



# AGRI-FOOD TRADE STATISTICAL FACTSHEET

## European Union - South Africa

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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](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](https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/data-and-analysis/markets/trade-data/trade-countryregion/trade-value_en)

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## 1. Selection of indicators

### Agricultural indicators

	Unit	Period	World	Partner
1 Agriculture, value added	(% of GDP)	2019	4.0	2.0
2 Employment in agriculture	(% of total employment)	2019	26.7	5.3
3 Arable land	(ha)	2018	n.a.	12 000 000
4 Crop production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	108.9
5 Livestock production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	98.2
6 Food production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	103.3
7 Rural population	(% of total population)	2019	44.3	33.1

Source: World Bank

### Trade indicators

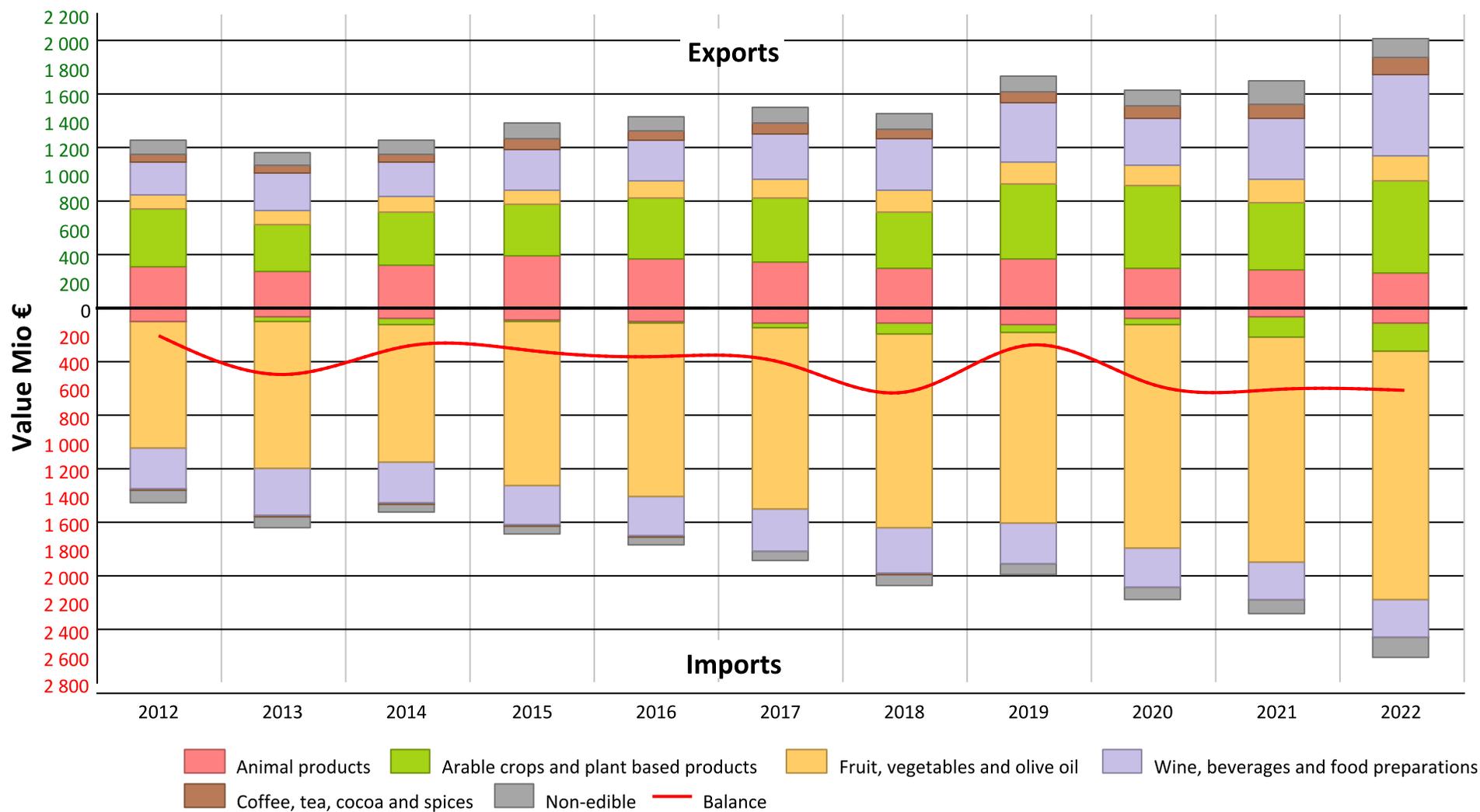
	Unit	Exports	Imports	Balance
<b>EU27 Agri-food trade with South Africa</b>				
Agri-food trade value	Mio €	2 013	2 627	-614
- as share of EU27 total Agri-food trade	(%)	0.9	1.5	
- as share of EU27 total trade with South Africa	(%)	7.6	9.0	
% change 2021 - 2022		18.9	14.2	
Annual rate of change from 2012 - 2022	(%)	4.9	6.1	
<b>EU27 total trade with South Africa</b>				
Total trade value	Mio €	26 445	29 115	-2 670
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	1.0	1.0	
<b>EU27 world trade</b>				
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 South Africa

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	<b>South Africa</b>	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
24	<b>South Africa</b>	2 012	0.9				

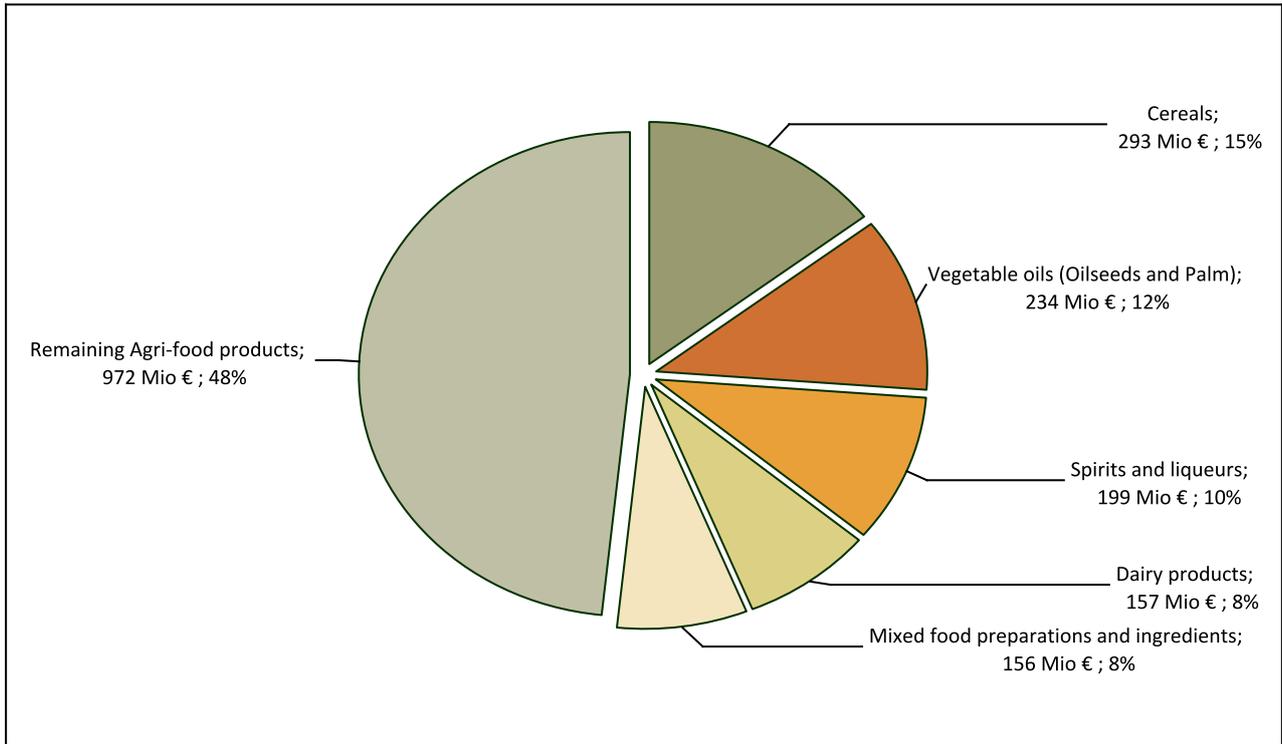
## EU Agri-Food trade with: South Africa

### 2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with South Africa, 2012 - 2022



3. EU Agri-food EXPORTS to South Africa by product category

Top EU Agri-food exports to South Africa in 2022



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

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	1 452	1 733	1 620	1 692	2 012	100.0	18.9
1	Cereals	160	276	296	228	293	14.6	28.5
2	Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	152	165	202	139	234	11.6	68.3
3	Spirits and liqueurs	96	96	70	136	199	9.9	46.3
4	Dairy products	97	130	117	137	157	7.8	14.6
5	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	101	111	112	132	156	7.8	18.2
6	Cereal preparations and milling products	96	113	116	121	147	7.3	21.5
7	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	78	81	86	100	118	5.9	18.0
8	Beer, cider and other beverages	79	118	72	80	116	5.8	45.0
9	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	70	80	65	80	98	4.9	22.5
10	Pet food and forage crops	68	73	74	91	91	4.5	0.0
11	Confectionery and chocolate	72	75	73	76	84	4.2	10.5
12	Wine and wine based products	37	44	24	39	52	2.6	33.3
13	Other animal products	45	51	44	47	51	2.5	8.5
14	Vegetables	42	45	49	46	49	2.4	6.5
15	Non edible for technical use	24	25	24	48	37	1.8	-22.9
	Remaining Agri-food products	235	248	198	191	128	6.4	-33.0

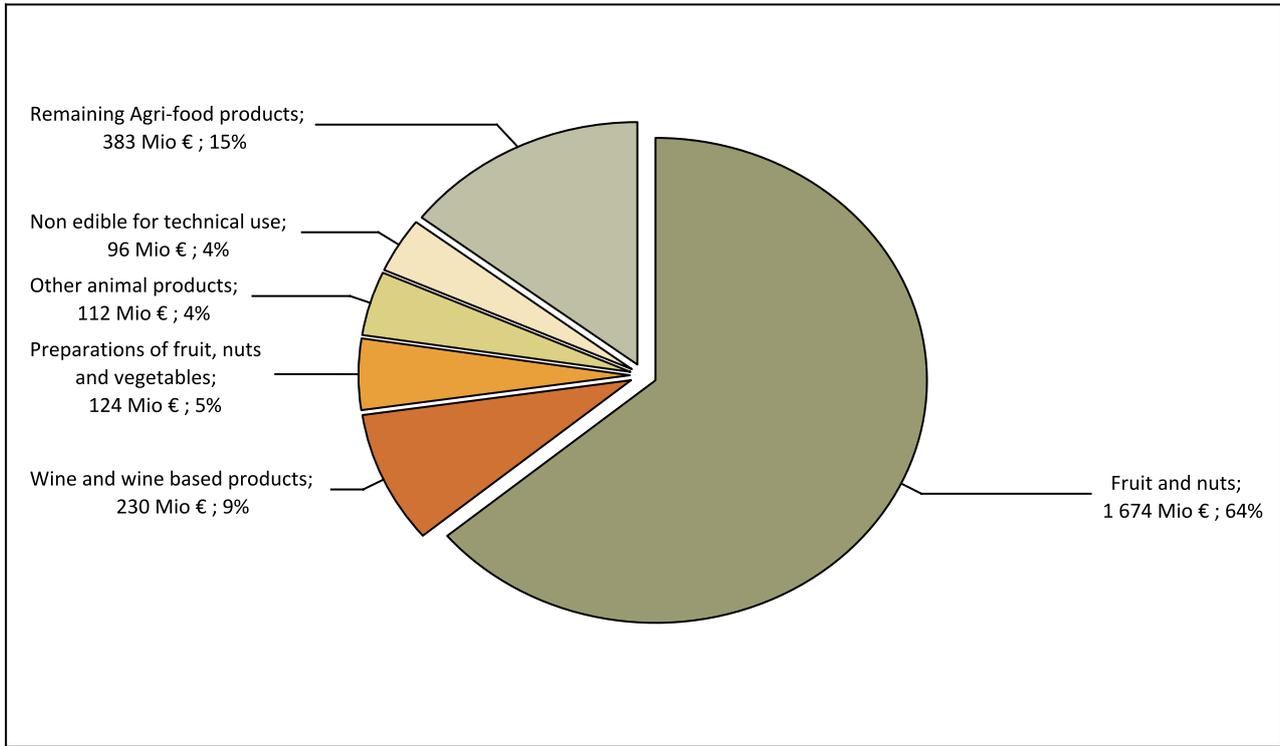
## EU Agri-Food trade with: South Africa

### Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to South Africa, 2018 - 2022

	Exports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
<b>Agri-food</b>	<b>1 452</b>	<b>1 733</b>	<b>1 620</b>	<b>1 692</b>	<b>2 012</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18.9</b>
<b>Animal products</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-8.1</b>
- Beef and veal	6	5	7	12	10	0.5	-16.7
- Pigmeat	54	50	41	42	33	1.6	-21.4
- Poultry and eggs	85	120	81	46	10	0.5	-78.3
- Sheep and goat	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Dairy products	97	130	117	137	157	7.8	14.6
- Other animal products	45	51	44	47	51	2.5	8.5
<b>Arable crops and plant based products</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>36.6</b>
- Cereals	160	276	296	228	293	14.6	28.5
- Cereal preparations and milling products	96	113	116	121	147	7.3	21.5
- Oilseeds and protein crops	1	0	1	5	1	0.0	-80.0
- Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	152	165	202	139	234	11.6	68.3
- Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	7	7	6	8	9	0.4	12.5
- Sugar and isoglucose	14	2	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
<b>Fruit, vegetables and olive oil</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>
- Vegetables	42	45	49	46	49	2.4	6.5
- Fruit and nuts	22	25	22	23	19	0.9	-17.4
- Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	70	80	65	80	98	4.9	22.5
- Olives and olive oil	20	18	16	17	23	1.1	35.3
<b>Wine, beverages and food preparations</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>31.0</b>
- Wine and wine based products	37	44	24	39	52	2.6	33.3
- Spirits and liqueurs	96	96	70	136	199	9.9	46.3
- Beer, cider and other beverages	79	118	72	80	116	5.8	45.0
- Confectionery and chocolate	72	75	73	76	84	4.2	10.5
- Mixed food preparations and ingredients	101	111	112	132	156	7.8	18.2
<b>Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>18.0</b>
- Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	78	81	86	100	118	5.9	18.0
<b>Non-edible</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>-14.8</b>
- Pet food and forage crops	68	73	74	91	91	4.5	0.0
- Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	11	9	12	25	9	0.4	-64.0
- Horticulture	10	7	7	8	10	0.5	25.0
- Non edible for technical use	24	25	24	48	37	1.8	-22.9
- Unspecified	5	5	5	4	3	0.1	-25.0

4. EU Agri-food IMPORTS from South Africa by product category

Top EU Agri-food imports from South Africa in 2022



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

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	2 073	2 002	2 189	2 293	2 620	100.0	14.3
1	Fruit and nuts	1 316	1 273	1 529	1 525	1 674	63.9	9.8
2	Wine and wine based products	272	243	235	231	230	8.8	-0.4
3	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	107	106	108	102	124	4.7	21.6
4	Other animal products	114	128	85	75	112	4.3	49.3
5	Non edible for technical use	45	45	56	52	96	3.7	84.6
6	Cereals	46	14	9	68	91	3.5	33.8
7	Sugar and isoglucose	36	44	29	61	83	3.2	36.1
8	Horticulture	32	34	33	46	53	2.0	15.2
9	Vegetables	28	35	32	44	48	1.8	9.1
10	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	38	36	25	27	27	1.0	0.0
11	Oilseeds and protein crops	0	0	0	16	23	0.9	43.8
12	Spirits and liqueurs	20	19	19	17	17	0.6	0.0
13	Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	0	0	0	0	12	0.5	
14	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	4	6	3	5	7	0.3	40.0
15	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	4	4	5	5	5	0.2	0.0
	Remaining Agri-food products	13	14	20	19	17	0.6	-10.5

Evolution of EU Agri-food imports from South Africa, 2018 - 2022

	Imports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
<b>Agri-food</b>	<b>2 073</b>	<b>2 002</b>	<b>2 189</b>	<b>2 293</b>	<b>2 620</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>
<b>Animal products</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>50.0</b>
- Beef and veal		1	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
- Pigmeat	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
- Poultry and eggs	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Sheep and goat							
- Dairy products	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
- Other animal products	114	128	85	75	112	4.3	49.3
<b>Arable crops and plant based products</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>43.4</b>
- Cereals	46	14	9	68	91	3.5	33.8
- Cereal preparations and milling products	1	1	1	2	4	0.2	100.0
- Oilseeds and protein crops	0	0	0	16	23	0.9	43.8
- Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	0	0	0	0	12	0.5	
- Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	4	4	5	5	5	0.2	0.0
- Sugar and isoglucose	36	44	29	61	83	3.2	36.1
<b>Fruit, vegetables and olive oil</b>	<b>1 451</b>	<b>1 415</b>	<b>1 669</b>	<b>1 672</b>	<b>1 847</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>10.5</b>
- Vegetables	28	35	32	44	48	1.8	9.1
- Fruit and nuts	1 316	1 273	1 529	1 525	1 674	63.9	9.8
- Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	107	106	108	102	124	4.7	21.6
- Olives and olive oil	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
<b>Wine, beverages and food preparations</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
- Wine and wine based products	272	243	235	231	230	8.8	-0.4
- Spirits and liqueurs	20	19	19	17	17	0.6	0.0
- Beer, cider and other beverages	2	2	3	5	4	0.2	-20.0
- Confectionery and chocolate	1	1	6	1	1	0.0	0.0
- Mixed food preparations and ingredients	38	36	25	27	27	1.0	0.0
<b>Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-33.3</b>
- Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	7	6	7	6	4	0.2	-33.3
<b>Non-edible</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>50.5</b>
- Pet food and forage crops	1	2	2	2	3	0.1	50.0
- Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	4	6	3	5	7	0.3	40.0
- Horticulture	32	34	33	46	53	2.0	15.2
- Non edible for technical use	45	45	56	52	96	3.7	84.6
- Unspecified					0	0.0	

5. EU Agri-food trade with South Africa by HS chapters

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to South Africa, 2018 - 2022

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	1 452	1 733	1 620	1 692	2 012	100.0	18.9
01	Live Animals	6	6	5	3	3	0.1	0.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	141	169	124	95	51	2.5	-46.3
04	Dairy produce	87	115	103	112	126	6.3	12.5
05	Products of animal origin	16	20	12	13	11	0.5	-15.4
06	Live trees and other plants	10	6	6	7	9	0.4	28.6
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	18	22	20	18	17	0.8	-5.6
08	Edible fruits & nuts	22	24	21	22	18	0.9	-18.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	18	17	15	18	25	1.2	38.9
10	Cereals	127	244	269	191	219	10.9	14.7
11	Products of the milling industry	46	46	43	58	94	4.7	62.1
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	32	31	36	38	41	2.0	7.9
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	10	12	13	15	27	1.3	80.0
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	177	188	223	167	271	13.5	62.3
16	Preparations of meat	5	5	4	3	2	0.1	-33.3
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	31	21	18	21	28	1.4	33.3
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	72	77	78	84	85	4.2	1.2
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	74	85	89	90	110	5.5	22.2
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	73	83	67	82	100	5.0	22.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	141	152	155	179	206	10.2	15.1
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	213	259	167	256	368	18.3	43.8
23	Residues and waste from food industry	77	84	87	111	105	5.2	-5.4
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	12	9	12	25	9	0.4	-64.0
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	45	56	53	82	86	4.3	4.9

Evolution of Agri-food imports from South Africa, 2018 - 2022

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Share in all Agri 2022	Change 2021-2022
	Agri-food	2 073	2 002	2 189	2 293	2 620	100.0	14.3
01	Live Animals	1	0	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
02	Meat and edible meat offal	1	3	3	4	1	0.0	-75.0
04	Dairy produce	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
05	Products of animal origin	2	2	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
06	Live trees and other plants	31	33	32	44	51	1.9	15.9
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	14	19	17	29	31	1.2	6.9
08	Edible fruits & nuts	1 310	1 269	1 527	1 519	1 670	63.7	9.9
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	7	6	6	6	4	0.2	-33.3
10	Cereals	46	14	9	68	91	3.5	33.8
11	Products of the milling industry	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	49	50	39	60	68	2.6	13.3
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	5	4	3	4	4	0.2	0.0
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	13	14	16	5	49	1.9	880.0
16	Preparations of meat	2	3	4	4	5	0.2	25.0
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	36	45	34	62	84	3.2	35.5
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	1	1	1	1	1	0.0	0.0
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	1	1	1	2	3	0.1	50.0
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	107	106	108	102	124	4.7	21.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	5	7	6	8	8	0.3	0.0
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	303	273	274	277	279	10.6	0.7
23	Residues and waste from food industry	2	2	2	2	2	0.1	0.0
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	4	6	3	5	7	0.3	40.0
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	133	146	100	90	136	5.2	51.1