

AGRI-FOOD TRADE STATISTICAL FACTSHEET

European Union - China

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"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 33, 35, 38, 41, 43 and 51-53. 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: https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/agrifood-product-classes-details_en.pdf

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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EU Agri-Food trade with: China

1. Selection of indicators

Agricultural indicators

	Unit	Period	World	Partner
1 Agriculture, value added	(% of GDP)	2019	4.0	7.1
2 Employment in agriculture	(% of total employment)	2019	26.7	25.3
3 Arable land	(ha)	2018	n.a.	119 488 700
4 Crop production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	96.7
5 Livestock production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	100.2
6 Food production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	97.7
7 Rural population	(% of total population)	2019	44.3	39.7

Source: World Bank

Trade indicators

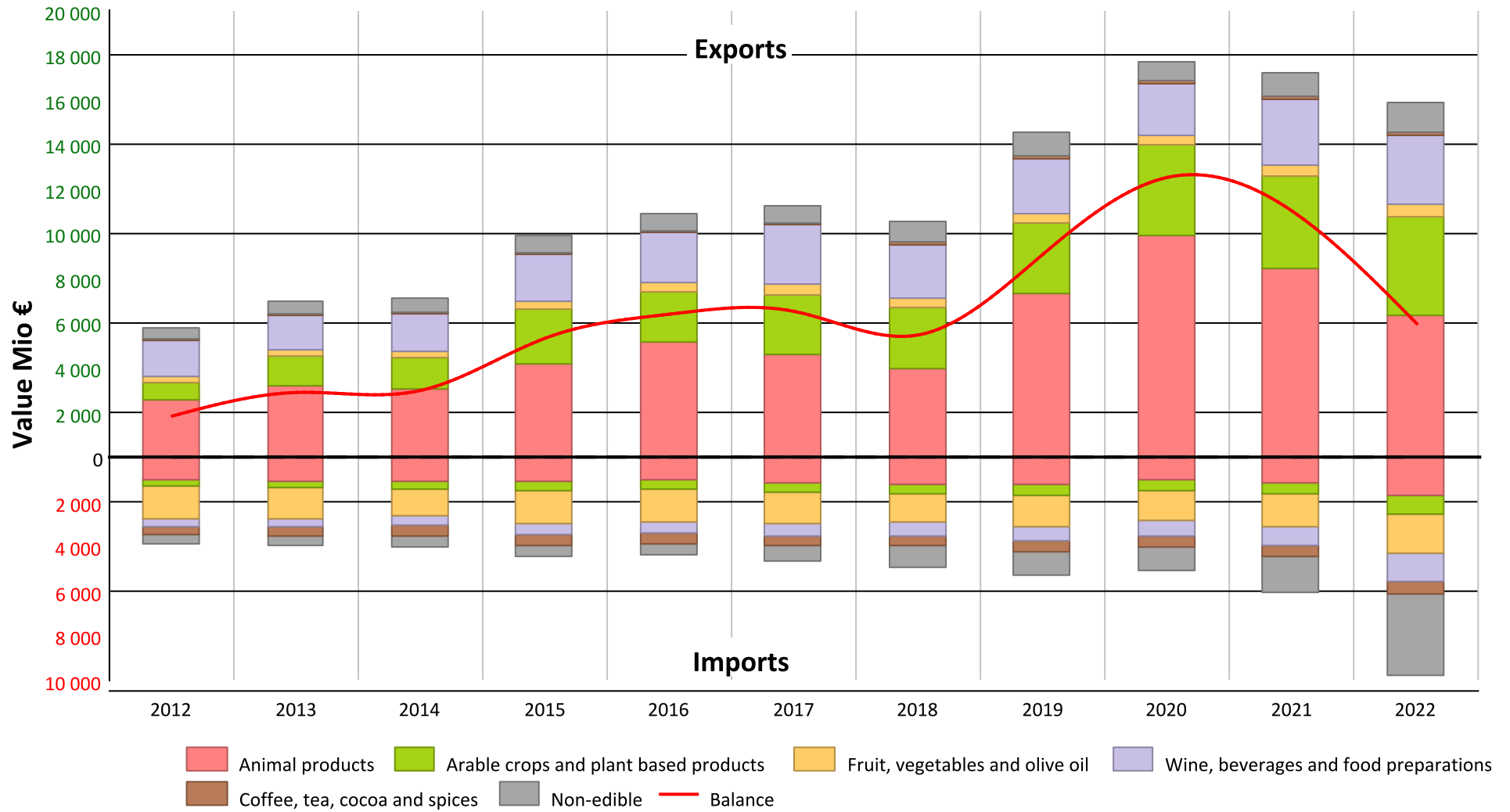
	Unit	Exports	Imports	Balance
EU27 Agri-food trade with China				
Agri-food trade value	Mio €	15 807	9 848	5 959
- as share of EU27 total Agri-food trade	(%)	6.9	5.7	
- as share of EU27 total trade with China	(%)	6.9	1.6	
% change 2021 - 2022		-7.8	59.9	
Annual rate of change from 2012 - 2022	(%)	10.6	9.7	
EU27 total trade with China				
Total trade value	Mio €	230 305	626 304	-395 999
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	9.0	20.9	
EU27 world trade				
Total trade value	Mio €	2 572 884	3 003 132	-430 248
Total Agri-food trade	Mio €	229 559	172 002	57 557
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	8.9	5.7	-13.4

Ranking of EU main Agri-food trade partners and China

Top Destinations: 2022				Top Origins: 2022			
		Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU			Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU
1	United Kingdom	47 879	21.0	1	Brazil	20 190	11.8
2	USA	29 011	12.8	2	United Kingdom	15 249	8.9
3	China	15 819	7.0	3	Ukraine	13 213	7.7
4	Switzerland	11 196	4.9	4	USA	12 279	7.2
5	Japan	8 330	3.7	5	China	9 811	5.7
6	Russia	7 134	3.1	6	Argentina	6 956	4.1
7	Norway	5 890	2.6	7	Indonesia	6 708	3.9
8	Saudi Arabia	4 817	2.1	8	Türkiye	5 624	3.3
9	Canada	4 731	2.1	9	Switzerland	4 846	2.8
10	South Korea	4 609	2.0	10	Australia	3 856	2.2
11	Türkiye	4 162	1.8	11	India	3 669	2.1
12	Morocco	4 010	1.8	12	Ivory Coast	3 509	2.0
13	Australia	3 838	1.7	13	Vietnam	3 460	2.0
14	Algeria	3 605	1.6	14	Malaysia	3 404	2.0
15	United Arab Emirates	3 256	1.4	15	Peru	3 379	2.0
16	Israel	3 176	1.4	16	Morocco	3 256	1.9
17	Ukraine	2 928	1.3	17	Canada	2 974	1.7
18	Egypt	2 844	1.3	18	Colombia	2 650	1.5
19	Brazil	2 352	1.0	19	South Africa	2 620	1.5
20	Mexico	2 311	1.0	20	Thailand	2 361	1.4
	Rest of the World	55 593	23.1		Rest of the World	41 407	23.4

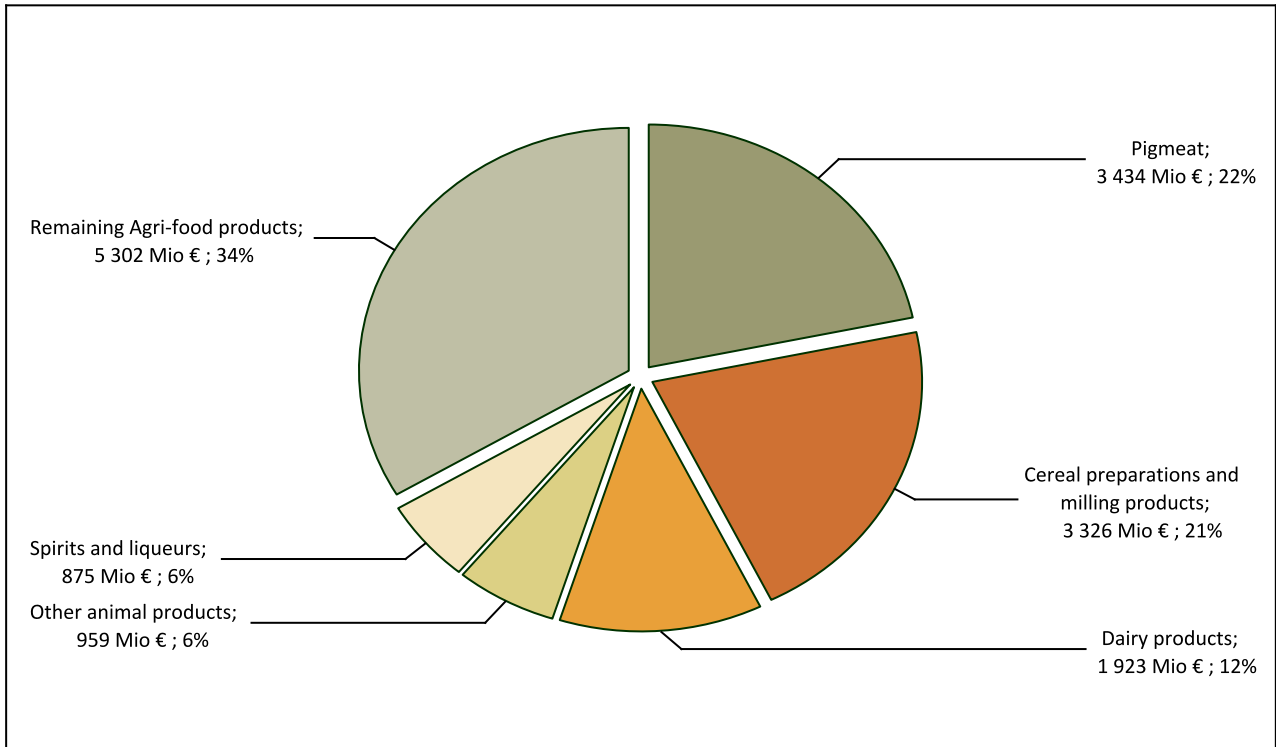
EU Agri-Food trade with: China

2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with China, 2012 - 2022



3. EU Agri-food EXPORTS to China by product category

Top EU Agri-food exports to China in 2022



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food exports to China, 2018 - 2022

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	10 476	14 477	17 684	17 148	15 819	100.0	-7.8
1	Pigmeat	1 747	4 640	7 107	5 292	3 434	21.7	-35.1
2	Cereal preparations and milling products	2 484	2 626	2 874	2 472	3 326	21.0	34.5
3	Dairy products	1 090	1 369	1 648	1 963	1 923	12.2	-2.0
4	Other animal products	1 081	1 116	1 080	1 113	959	6.1	-13.8
5	Spirits and liqueurs	496	597	536	865	875	5.5	1.2
6	Wine and wine based products	961	863	662	870	795	5.0	-8.6
7	Cereals	136	414	955	1 240	784	5.0	-36.8
8	Non edible for technical use	543	649	452	526	766	4.8	45.6
9	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	341	389	438	455	620	3.9	36.3
10	Beer, cider and other beverages	440	467	513	576	578	3.7	0.3
11	Pet food and forage crops	168	201	258	345	386	2.4	11.9
12	Oilseeds and protein crops	4	14	30	109	199	1.3	82.6
13	Olives and olive oil	138	140	126	152	198	1.3	30.3
14	Confectionery and chocolate	130	140	149	184	194	1.2	5.4
15	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	112	109	125	136	161	1.0	18.4
	Remaining Agri-food products	607	744	730	849	622	3.9	-26.7

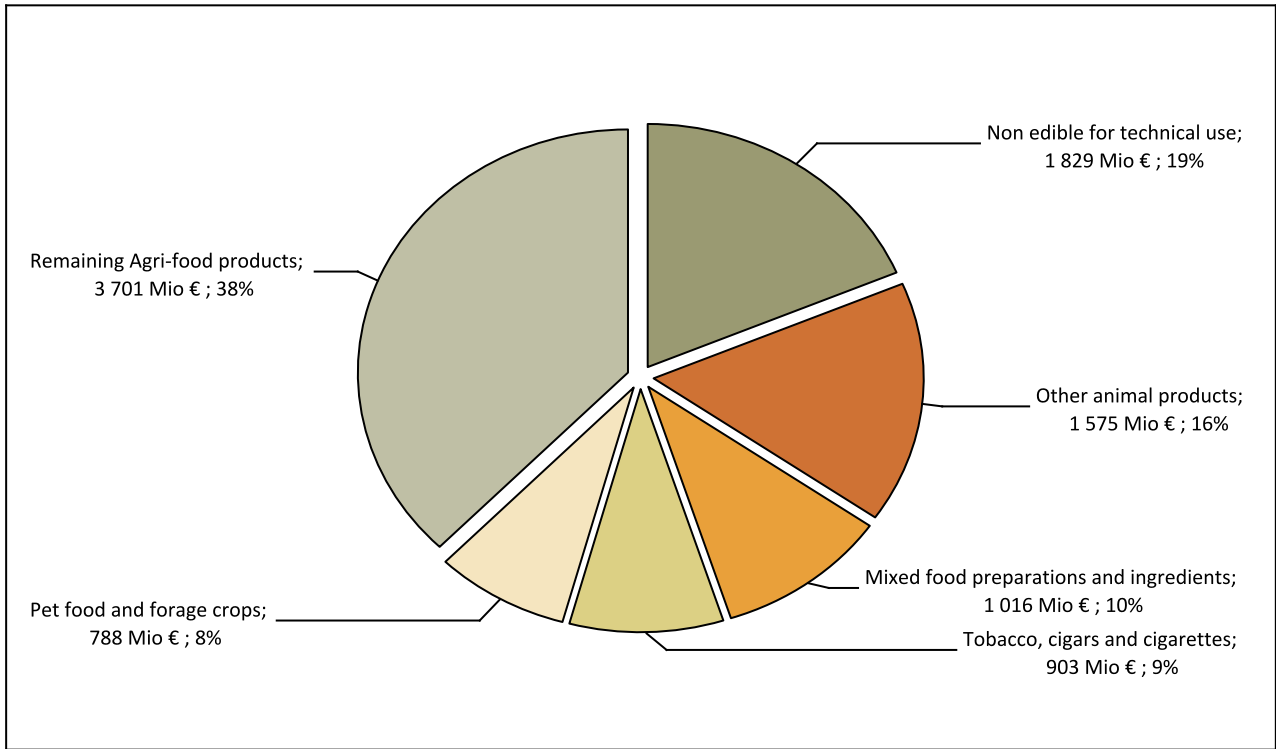
EU Agri-Food trade with: China

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to China, 2018 - 2022

	Exports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
Agri-food	10 476	14 477	17 684	17 148	15 819	100.0	-7.8
Animal products	3 942	7 260	9 898	8 388	6 333	40.0	-24.5
- Beef and veal	9	69	48	17	16	0.1	-5.9
- Pigmeat	1 747	4 640	7 107	5 292	3 434	21.7	-35.1
- Poultry and eggs	15	65	15	2	1	0.0	-50.0
- Sheep and goat	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Dairy products	1 090	1 369	1 648	1 963	1 923	12.2	-2.0
- Other animal products	1 081	1 116	1 080	1 113	959	6.1	-13.8
Arable crops and plant based products	2 699	3 151	4 047	4 169	4 405	27.8	5.7
- Cereals	136	414	955	1 240	784	5.0	-36.8
- Cereal preparations and milling products	2 484	2 626	2 874	2 472	3 326	21.0	34.5
- Oilseeds and protein crops	4	14	30	109	199	1.3	82.6
- Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	9	25	120	283	44	0.3	-84.5
- Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	65	70	66	62	51	0.3	-17.7
- Sugar and isoglucose	2	1	2	3	2	0.0	-33.3
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	466	470	438	468	530	3.4	13.2
- Vegetables	76	75	92	106	109	0.7	2.8
- Fruit and nuts	107	132	91	65	85	0.5	30.8
- Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	146	123	130	144	137	0.9	-4.9
- Olives and olive oil	138	140	126	152	198	1.3	30.3
Wine, beverages and food preparations	2 369	2 456	2 299	2 950	3 062	19.4	3.8
- Wine and wine based products	961	863	662	870	795	5.0	-8.6
- Spirits and liqueurs	496	597	536	865	875	5.5	1.2
- Beer, cider and other beverages	440	467	513	576	578	3.7	0.3
- Confectionery and chocolate	130	140	149	184	194	1.2	5.4
- Mixed food preparations and ingredients	341	389	438	455	620	3.9	36.3
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	112	109	125	136	161	1.0	18.4
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Non-edible	889	1 032	877	1 037	1 328	8.4	28.1
- Pet food and forage crops	168	201	258	345	386	2.4	11.9
- Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	16	16	19	14	20	0.1	42.9
- Horticulture	119	127	109	113	148	0.9	31.0
- Non edible for technical use	543	649	452	526	766	4.8	45.6
- Unspecified	44	40	39	40	9	0.1	-77.5

4. EU Agri-food IMPORTS from China by product category

Top EU Agri-food imports from China in 2022



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food imports from China, 2018 - 2022

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	4 970	5 348	5 128	6 109	9 811	100.0	60.6
1	Non edible for technical use	437	521	439	916	1 829	18.6	99.7
2	Other animal products	1 165	1 183	956	1 065	1 575	16.1	47.9
3	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	483	552	616	747	1 016	10.4	36.0
4	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	131	101	110	83	903	9.2	988.0
5	Pet food and forage crops	374	414	452	536	788	8.0	47.0
6	Vegetables	485	538	517	506	692	7.1	36.8
7	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	402	394	415	487	644	6.6	32.2
8	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	425	431	448	471	581	5.9	23.4
9	Fruit and nuts	400	439	435	435	460	4.7	5.7
10	Cereal preparations and milling products	135	150	151	206	303	3.1	47.1
11	Oilseeds and protein crops	186	211	167	142	246	2.5	73.2
12	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	106	111	134	148	192	2.0	29.7
13	Poultry and eggs	72	99	80	97	190	1.9	95.9
14	Confectionery and chocolate	51	57	52	65	124	1.3	90.8
15	Horticulture	59	64	71	103	113	1.2	9.7
	Remaining Agri-food products	58	81	84	101	155	1.6	53.5

EU Agri-Food trade with: China

Evolution of EU Agri-food imports from China, 2018 - 2022

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Agri-food	4 970	5 348	5 128	6 109	9 811	100.0	60.6
Animal products	1 240	1 287	1 044	1 173	1 777	18.1	51.5
- Beef and veal	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
- Pigmeat	2	2	4	9	8	0.1	-11.1
- Poultry and eggs	72	99	80	97	190	1.9	95.9
- Sheep and goat					0	0.0	
- Dairy products	1	3	4	2	3	0.0	50.0
- Other animal products	1 165	1 183	956	1 065	1 575	16.1	47.9
Arable crops and plant based products	438	493	478	516	789	8.0	52.9
- Cereals	9	19	24	19	46	0.5	142.1
- Cereal preparations and milling products	135	150	151	206	303	3.1	47.1
- Oilseeds and protein crops	186	211	167	142	246	2.5	73.2
- Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	0.0
- Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	106	111	134	148	192	2.0	29.7
- Sugar and isoglucose	1	1	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	1 288	1 373	1 368	1 428	1 797	18.3	25.8
- Vegetables	485	538	517	506	692	7.1	36.8
- Fruit and nuts	400	439	435	435	460	4.7	5.7
- Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	402	394	415	487	644	6.6	32.2
- Olives and olive oil	1	1	0	0	1	0.0	
Wine, beverages and food preparations	572	658	709	870	1 216	12.4	39.8
- Wine and wine based products	6	6	4	12	9	0.1	-25.0
- Spirits and liqueurs	8	15	16	17	27	0.3	58.8
- Beer, cider and other beverages	24	28	20	28	41	0.4	46.4
- Confectionery and chocolate	51	57	52	65	124	1.3	90.8
- Mixed food preparations and ingredients	483	552	616	747	1 016	10.4	36.0
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	425	431	448	471	581	5.9	23.4
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Non-edible	1 008	1 106	1 082	1 650	3 651	37.2	121.3
- Pet food and forage crops	374	414	452	536	788	8.0	47.0
- Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	131	101	110	83	903	9.2	988.0
- Horticulture	59	64	71	103	113	1.2	9.7
- Non edible for technical use	437	521	439	916	1 829	18.6	99.7
- Unspecified	6	6	9	12	18	0.2	50.0

EU Agri-Food trade with: China

5. EU Agri-food trade with China by HS chapters

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to China, 2018 - 2022

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	10 476	14 477	17 684	17 148	15 819	100.0	-7.8
01	Live Animals	28	35	51	50	30	0.2	-40.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	1 810	4 876	7 407	5 508	3 576	22.6	-35.1
04	Dairy produce	1 088	1 371	1 598	1 881	1 799	11.4	-4.4
05	Products of animal origin	302	302	222	256	247	1.6	-3.5
06	Live trees and other plants	119	126	107	112	146	0.9	30.4
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	4	9	16	25	20	0.1	-20.0
08	Edible fruits & nuts	107	132	90	65	85	0.5	30.8
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	36	41	48	50	65	0.4	30.0
10	Cereals	132	410	951	1 234	778	4.9	-37.0
11	Products of the milling industry	29	34	58	48	53	0.3	10.4
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	179	198	187	275	293	1.9	6.5
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	72	73	82	105	113	0.7	7.6
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	232	254	329	536	353	2.2	-34.1
16	Preparations of meat	3	7	9	7	6	0.0	-14.3
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	66	69	89	92	94	0.6	2.2
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	125	127	139	167	169	1.1	1.2
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	2 409	2 543	2 757	2 355	3 216	20.3	36.6
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	148	125	131	147	140	0.9	-4.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	358	392	441	446	570	3.6	27.8
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	1 899	1 929	1 713	2 313	2 249	14.2	-2.8
23	Residues and waste from food industry	109	127	224	309	428	2.7	38.5
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	17	17	20	14	20	0.1	42.9
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	1 208	1 279	1 013	1 154	1 367	8.6	18.5

Evolution of Agri-food imports from China, 2018 - 2022

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	4 970	5 348	5 128	6 109	9 811	100.0	60.6
01	Live Animals	6	6	5	6	7	0.1	16.7
02	Meat and edible meat offal	19	18	17	24	21	0.2	-12.5
04	Dairy produce	79	76	67	80	125	1.3	56.3
05	Products of animal origin	657	689	561	552	719	7.3	30.3
06	Live trees and other plants	52	54	65	99	109	1.1	10.1
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	425	456	445	453	618	6.3	36.4
08	Edible fruits & nuts	314	349	349	352	387	3.9	9.9
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	383	387	414	435	537	5.5	23.4
10	Cereals	9	19	23	18	45	0.5	150.0
11	Products of the milling industry	12	8	12	13	17	0.2	30.8
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	395	424	464	475	594	6.1	25.1
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	212	234	266	289	414	4.2	43.3
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	62	64	64	83	114	1.2	37.3
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	256	356	271	736	1 584	16.1	115.2
16	Preparations of meat	71	98	78	93	187	1.9	101.1
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	50	56	52	64	123	1.3	92.2
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	18	21	16	12	11	0.1	-8.3
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	118	137	133	186	277	2.8	48.9
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	402	395	415	487	645	6.6	32.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	242	292	305	404	536	5.5	32.7
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	38	49	61	59	79	0.8	33.9
23	Residues and waste from food industry	503	558	537	591	923	9.4	56.2
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	131	101	110	83	903	9.2	988.0
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	518	501	401	515	835	8.5	62.1