable over the summer.

In total, EU trade reached again a record value. EU monthly trade flows reached their highest point for 2022, at EUR 36.2 billion. **EU trade balance** remained stable month-to-month, at **EUR 5.8 billion**, which is also the highest value in 2022.



Source: Comext



EU AGRI-FOOD EXPORTS

DYNAMIC EXPORTS TO THE UK AND CHINA

EU agri-food exports increased by 3.2% month-to-month, in value terms. Most significant increases were observed for the UK (+7%, +EUR 278 000), China (+18%, +EUR 235 000) and the United States (+5%, +EUR 124 000). Exports to the MENA region and to sub-Saharan Africa declined in September.

EU top export products to the **MENA region** and **sub-Saharan Africa** are wheat, cereals preparations and mixed food preparations. EU exports of wheat declined in September (month-to-month) both in quantity and value terms to these regions. Exports of other grains also dropped. On the contrary, export volumes of protein crops and fruit (apples, pears, peaches) increased significantly.

Trade developments in January-September 2022

EU exports to **China** in the first nine months of 2022 reached EUR 11.1 billion. This is still 16.5% lower than for the same period in 2021, despite the increase in unit prices. The decline is mostly coming from a drop in exported volumes of other coarse grains, pigmeat and fresh dairy products. Exports of wheat doubled, reaching 751 million t.

EU exports to **the UK** has reached EUR 35.4 billion from January to September 2022 (+16% compared to 2021). For the 20 most exported products to the UK, the unit price of EU exports increased compared to 2021 (mainly for poultry meat and potatoes).

HIGH EXPORT VALUES ACROSS THE BOARD

For the 20 top exported commodities, the value of exports declined month-to-month only for five product groups in September (wheat, water and beverages, beer, other crop grains and whey powder).

For wheat, beer and other coarse grains, the decline was due to a drop in volumes exported while for water and beverages and whey, there was also a notable price drop in September.

% evolution from August to September 2022	quantity	value	unit value
Wheat	-31%	-30%	-1%
Water and non-alcoholic beverages	-2%	1%	-3%
Beer	-1%	-3%	2%
Other coarse grains	-39%	-43%	8%
Whey powder	-10%	-8%	-2%

The export values of the top export products, **cereals preparations**, **wine** and **mixed food preparations**, increased in September by 7%, 18% and 6% respectively. This has been mainly driven by an increase in volumes exported. The UK was the main destination of these three products.

In January-September 2022, EU exports of **wine** decreased compared to 2021. Top four importers of EU wine (the US, the UK, Russia and Canada) have declined imports by 68 000 litres (-5%).

EU exports of agri-food products to extra-EU (million EUR)

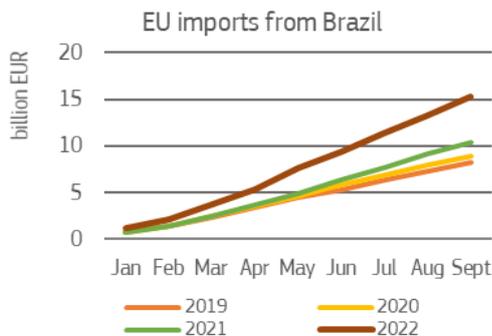


EU AGRI-FOOD IMPORTS

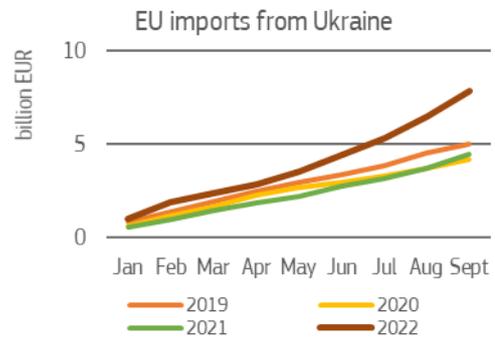
IMPORTS REMAIN RATHER STABLE MONTH-TO-MONTH

EU imports in September 2022 reached EUR 15.2 billion. It increased by 3% compared to the previous month. The EU continued to import mostly from Brazil (EUR 1.9 billion), Ukraine (EUR 1.4 billion) and the United Kingdom (EUR 1.3 billion).

EU imports from **Brazil** remained at high level in September, to reach EUR 15.3 billion for the period January-September. 75% of this is coming from soya beans, coffee, soya meals and maize.



Imports from **Ukraine** started to increase in May, reaching their highest level in September. They attained EUR 7.8 billion for the period Jan-Sept 2022. The first top products (maize, sunflower oil, sunflower seeds and rapeseed) represented 70%. Highest increases in September were recorded for rapeseed oil and to a lesser extent rapeseed, maize and wheat.



EU MAIZE AND PALM OIL IMPORTS ON THE RISE

EU **maize** imports continued to increase in September, after the peak imports in August (3 million t of imports in September) to fill the gap in the domestic production.

Palm oil imports continued to rise for the third month in a row. Starting in June at 341 thousand t, EU imports increased by approximately 15% per month and reached 522 thousand t for the month of September.

Over the period January-September 2022, EU **oilseeds and protein crops** imports remain the highest value (EUR 19 billion, +42% compared to 2021), followed by **fruit and nuts** (EUR 16.8 billion, +8% compared to 2021) and **coffee, tea, coca and spices** (EUR 16.5 billion, +33% compared to 2021).

EU imports of agri-food products from extra-EU (million EUR)



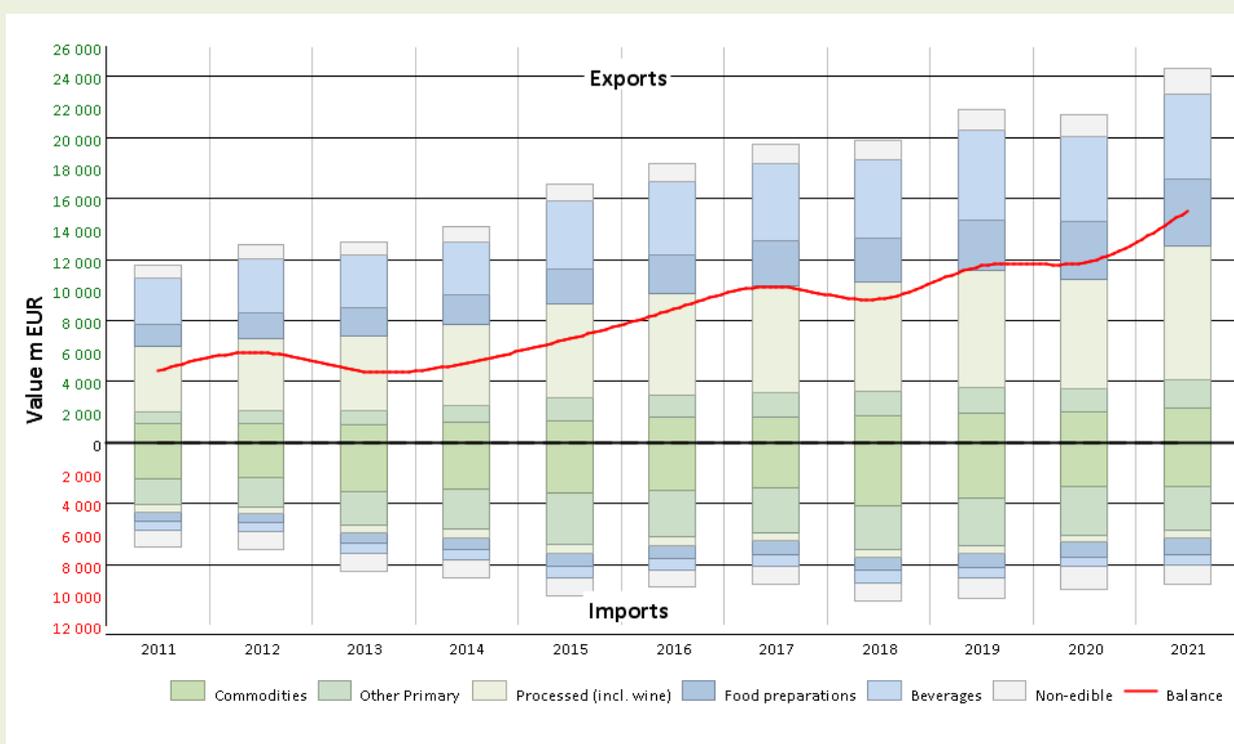
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EU trade with the US in 2021 and in January-September 2022

The USA is one of the EU's biggest trade partners for agriculture and food products. To enhance cooperation and dialogue in agricultural matters, in particular on sustainability, a Collaborative Platform on Agriculture was created between DG AGRI and the United States Department of Agriculture in November 2021. In 2022 joint workshops were held on productivity, soil health, food security and GHG emissions, culminating in a wide ranging discussion between EU and US stakeholders in December.

US-EU agri-food trade state of play in 2021

In 2021, the EU exported agri-food products to the US in total value around 24.5 billion EUR. The most exported product groups in value are wine (EUR 2.9 billion), spirits and liqueurs (EUR 3.3 billion), and cereal preparations (EUR 1.6 billion). On the import side, the most important commodities are nuts, (EUR 2.2 billion), soya beans (EUR 1.9 billion) and mixed food preparations (EUR 696 000). In total 2021, the EU imported EUR 9.2 billion.



Trade in January-September 2022

EU EXPORTS. From January to September 2022, EU exports to the US increased mostly for vegetable oils (+206%, +EUR 119 million), poultry and eggs (+143%, +EUR 13 million) and cereals (+88%, +EUR 75 million). While the increase was mostly due to price increases, the quantities exported also rose. In the case of cereals, the unit price of EU exports even decreased in this period compared to last year.

EU IMPORTS. Within the period January-September 2022, EU imports have reached EUR 7.9 billion (+EUR 2.2 billion compared to the same period in 2021). This was mainly driven by the overall upward trend in global commodity prices. Import unit value for soya beans from the US have increased by 34%, unit value of nuts increased by 20%. The total value of importing these commodities corresponded to 43% of the total EU agri-food imports from the US. On the contrary, maize imports peaked in volume terms (+743 000t) while import unit value declined by 85%.

TABLE 1

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

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2020	2021	Share 2021	Jan21-Sep21	Jan22-Sep22	Difference	
TOTAL AGRIFOOD	184 462	198 007	100%	145 271	169 055	23 783	16%
United Kingdom	41 962	41 899	21%	30 472	35 357	4 885	16%
United States	21 447	24 508	12%	18 108	21 933	3 825	21%
Morocco	2 165	2 366	1%	1 702	2 996	1 294	76%
Switzerland	9 030	9 852	5%	7 258	8 263	1 005	14%
Japan	6 984	7 377	4%	5 448	6 150	702	13%
Ukraine	2 841	3 107	2%	2 204	2 110	- 93	-4%
Cambodia	252	419	0%	367	201	- 166	-45%
Hong Kong	2 540	2 157	1%	1 620	1 333	- 286	-18%
Russian Federation	6 840	7 337	4%	5 241	4 875	- 366	-7%
China	17 684	17 134	9%	13 307	11 114	-2 192	-16%
Other countries	72 717	81 850	41%	59 546	74 723	15 177	25%

TABLE 2

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

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Norway	4 844	5 407	3%	4 018	4 432	414	10%
Canada	3 637	4 048	2%	2 967	3 589	622	21%
Korea, Republic of	3 029	3 937	2%	2 874	3 475	600	21%
Saudi Arabia	4 305	3 630	2%	2 713	3 387	673	25%
Morocco	2 165	2 366	1%	1 702	2 996	1 294	76%
Australia	3 188	3 300	2%	2 431	2 885	454	19%
Türkiye	3 061	3 568	2%	2 458	2 885	427	17%
Algeria	2 989	2 948	1%	2 266	2 801	534	24%
Israel	2 141	2 648	1%	1 895	2 351	456	24%
Other countries	51 157	58 048	29%	42 113	52 563	10 450	25%

TABLE 3

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

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Cereals	11 413	11 989	6%	8 639	12 944	4 305	50%
Cereal preparations and milling products	18 777	18 803	9%	13 696	16 625	2 928	21%
Dairy products	15 988	16 984	9%	12 680	15 208	2 528	20%
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	11 208	12 257	6%	8 995	10 932	1 937	22%
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	8 059	8 409	4%	6 066	7 475	1 408	23%
Fruit and nuts	6 029	5 708	3%	4 061	4 271	210	5%
Sheep and goat	617	575	0%	463	543	80	17%
Sugar and isoglucose	555	596	0%	387	424	37	10%
Horticulture	3 868	4 619	2%	3 519	3 415	- 104	-3%
Pigmeat	15 110	14 518	7%	11 262	10 099	-1 163	-10%
Other products	92 838	103 548	52%	75 502	87 120	11 617	15%

TABLE 4

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Wine and wine based products	13 452	16 640	8%	12 153	13 451	1 299	11%
Cereals	11 413	11 989	6%	8 639	12 944	4 305	50%
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	11 208	12 257	6%	8 995	10 932	1 937	22%
Pigmeat	15 110	14 518	7%	11 262	10 099	- 1 163	-10%
Beer, cider and other beverages	9 712	9 993	5%	7 500	8 184	684	9%
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	8 059	8 409	4%	6 066	7 475	1 408	23%
Spirits and liqueurs	6 820	8 410	4%	6 226	7 431	1 205	19%
Confectionery and chocolate	7 885	8 883	4%	6 286	7 343	1 058	17%
Pet food and forage crops	6 505	7 356	4%	5 438	6 380	942	17%
Other animal products	6 509	7 526	4%	5 610	6 035	424	8%
Vegetables	7 361	7 399	4%	5 235	5 713	478	9%
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	5 934	6 174	3%	4 533	5 420	886	20%
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	5 606	5 501	3%	4 085	4 440	355	9%
Other products	34 123	37 164	19%	26 867	31 376	4 509	17%

TABLE 5

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

AGRI-FOOD CATEGORIES	yearly data			monthly data			
	2020	2021	Share 2021	Jan21-Sep21	Jan22-Sep22	Difference	
TOTAL AGRIFOOD	121 600	130 042	100%	94 091	126 093	32 002	34%
Brazil	11 362	13 542	10%	10 419	15 285	4 866	47%
Ukraine	5 837	6 913	5%	4 452	7 848	3 396	76%
China	5 128	6 105	5%	4 278	7 182	2 904	68%
United Kingdom	15 685	11 870	9%	8 275	11 041	2 766	33%
United States	9 587	9 244	7%	6 495	8 970	2 475	38%
Guyana	85	87	0%	70	61	- 10	-14%
Mozambique	137	142	0%	106	95	- 11	-10%
Iran, Islamic Republic of	355	400	0%	295	278	- 17	-6%
Ghana	1 240	1 336	1%	1 007	988	- 20	-2%
Nigeria	477	648	0%	512	398	- 114	-22%
Other countries	71 708	79 756	61%	58 182	73 948	15 766	27%

TABLE 6

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

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Ukraine	5 837	6 913	5%	4 452	7 848	3 396	76%
China	5 128	6 105	5%	4 278	7 182	2 904	68%
Argentina	4 378	5 174	4%	3 738	4 954	1 217	33%
Indonesia	4 334	5 647	4%	3 982	4 851	869	22%
Türkiye	4 652	5 032	4%	3 567	4 008	442	12%
Switzerland	4 596	4 523	3%	3 254	3 543	289	9%
Australia	1 155	1 901	1%	1 514	3 150	1 635	108%
India	2 364	2 920	2%	2 218	2 858	640	29%
Côte d'Ivoire	3 302	3 255	3%	2 565	2 663	98	4%
Viet Nam	2 168	2 222	2%	1 611	2 604	993	62%
Malaysia	2 249	2 656	2%	1 890	2 532	642	34%
Morocco	2 471	2 637	2%	1 971	2 508	537	27%
Other countries	42 332	46 402	36%	33 863	42 096	8 233	24%

TABLE 7

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

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	2020	2021	Share 2021	Jan21-Sep21	Jan22-Sep22	Difference	
TOTAL AGRIFOOD	121 600	130 042	100%	94 091	126 093	32 002	34%
Oilseeds and protein crops	15 115	18 249	14%	13 403	19 062	5 659	42%
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	15 944	16 938	13%	12 373	16 462	4 089	33%
Cereals	5 771	6 178	5%	4 428	8 275	3 847	87%
Non-edible for technical use	5 841	7 485	6%	5 153	8 816	3 663	71%
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	6 713	8 232	6%	5 705	8 129	2 423	42%
Sugar and isoglucose	831	863	1%	596	790	193	32%
Wine and wine based products	1 775	1 663	1%	1 131	1 308	178	16%
Horticulture	1 688	1 924	1%	1 437	1 608	170	12%
Olives and olive oil	751	636	0%	447	540	93	21%
Pigmeat	415	293	0%	214	274	60	28%
Other products	66 756	67 582	52%	49 202	60 829	11 626	24%

TABLE 8

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

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Fruit and nuts	21 051	20 702	16%	15 545	16 795	1 250	8%
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	15 944	16 938	13%	12 373	16 462	4 089	33%
Non-edible for technical use	5 841	7 485	6%	5 153	8 816	3 663	71%
Cereals	5 771	6 178	5%	4 428	8 275	3 847	87%
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	6 713	8 232	6%	5 705	8 129	2 423	42%
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	5 182	5 587	4%	4 069	5 113	1 044	26%
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	5 412	5 415	4%	3 977	4 734	757	19%
Other animal products	4 660	4 666	4%	3 248	4 373	1 125	35%
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	3 023	3 930	3%	2 775	3 952	1 177	42%
Vegetables	4 146	4 279	3%	3 136	3 741	605	19%
Cereal preparations and milling products	3 759	3 852	3%	2 768	3 560	793	29%
Spirits and liqueurs	3 060	3 299	3%	2 228	3 122	894	40%
Pet food and forage crops	2 705	2 759	2%	1 997	2 618	620	31%
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	2 468	2 306	2%	1 713	2 451	738	43%
Other products	16 751	16 167	12%	11 572	14 890	3 318	29%

TABLE 9

AGRI-FOOD TRADE BALANCE (MILLION EUR)

TRADE BALANCE			
PRODUCT/PERIOD	Exports Jan22- Sep22	Imports Jan22- Sep22	Trade balance Jan22-Sep22
	million EUR		
TOTAL AGRIFOOD	169 055	126 093	42 962
Dairy products	15 208	1 849	13 358
Cereal preparations and milling products	16 625	3 560	13 064
Wine and wine based products	13 451	1 308	12 143
Pigmeat	10 099	274	9 825
Beer, cider and other beverages	8 184	1 780	6 403
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	10 932	5 113	5 820
Confectionery and chocolate	7 343	1 979	5 365
Cereals	12 944	8 275	4 669
Spirits and liqueurs	7 431	3 122	4 309
Pet food and forage crops	6 380	2 618	3 762
Olives and olive oil	3 760	540	3 219
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	7 475	4 734	2 740
Poultry and eggs	4 305	1 688	2 617
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	4 440	2 451	1 989
Vegetables	5 713	3 741	1 972
Horticulture	3 415	1 608	1 807
Other animal products	6 035	4 373	1 662
Unspecified	1 522	124	1 398
Beef and veal	3 180	1 944	1 236
Sugar and isoglucose	424	790	- 366
Sheep and goat	543	991	- 448
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	1 719	3 952	-2 233
Vegetable oils (oilseeds and palm)	2 978	8 129	-5 151
Non-edible for technical use	3 418	8 816	-5 398
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	5 420	16 462	-11 042
Fruit and nuts	4 271	16 795	-12 524
Oilseeds and protein crops	1 840	19 062	-17 222



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