

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 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 \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/agri-food/trade-presentation)

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)	2021	4.3	7.3
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)	2021	43.4	37.5

Source: World Bank

Trade indicators

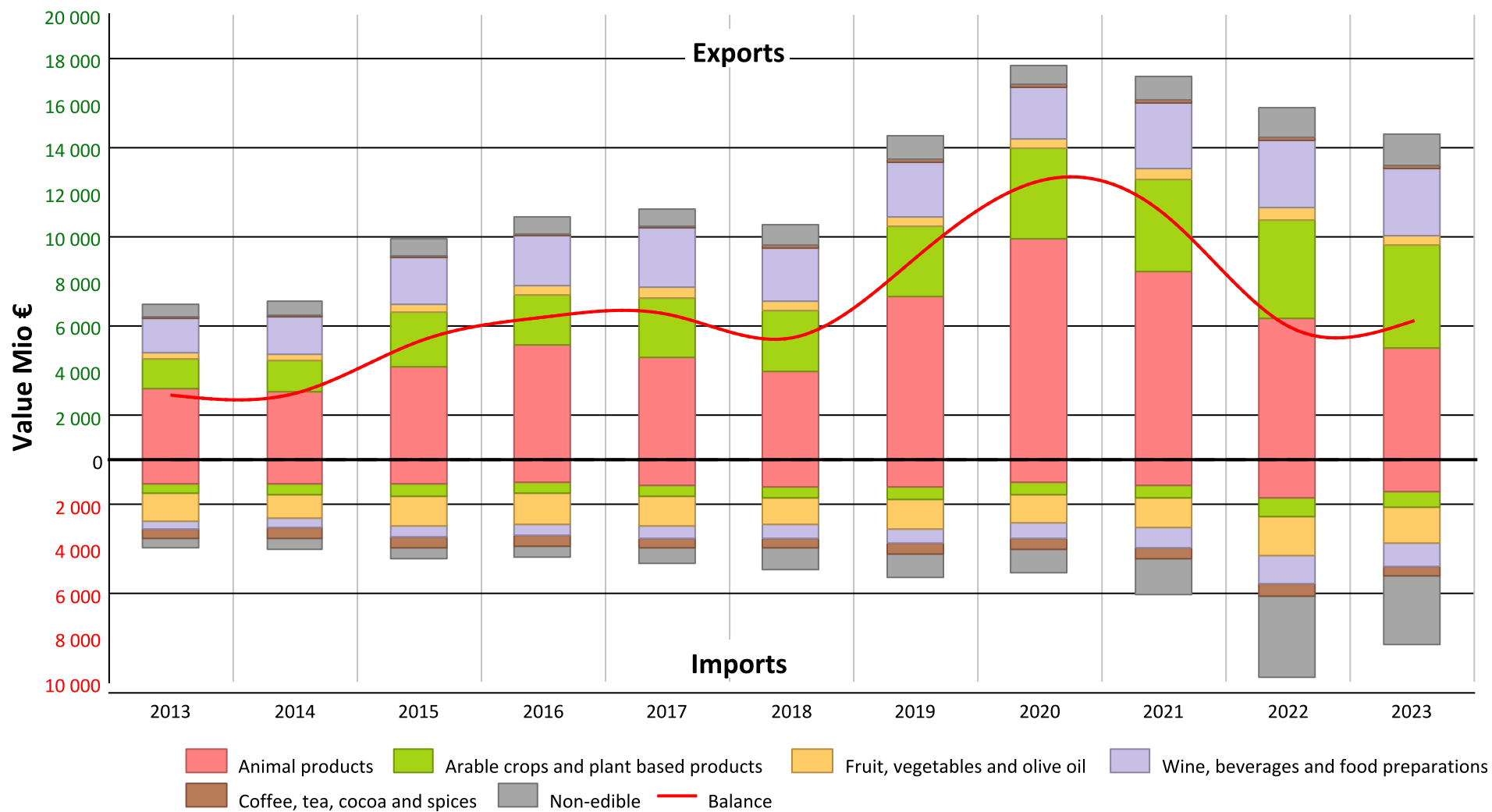
	Unit	Exports	Imports	Balance
EU27 Agri-food trade with China				
Agri-food trade value	Mio €	14 588	8 334	6 255
- as share of EU27 total Agri-food trade	(%)	6.4	5.3	
- as share of EU27 total trade with China	(%)	6.5	1.6	
% change 2022 - 2023		-7.6	-14.9	
Annual rate of change from 2013 - 2023	(%)	7.8	7.7	
EU27 total trade with China				
Total trade value	Mio €	223 576	515 861	-292 284
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	8.7	20.5	
EU27 world trade				
Total trade value	Mio €	2 556 755	2 518 822	37 933
Total Agri-food trade	Mio €	228 747	158 603	70 143
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	9.0	6.3	184.9

Ranking of EU main Agri-food trade partners and China

Top Destinations: 2023				Top Origins: 2023			
		Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU			Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU
1	United Kingdom	51 266	22.6	1	Brazil	17 229	10.9
2	USA	27 180	12.0	2	United Kingdom	15 454	9.8
3	China	14 588	6.4	3	Ukraine	11 830	7.5
4	Switzerland	11 528	5.1	4	USA	11 744	7.4
5	Japan	7 876	3.5	5	China	8 334	5.3
6	Russia	6 809	3.0	6	Türkiye	6 621	4.2
7	Norway	5 975	2.6	7	Indonesia	5 484	3.5
8	Türkiye	4 850	2.1	8	Switzerland	4 852	3.1
9	Saudi Arabia	4 628	2.0	9	Argentina	4 648	2.9
10	South Korea	4 538	2.0	10	Ivory Coast	4 040	2.5
11	Canada	4 466	2.0	11	India	3 297	2.1
12	Morocco	3 789	1.7	12	Vietnam	3 210	2.0
13	Australia	3 770	1.7	13	Morocco	3 177	2.0
14	Ukraine	3 458	1.5	14	Peru	3 094	2.0
15	United Arab Emirates	3 337	1.5	15	Malaysia	2 933	1.9
16	Algeria	2 799	1.2	16	South Africa	2 891	1.8
17	Israel	2 775	1.2	17	Canada	2 852	1.8
18	Brazil	2 574	1.1	18	Australia	2 547	1.6
19	Serbia	2 405	1.1	19	Colombia	2 283	1.4
20	Singapore	2 385	1.1	20	Ecuador	2 110	1.3
	Rest of the World	55 391	23.9		Rest of the World	39 856	24.6

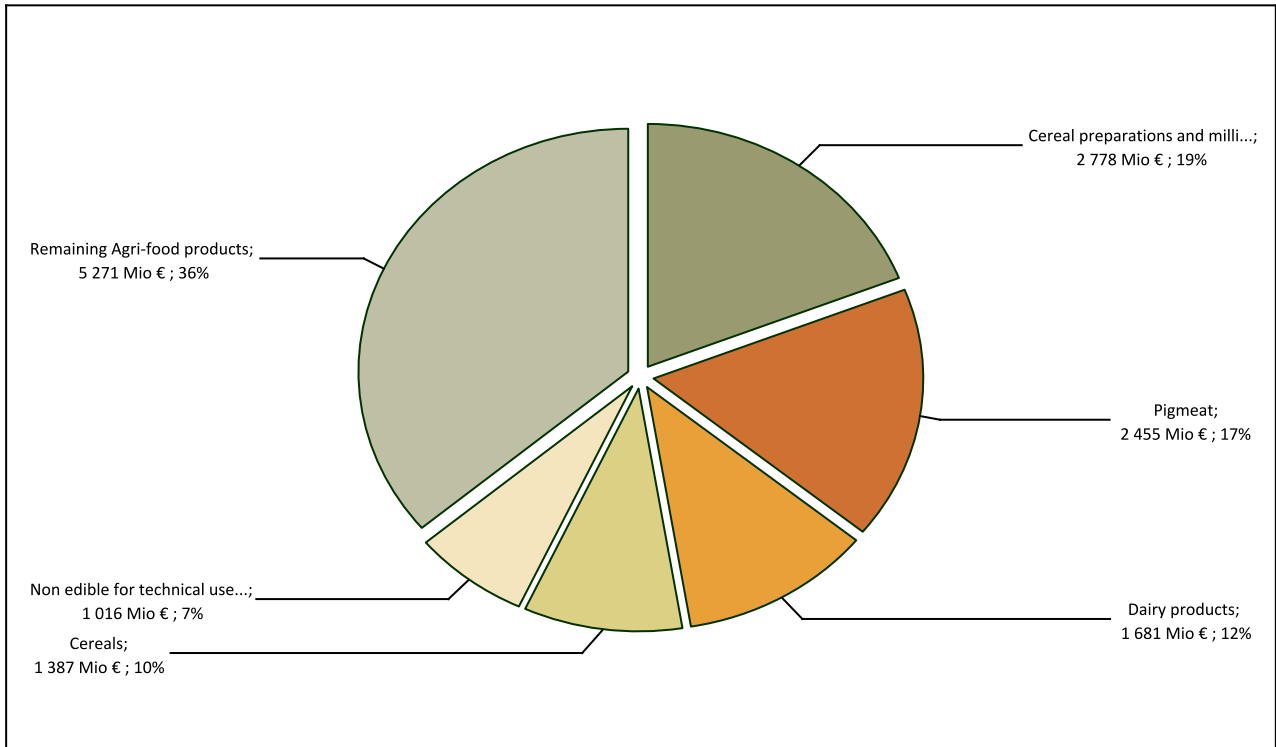
EU Agri-Food trade with: China

2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with China, 2013 - 2023



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

Top EU Agri-food exports to China in 2023



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food exports to China, 2019 - 2023

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	14 477	17 684	17 147	15 794	14 588	100.0	-7.6
1	Cereal preparations and milling products	2 626	2 874	2 472	3 318	2 778	19.0	-16.3
2	Pigmeat	4 640	7 107	5 292	3 451	2 455	16.8	-28.9
3	Dairy products	1 369	1 648	1 963	1 923	1 681	11.5	-12.6
4	Cereals	414	955	1 240	784	1 387	9.5	76.9
5	Non edible for technical use	649	452	526	766	1 016	7.0	32.6
6	Spirits and liqueurs	597	536	865	875	889	6.1	1.6
7	Other animal products	1 116	1 080	1 113	935	833	5.7	-10.9
8	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	389	438	455	619	723	5.0	16.8
9	Wine and wine based products	863	662	870	795	643	4.4	-19.1
10	Beer, cider and other beverages	467	513	576	572	498	3.4	-12.9
11	Oilseeds and protein crops	17	43	127	214	261	1.8	22.0
12	Pet food and forage crops	206	264	352	397	238	1.6	-40.1
13	Confectionery and chocolate	140	149	184	192	214	1.5	11.5
14	Horticulture	127	109	113	148	168	1.2	13.5
15	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	123	130	144	137	165	1.1	20.4
	Remaining Agri-food products	734	724	855	670	639	4.4	-4.6

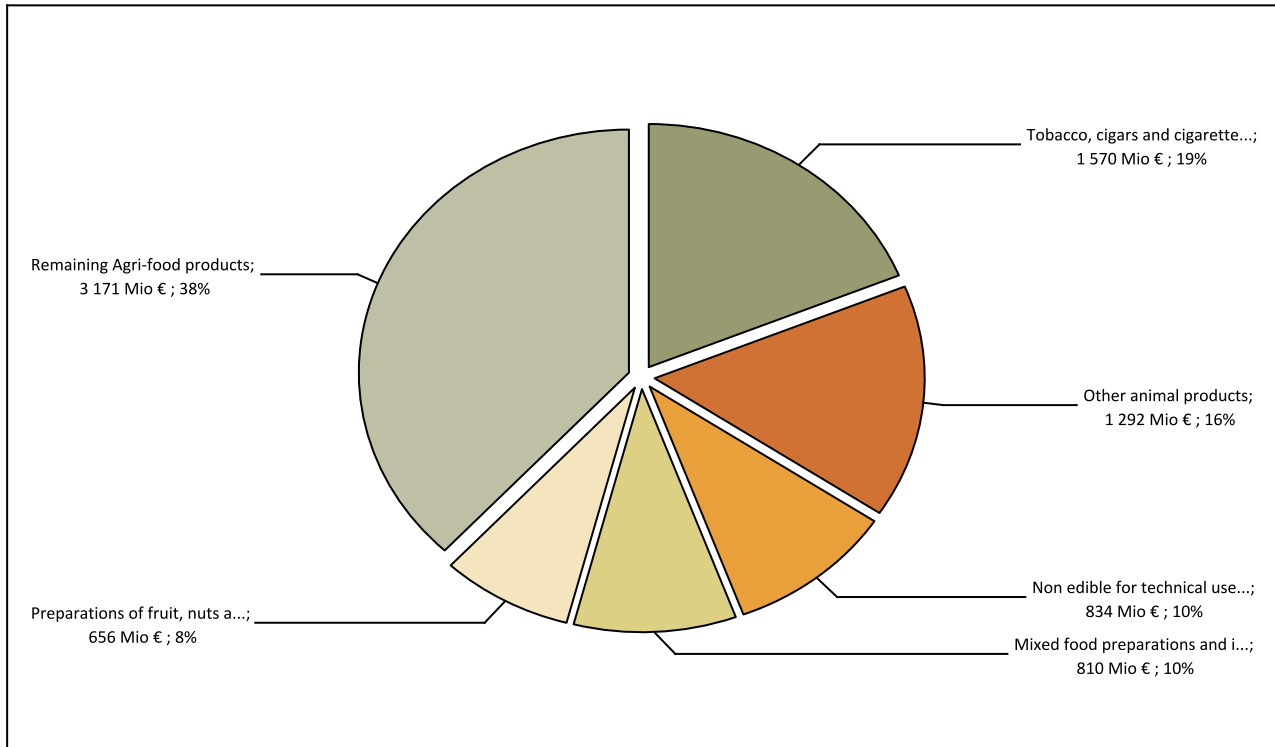
EU Agri-Food trade with: China

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to China, 2019 - 2023

	Exports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
Agri-food	14 477	17 684	17 147	15 794	14 588	100.0	-7.6
Animal products	7 260	9 898	8 388	6 326	4 993	34.2	-21.1
Beef and veal	69	48	17	16	24	0.2	49.1
Pigmeat	4 640	7 107	5 292	3 451	2 455	16.8	-28.9
Poultry and eggs	65	15	2	1	1	0.0	20.8
Sheep and goat	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-38.1
Dairy products	1 369	1 648	1 963	1 923	1 681	11.5	-12.6
Other animal products	1 116	1 080	1 113	935	833	5.7	-10.9
Arable crops and plant based products	3 154	4 060	4 187	4 413	4 620	31.7	4.7
Cereals	414	955	1 240	784	1 387	9.5	76.9
Cereal preparations and milling products	2 626	2 874	2 472	3 318	2 778	19.0	-16.3
Oilseeds and protein crops	17	43	127	214	261	1.8	22.0
Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	25	120	283	44	143	1.0	228.1
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	70	66	62	51	47	0.3	-7.9
Sugar and isoglucose	1	2	3	2	3	0.0	90.6
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	462	419	442	509	437	3.0	-14.2
Vegetables	67	73	81	88	98	0.7	11.2
Fruit and nuts	132	91	65	86	78	0.5	-8.6
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	123	130	144	137	165	1.1	20.6
Olives and olive oil	140	126	152	198	95	0.7	-52.0
Wine, beverages and food preparations	2 456	2 299	2 950	3 051	2 966	20.3	-2.8
Wine and wine based products	863	662	870	795	643	4.4	-19.1
Spirits and liqueurs	597	536	865	875	889	6.1	1.6
Beer, cider and other beverages	467	513	576	572	498	3.4	-12.9
Confectionery and chocolate	140	149	184	192	214	1.5	11.8
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	389	438	455	619	723	5.0	16.8
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	109	125	136	161	124	0.8	-23.3
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Non-edible	1 037	883	1 045	1 335	1 448	9.9	8.5
Pet food and forage crops	206	264	352	397	238	1.6	-39.9
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	16	19	14	20	22	0.2	12.4
Horticulture	127	109	113	148	168	1.2	13.6
Non edible for technical use	649	452	526	766	1 016	7.0	32.7
Unspecified	40	39	40	4	3	0.0	-25.3

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

Top EU Agri-food imports from China in 2023



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food imports from China, 2019 - 2023

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	5 348	5 128	6 110	9 787	8 334	100.0	-14.8
1	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	101	110	83	913	1 570	18.8	72.0
2	Other animal products	1 183	956	1 065	1 578	1 292	15.5	-18.1
3	Non edible for technical use	521	439	916	1 809	834	10.0	-53.9
4	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	552	616	748	1 018	810	9.7	-20.4
5	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	394	415	487	644	656	7.9	1.9
6	Pet food and forage crops	418	457	544	799	592	7.1	-25.9
7	Vegetables	475	441	451	626	581	7.0	-7.2
8	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	431	448	471	581	436	5.2	-25.0
9	Fruit and nuts	439	435	435	460	358	4.3	-22.2
10	Oilseeds and protein crops	271	239	189	301	277	3.3	-8.0
11	Cereal preparations and milling products	150	151	206	303	251	3.0	-17.2
12	Poultry and eggs	99	80	97	189	184	2.2	-2.6
13	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	111	134	148	192	149	1.8	-22.4
14	Confectionery and chocolate	57	52	65	124	142	1.7	14.5
15	Horticulture	64	71	103	113	73	0.9	-35.4
	Remaining Agri-food products	81	84	101	136	128	1.5	-5.9

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Agri-food	5 348	5 128	6 110	9 787	8 334	100.0	-14.9
Animal products	1 287	1 044	1 173	1 778	1 484	17.8	-16.6
Beef and veal	0	0	0	1	0	0.0	-42.1
Pigmeat	2	4	9	8	4	0.1	-44.6
Poultry and eggs	99	80	97	189	184	2.2	-2.4
Sheep and goat				0	0	0.0	-99.6
Dairy products	3	4	2	3	2	0.0	-16.0
Other animal products	1 183	956	1 065	1 578	1 292	15.5	-18.1
Arable crops and plant based products	552	549	563	844	706	8.5	-16.4
Cereals	19	24	19	46	28	0.3	-39.6
Cereal preparations and milling products	150	151	206	303	251	3.0	-17.3
Oilseeds and protein crops	271	239	189	301	277	3.3	-8.1
Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	0	0	1	1	1	0.0	-35.4
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	111	134	148	192	149	1.8	-22.4
Sugar and isoglucose	1	1	1	1	1	0.0	-26.7
Fruit, vegetables and olive oil	1 310	1 292	1 373	1 731	1 597	19.2	-7.7
Vegetables	475	441	451	626	581	7.0	-7.2
Fruit and nuts	439	435	435	460	358	4.3	-22.2
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	394	415	487	644	656	7.9	1.9
Olives and olive oil	1	0	0	1	1	0.0	108.5
Wine, beverages and food preparations	658	709	871	1 218	1 042	12.5	-14.4
Wine and wine based products	6	4	12	9	8	0.1	-10.8
Spirits and liqueurs	15	16	17	27	43	0.5	61.0
Beer, cider and other beverages	28	20	28	41	39	0.5	-3.7
Confectionery and chocolate	57	52	65	124	142	1.7	15.1
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	552	616	748	1 018	810	9.7	-20.5
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	431	448	471	581	436	5.2	-25.1
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Non-edible	1 110	1 087	1 658	3 634	3 070	36.8	-15.5
Pet food and forage crops	418	457	544	799	592	7.1	-25.9
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	101	110	83	913	1 570	18.8	71.9
Horticulture	64	71	103	113	73	0.9	-35.7
Non edible for technical use	521	439	916	1 809	834	10.0	-53.9
Unspecified	6	9	12				

EU Agri-Food trade with: China

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

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to China, 2019 - 2023

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	14 477	17 684	17 147	15 794	14 588	100.0	-7.6
01	Live Animals	35	51	50	30	25	0.2	-17.4
02	Meat and edible meat offal	4 876	7 407	5 508	3 569	2 552	17.5	-28.5
04	Dairy produce	1 371	1 598	1 881	1 799	1 561	10.7	-13.2
05	Products of animal origin	302	222	256	247	238	1.6	-3.8
06	Live trees and other plants	126	107	112	147	164	1.1	12.1
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	9	16	25	20	20	0.1	-3.9
08	Edible fruits & nuts	132	90	65	85	78	0.5	-8.8
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	41	48	50	65	39	0.3	-40.5
10	Cereals	410	951	1 234	778	1 377	9.4	77.0
11	Products of the milling industry	34	58	48	53	70	0.5	32.7
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	198	187	275	299	257	1.8	-14.0
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	73	82	105	109	90	0.6	-17.2
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	-39.1
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	254	329	536	353	299	2.0	-15.4
16	Preparations of meat	7	9	7	6	7	0.0	14.6
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	69	89	92	91	117	0.8	28.3
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	127	139	167	169	181	1.2	7.5
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	2 543	2 757	2 355	3 208	2 658	18.2	-17.2
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	125	131	147	140	169	1.2	20.9
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	392	441	446	568	694	4.8	22.3
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	1 929	1 713	2 313	2 243	2 031	13.9	-9.5
23	Residues and waste from food industry	127	224	309	428	369	2.5	-13.9
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	17	20	14	20	23	0.2	17.7
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	1 279	1 013	1 153	1 367	1 569	10.8	14.8

Evolution of Agri-food imports from China, 2019 - 2023

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	5 348	5 128	6 110	9 787	8 334	100.0	-14.9
01	Live Animals	6	5	6	7	7	0.1	-0.7
02	Meat and edible meat offal	18	17	24	21	18	0.2	-12.5
04	Dairy produce	76	67	80	126	96	1.2	-23.6
05	Products of animal origin	689	561	552	721	607	7.3	-15.8
06	Live trees and other plants	54	65	99	109	70	0.8	-35.8
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	456	445	452	617	564	6.8	-8.6
08	Edible fruits & nuts	349	349	352	387	286	3.4	-26.1
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	387	414	435	538	402	4.8	-25.4
10	Cereals	19	23	18	45	27	0.3	-39.5
11	Products of the milling industry	8	12	13	17	9	0.1	-50.2
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	424	464	476	594	512	6.1	-13.8
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	234	266	290	396	296	3.5	-25.3
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	64	64	83	114	72	0.9	-36.8
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	356	271	736	1 565	674	8.1	-56.9
16	Preparations of meat	98	78	93	186	183	2.2	-2.0
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	56	52	64	122	141	1.7	15.3
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	21	16	12	11	13	0.2	23.1
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	137	133	186	277	232	2.8	-16.3
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	395	415	487	644	656	7.9	1.9
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	292	305	404	538	448	5.4	-16.7
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	49	61	59	79	93	1.1	17.4
23	Residues and waste from food industry	558	537	591	923	695	8.3	-24.7
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	101	110	83	913	1 570	18.8	71.9
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	501	401	515	836	662	7.9	-20.8