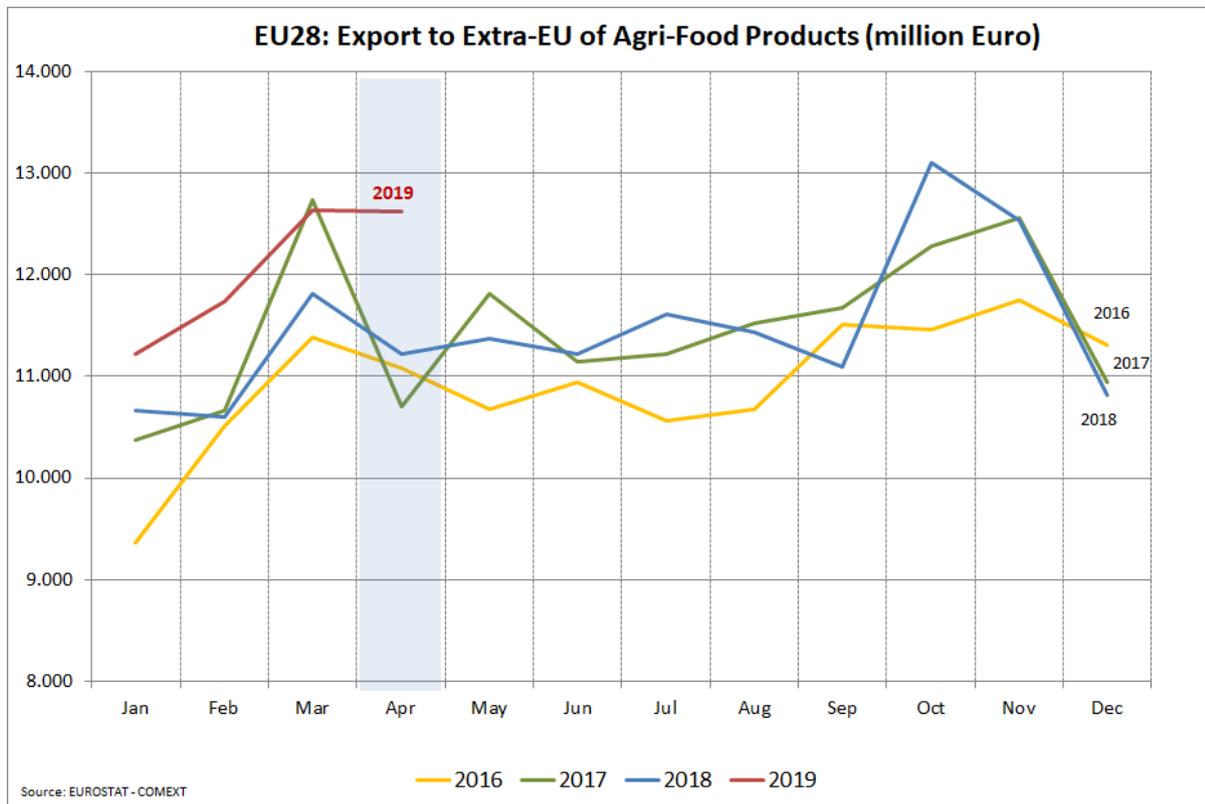


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until April 2019



April 2019: Strong exports on record levels boost net trade balance in the positive

The monthly value of EU agri-food exports in April 2019 almost equalled the record level of March 2019, reaching EUR 12.6 billion, 12.5% above the level of April 2018. Imports were valued at EUR 10.3 billion - a 4% increase from April 2018. Thus, the monthly agri-food trade surplus stood at EUR 2.3 billion - a record 80% increase of the positive trade balance compared to EUR 1.3 billion in April 2018.

The highest increases in monthly export values (April 2019 compared to April 2018, EUR million) were recorded for China (+318), USA (+255), Japan (+91) and Russia (+75), while exports decreased most to Hong Kong (-34), Saudi Arabia (-18) and Bangladesh (-15).

By product categories, the increases in export values were driven in particular by the rise of

wheat (+186), pork meat (+134), spirits and liqueurs (+127), wine and vermouth (+73) exports. On the other hand, exports of raw hides and skins (-63), beet and cane sugar (-57), vegetable oils (excluding palm and olive oil) (-20) decreased the most in value terms.

The value of April 2019 EU agri-food imports compared to April 2018 increased most from Ukraine (+194), China (+93), New Zealand (+50) and Morocco (+43). The value of imports went down most from Australia (-77), Indonesia (-75) and Madagascar (-43).

Significant increases were recorded in import values of coarse grains (+109), vegetables (+109) and vegetable oils (excluding palm oil and olive oil) (+65), while imports of palm oil (-111), citrus fruit (-42) and wheat (-33) fell the most in value terms.

Year-on-year exports to the USA rise while those to Turkey, Hong Kong and the UAE fall

For the 12-month period from May 2018 to April 2019, EU agri-food exports reached EUR 141.4 billion, i.e. a solid increase of +2.9% compared to the same period one year ago.

The main export destinations in that period (in EUR billion) were USA (23), China (11.7), Switzerland (8.4), Japan (6.8) and Russia (6.8).

Major gains in annual values (in EUR billion, % change from 2017-18) have been achieved in agri-food exports to the USA (+1.1; +5%), Egypt (+0.4, +30%), Algeria (+0.3; +13%), Japan (+0.3; +5%), Russia (+0.3, +4%), Ukraine (+0.3; +14%), and Israel (+0.2; +13%).

Exports in the last 12 months fell the most (in EUR billion, % change from 2017-18) for Turkey (-0.5, -13%), Hong Kong (-0.5, -12%), the United Arab Emirates (-0.16, -6%) and Saudi Arabia (-0.1; -3%).

Spirits, pasta and pastry, and wine continue to lead the export growth

In products, spirits and liqueurs (+0.9; +8%), wheat (+0.7; +20%), pasta and pastry (+0.35; +7%) have continued to perform very well over the last twelve months. Export performance on a yearly basis also increased notably for cotton (+0.33; +41%), wine and vermouth (+0.3; +3%), preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts (+0.3; +7%).

Annual exports of raw hides and skins (-0.5; -28%), beet and cane sugar (-0.3, -24%) and offal, animal fat and other meats (-0.3, -9%), have experienced the most significant drop in value terms. Other categories with notable losses in export values over the last 12 months were pet food (-0.15, -28%) and olive oil (-0.1; -4%).

USA most important source for EU agri-food imports

For the year 12-month period from May 2018 to April 2019, agri-food imports from third countries accounted for EUR 118.1 billion, i.e. an increase of 1.9% compared to the same period a year ago.

The most important origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months (EUR billion) are the USA (12.9) that overtook Brazil (11.7), followed by Ukraine (6.3) and China (5.9). Other significant origins are Argentina (5.1), Switzerland (4.6), Turkey (4.5) and Indonesia (4.2).

On a year-on-year basis, the value of agri-food imports (in EUR billion, % change) continued to grow impressively from the USA (+2.4; +23%) and Ukraine (+0.8, +14%). Other significant import increases were recorded from China (+0.4, +7%), Thailand (+0.2, +8%) and South Africa (+0.17, +6%). By contrast, significantly fewer imports in value terms have been received in the same period from Indonesia (-0.7; -14%), Paraguay (-0.3; -37%), Australia (-0.3; -13%), Malaysia (-0.26; -13%) and India (-0.25; -7%).

Imports into the EU of coarse grains and soybeans continue to grow while palm oil and coffee fall the most

Looking at product categories, the highest increases in import values over the last months (in EUR million, % change) were observed for coarse grains (+1.2, +38%), oilcakes (+0.7, +10%), fruit (excluding citrus or tropical fruit) (+0.5, +8%), soybeans (+0.4, +9%) and cocoa beans and vegetables (+0.3 each, +8% and 7% respectively). However, import values decreased significantly in particular for palm oil (-0.9, -15%), unroasted coffee and tea (-0.5, -7%), tropical fruit (-0.5, -4%), sugar (-0.3, -31%) and oilseeds (excluding soybeans) (-0.2, -6%).

Trade surplus increases due to agri-food exports growing more than imports into the EU

With the stronger export performance, for the 12-month period from May 2018 to April 2019, and the weaker growth in imports, the trade surplus grew by EUR 1.8 billion, that is, it is 8.3% higher than in 2017-18, and has reached EUR 23.3 billion.

Table 1: EU28 agri-food exports – top 20 destinations

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2018/19	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	May-18 - Apr-19 to May-17 - Apr-18	Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18		
			mio €	mio €	mio €			%	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			137.479	141.415	3.936	2,9	11.219	12.627	1.408	12,5
United States of America	1	21.942	23.046	1.104	5,0	1.736	1.991	255	14,7	
China	2	11.656	11.722	66	0,6	915	1.232	318	34,8	
Switzerland	3	8.229	8.390	161	2,0	729	777	48	6,5	
Japan	4	6.555	6.855	300	4,6	528	619	91	17,3	
Russia	5	6.556	6.843	287	4,4	503	578	75	14,9	
Norway	6	4.492	4.592	100	2,2	377	402	25	6,6	
Canada	7	3.584	3.782	198	5,5	275	319	44	16,1	
Saudi Arabia	8	3.771	3.669	-102	-2,7	327	309	-18	-5,5	
Hong Kong	9	4.042	3.565	-477	-11,8	315	281	-34	-10,8	
Australia	10	3.292	3.431	139	4,2	244	263	20	8,0	
Turkey	11	3.668	3.183	-484	-13,2	278	321	43	15,3	
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.946	3.040	94	3,2	256	288	32	12,7	
Algeria	13	2.393	2.703	309	12,9	226	249	23	10,1	
United Arab Emirates	14	2.775	2.618	-157	-5,6	192	217	25	13,2	
Singapore	15	2.283	2.445	162	7,1	203	213	10	4,8	
Ukraine	16	1.898	2.171	274	14,4	144	184	40	27,9	
Israel	17	1.832	2.064	232	12,7	160	194	34	21,0	
South Africa	18	1.747	1.803	57	3,2	137	153	15	11,3	
Egypt	19	1.364	1.778	415	30,4	130	178	48	36,6	
Brazil	20	1.815	1.765	-50	-2,8	138	144	6	4,2	
<i>other countries</i>			<i>40.640</i>	<i>41.949</i>	<i>1.309</i>	<i>3,2</i>	<i>3.406</i>	<i>3.715</i>	<i>309</i>	<i>9,1</i>

Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in April 2019

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2018/19	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	May-18 - Apr-19 to May-17 - Apr-18	Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18		
			mio €	mio €	mio €			%	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			137.479	141.415	3.936	2,9	11.219	12.627	1.408	12,5
China	2	11.656	11.722	66	0,6	915	1.232	318	34,8	
United States of America	1	21.942	23.046	1.104	5,0	1.736	1.991	255	14,7	
Japan	4	6.555	6.855	300	4,6	528	619	91	17,3	
Russia	5	6.556	6.843	287	4,4	503	578	75	14,9	
Egypt	19	1.364	1.778	415	30,4	130	178	48	36,6	
Switzerland	3	8.229	8.390	161	2,0	729	777	48	6,5	
Canada	7	3.584	3.782	198	5,5	275	319	44	16,1	
Turkey	11	3.668	3.183	-484	-13,2	278	321	43	15,3	
Ukraine	16	1.898	2.171	274	14,4	144	184	40	27,9	
Israel	17	1.832	2.064	232	12,7	160	194	34	21,0	
Mauritania	76	235	203	-32	-13,5	28	22	-6	-21,0	
Iraq	39	589	633	44	7,5	65	59	-6	-9,5	
Lebanon	29	1.030	1.079	49	4,8	86	78	-8	-9,2	
Argentina	66	305	240	-65	-21,4	25	17	-8	-32,3	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	45	635	515	-120	-18,9	56	46	-9	-16,6	
Tunisia	44	527	537	10	1,9	62	49	-13	-20,4	
Jordan	37	765	726	-39	-5,0	67	53	-14	-20,3	
Bangladesh	69	251	230	-21	-8,5	37	22	-15	-40,9	
Saudi Arabia	8	3.771	3.669	-102	-2,7	327	309	-18	-5,5	
Hong Kong	9	4.042	3.565	-477	-11,8	315	281	-34	-10,8	
<i>other countries</i>			<i>58.047</i>	<i>60.183</i>	<i>2.136</i>	<i>3,7</i>	<i>4.753</i>	<i>5.297</i>	<i>544</i>	<i>11,4</i>

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	Difference May-18 - Apr-19 May-17 - Apr-18		Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	137.479	141.415	3.936	2,9	11.219	12.627	1.408	12,5
Commodities	23.015	23.834	818	3,6	2.006	2.303	297	14,8
Other primary	23.762	23.825	63	0,3	1.831	2.174	343	18,7
Processed	26.904	27.738	834	3,1	2.178	2.376	198	9,1
Food preparations	30.561	31.427	866	2,8	2.345	2.638	293	12,5
Beverages	18.225	19.441	1.216	6,7	1.500	1.700	200	13,3
Non-edible	15.012	15.151	139	0,9	1.359	1.436	78	5,7
Wheat	3.641	4.374	733	20,1	419	605	186	44,3
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.617	1.812	195	12,1	154	157	3	1,8
Rice	246	225	-21	-8,5	20	26	6	30,1
Flours and other products of the milling industry	758	709	-49	-6,4	58	60	2	4,2
Malt	1.003	1.034	30	3,0	76	94	18	23,5
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.044	985	-59	-5,6	77	81	4	4,8
Soybeans	120	62	-58	-48,1	3	14	11	397,3
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	814	794	-20	-2,4	43	61	18	42,8
Palm & palm kernel oil	166	152	-14	-8,3	12	11	-1	-9,2
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.248	2.236	-12	-0,5	207	187	-20	-9,7
Oilcakes	309	350	41	13,2	28	28	0	-0,5
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.114	1.278	164	14,7	86	107	21	24,8
Beet and cane sugar	1.133	864	-269	-23,7	108	51	-57	-53,0
Sugar, other than beet & cane	524	599	75	14,4	47	51	4	9,0
Milk powders and whey	4.213	4.165	-48	-1,2	324	387	63	19,6
Butter	959	911	-48	-5,0	83	96	13	15,5
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.253	1.358	105	8,4	113	121	8	7,3
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	511	473	-38	-7,4	39	41	2	5,4
Cocoa beans	14	21	7	50,3	5	2	-3	-66,6
Cocoa paste and powder	1.227	1.231	4	0,4	93	110	17	18,5
Agricultural commodities, not specified	102	199	98	96,0	14	15	1	10,4
Live animals	2.908	2.877	-31	-1,1	224	250	27	12,0
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	817	853	36	4,4	69	75	7	10,0
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	4.952	5.011	60	1,2	380	514	134	35,3
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.545	1.599	54	3,5	127	137	10	8,1
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	135	128	-7	-5,2	9	11	2	16,7
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	2.945	2.679	-266	-9,0	207	266	59	28,3
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.286	1.324	38	3,0	109	130	21	19,4
Eggs and honey	668	726	58	8,7	58	72	14	23,4
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.010	3.050	41	1,3	235	247	12	5,1
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.230	2.203	-27	-1,2	152	183	31	20,2
Citrus fruit	530	536	6	1,2	43	60	17	40,1
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.059	1.080	21	1,9	95	103	8	8,4
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.678	1.759	81	4,8	123	125	2	1,3
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.340	1.417	77	5,7	105	115	10	9,7
Cheese	3.971	4.113	142	3,6	320	351	30	9,5
Olive oil	2.815	2.695	-120	-4,3	209	205	-3	-1,6
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.641	4.948	307	6,6	380	441	61	16,0
Fruit juices	856	920	64	7,5	75	87	11	15,1
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	12.092	12.410	318	2,6	998	1.071	73	7,3
Roasted coffee and tea	1.189	1.236	47	4,0	92	107	16	17,2
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.484	5.779	296	5,4	369	434	65	17,5
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	7.508	7.539	31	0,4	615	671	55	9,0
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	5.122	5.475	353	6,9	385	438	53	13,8
Soups and sauces	1.310	1.363	53	4,1	106	116	10	9,7
Coffee and tea extracts	783	784	1	0,1	64	68	4	5,8
Food preparations, not specified	6.037	6.322	285	4,7	486	558	72	14,7
Pet food	4.318	4.164	-154	-3,6	320	354	34	10,7
Waters and soft drinks	3.810	4.090	280	7,3	323	368	46	14,2
Beer	3.321	3.361	41	1,2	291	319	28	9,5
Spirits and liqueurs	10.857	11.783	926	8,5	870	997	127	14,6
Odoriferous substances	237	207	-30	-12,8	16	16	0	-2,9
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.769	1.267	-503	-28,4	238	175	-63	-26,4
Non edible animal products	495	525	30	6,0	48	50	2	5,1
Wool and silk	142	131	-12	-8,1	12	10	-2	-16,5
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	817	1.151	334	40,8	64	120	56	88,2
Cut flowers and plants	730	784	53	7,3	58	72	14	23,4
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.789	1.883	94	5,2	210	205	-4	-2,0
Raw tobacco	888	907	19	2,1	70	81	11	15,5
Cigars and cigarettes	3.385	3.366	-19	-0,6	265	310	45	16,9
Fatty acids and waxes	619	556	-63	-10,2	57	44	-14	-24,0
Sugar alcohols	130	136	6	4,7	10	10	0	-3,0
Essential oils	778	766	-12	-1,5	62	60	-2	-3,8
Ethanol	178	193	15	8,2	16	16	0	-2,7
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.889	1.901	12	0,6	142	175	34	23,7
Non-edible, not specified	1.241	1.427	186	15,0	93	95	1	1,5
Products non-attributable	161	160	-1	-0,5	13	14	1	5,3

Table 4: EU28 agri-food imports – top 20 origins

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2018/19	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	May-18 - Apr-19 to May-17 - Apr-18	Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18		
			mio €	mio €	mio €			%	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			115.955	118.112	2.157	1,9	9.952	10.340	388	3,9
United States of America	1	10.526	12.890	2.364	22,5	946	986	40	4,3	
Brazil	2	11.951	11.673	-279	-2,3	1.063	1.074	11	1,0	
Ukraine	3	5.509	6.294	785	14,2	337	531	194	57,7	
China	4	5.485	5.891	405	7,4	394	487	93	23,6	
Argentina	5	5.343	5.101	-242	-4,5	403	371	-33	-8,1	
Switzerland	6	4.653	4.630	-22	-0,5	360	378	18	4,9	
Turkey	7	4.555	4.470	-85	-1,9	339	326	-13	-3,8	
Indonesia	8	4.914	4.222	-692	-14,1	408	333	-75	-18,4	
Ivory Coast	9	3.461	3.373	-88	-2,6	300	311	11	3,7	
India	10	3.478	3.226	-252	-7,3	309	350	42	13,5	
South Africa	11	2.723	2.888	165	6,1	235	215	-19	-8,2	
Chile	12	2.395	2.542	147	6,1	279	246	-33	-11,7	
Thailand	13	2.333	2.517	184	7,9	211	238	27	12,9	
Morocco	14	2.278	2.448	170	7,4	293	336	43	14,8	
Vietnam	15	2.657	2.446	-210	-7,9	205	214	9	4,5	
New Zealand	16	2.366	2.421	55	2,3	201	250	50	24,7	
Peru	17	2.181	2.369	188	8,6	164	177	13	7,7	
Colombia	18	2.363	2.246	-117	-4,9	205	198	-6	-3,1	
Australia	19	2.275	1.972	-303	-13,3	284	207	-77	-27,1	
Canada	20	2.151	1.913	-238	-11,1	105	131	27	25,5	
<i>other countries</i>		32.355	32.579	224	0,7	2.913	2.980	67	2,3	

Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in April 2019

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2018/19	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	May-18 - Apr-19 to May-17 - Apr-18	Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18		
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Ukraine	3	5.509	6.294	785	14,2	337	531	194	57,7	
China	4	5.485	5.891	405	7,4	394	487	93	23,6	
New Zealand	16	2.366	2.421	55	2,3	201	250	50	24,7	
Morocco	14	2.278	2.448	170	7,4	293	336	43	14,8	
India	10	3.478	3.226	-252	-7,3	309	350	42	13,5	
United States of America	1	10.526	12.890	2.364	22,5	946	986	40	4,3	
Serbia	27	1.121	1.268	146	13,1	83	119	36	43,4	
Egypt	29	993	1.099	106	10,6	127	162	35	27,2	
Thailand	13	2.333	2.517	184	7,9	211	238	27	12,9	
Canada	20	2.151	1.913	-238	-11,1	105	131	27	25,5	
Moldova	39	669	571	-98	-14,6	53	34	-19	-36,0	
South Africa	11	2.723	2.888	165	6,1	235	215	-19	-8,2	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	50	438	317	-121	-27,7	42	22	-19	-46,6	
Malaysia	21	2.088	1.825	-262	-12,6	178	158	-20	-11,3	
Paraguay	38	917	581	-336	-36,6	61	30	-31	-51,1	
Chile	12	2.395	2.542	147	6,1	279	246	-33	-11,7	
Argentina	5	5.343	5.101	-242	-4,5	403	371	-33	-8,1	
Madagascar	45	514	460	-54	-10,4	73	30	-43	-59,1	
Indonesia	8	4.914	4.222	-692	-14,1	408	333	-75	-18,4	
Australia	19	2.275	1.972	-303	-13,3	284	207	-77	-27,1	
<i>other countries</i>		57.436	57.665	229	0,4	4.932	5.103	171	3,5	

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	Difference May-18 - Apr-19 May-17 - Apr-18		Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18	
	mio €			%	mio €			%
All agri-food products	115.955	118.112	2.157	1,9	9.952	10.340	388	3,9
Commodities	46.947	48.099	1.151	2,5	3.796	3.898	103	2,7
Other primary	32.865	33.152	287	0,9	3.155	3.246	91	2,9
Processed	12.764	12.671	-93	-0,7	1.033	1.080	47	4,5
Food preparations	7.664	8.300	637	8,3	622	752	131	21,0
Beverages	3.134	3.297	164	5,2	280	265	-15	-5,5
Non-edible	12.581	12.592	11	0,1	1.066	1.099	32	3,0
Wheat	1.107	1.203	96	9	67	34	-33	-50
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	3.267	4.513	1.246	38	241	350	109	45
Rice	1.211	1.375	164	14	108	130	22	21
Flours and other products of the milling industry	157	170	13	8	12	16	4	36
Malt	8	4	-4	0	1	0	-1	-83
Starches, inulin & gluten	67	80	13	19	8	8	0	2
Soybeans	4.823	5.252	429	9	516	518	2	0
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	3.854	3.625	-229	-6	296	271	-25	-9
Palm & palm kernel oil	6.226	5.293	-932	-15	509	398	-111	-22
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.587	2.366	-222	-9	177	242	65	36
Oilcakes	6.927	7.636	709	10	522	506	-16	-3
Other feed and feed ingredients	944	1.187	243	26	77	82	5	6
Beet and cane sugar	1.067	733	-334	-31	55	86	31	56
Sugar, other than beet & cane	448	473	25	5	44	37	-6	-15
Milk powders and whey	49	55	6	13	4	9	5	133
Butter	66	117	50	76	2	8	6	225
Gums, resins and plant extracts	998	1.091	93	9	96	110	14	15
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	7.455	6.926	-529	-7	576	585	9	2
Cocoa beans	3.741	4.046	305	8	324	348	24	7
Cocoa paste and powder	1.925	1.941	16	1	157	159	2	1
Agricultural commodities, not specified	20	13	-7		2	0	-2	
Live animals	242	246	3	1	20	20	0	-1
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.716	1.628	-88	-5	201	210	9	4
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	30	27	-3	-10	2	3	0	15
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	375	527	152	40	37	36	-1	-4
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.026	956	-70	-7	113	134	21	19
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.188	1.159	-29	-2	89	88	-1	-1
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	24	24	0	0	2	2	0	-10
Eggs and honey	531	500	-31	-6	41	35	-5	-13
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.606	4.911	305	7	472	581	109	23
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.323	6.851	529	8	768	740	-28	-4
Citrus fruit	2.050	2.028	-22	-1	123	80	-42	-35
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.977	13.484	-493	-4	1.211	1.237	25	2
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	776	812	36	5	74	80	6	8
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0	111	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.814	1.851	37	2	137	159	21	16
Cheese	435	428	-7	-2	31	38	7	21
Olive oil	549	505	-44	-8	56	35	-21	-38
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.400	3.340	-60	-2	270	299	28	10
Fruit juices	2.247	2.149	-97	-4	185	178	-7	-4
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.692	2.779	87	3	224	230	6	3
Roasted coffee and tea	1.626	1.619	-8	0	130	142	12	9
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.264	1.352	88	7	89	109	20	22
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	610	672	62	10	48	67	19	40
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.339	1.465	126	9	111	141	30	27
Soups and sauces	718	768	50	7	59	76	17	30
Coffee and tea extracts	485	467	-18	-4	42	40	-3	-6
Food preparations, not specified	1.931	2.105	174	9	168	185	17	10
Pet food	1.317	1.471	155	12	105	136	31	29
Waters and soft drinks	1.074	1.152	78	7	96	106	10	10
Beer	379	471	92	24	40	45	5	13
Spirits and liqueurs	1.671	1.661	-10	-1	143	112	-31	-21
Odoriferous substances	10	14	4	34	1	1	0	13
Raw hides, skins and furskins	638	599	-38	-6	58	49	-9	-15
Non edible animal products	404	412	8	2	32	35	3	8
Wool and silk	926	1.107	181	20	77	91	13	17
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	600	599	-1	0	58	53	-4	-7
Cut flowers and plants	1.351	1.370	19	1	107	118	11	10
Bulbs, roots and live plants	933	958	25	3	85	82	-2	-3
Raw tobacco	2.472	2.443	-29	-1	230	225	-6	-2
Cigars and cigarettes	325	340	14	4	22	37	15	71
Fatty acids and waxes	2.531	2.305	-226	-9	183	196	13	7
Sugar alcohols	46	38	-7	-16	3	4	1	37
Essential oils	1.043	1.055	12	1	90	87	-2	-3
Ethanol	307	371	64	21	26	42	15	58
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	673	724	51	8	58	72	14	24
Non-edible, not specified	8	6	-1	-15	1	0	-1	-100
Products non-attributable	325	262	-62	-19	36	7	-29	-79

Table 7: EU28 agri-food trade balance (exports – imports) by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	May-17 - Apr-18	May-18 - Apr-19	Difference May-18 - Apr-19 to May-17 - Apr-18		Apr-18	Apr-19	Difference Apr-19 to Apr-18	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	21.525	23.304	1.779	8,3%	1.268	2.287	1.020	80,4%
Commodities	-23.932	-24.265	-333	-1,4%	-1.790	-1.596	194	10,9%
Other primary	-9.103	-9.328	-225	-2,5%	-1.324	-1.072	251	19,0%
Processed	14.140	15.067	927	6,6%	1.145	1.296	151	13,2%
Food preparations	22.897	23.126	229	1,0%	1.724	1.886	162	9,4%
Beverages	15.092	16.144	1.052	7,0%	1.219	1.435	215	17,6%
Non-edible	2.431	2.559	128	5,3%	293	338	45	15,4%
Wheat	2.534	3.170	637	25,1%	352	572	219	62,1%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-1.650	-2.701	-1.051	-63,7%	-88	-193	-106	-120,8%
Rice	-964	-1.149	-185	-19,2%	-88	-104	-16	-18,5%
Flours and other products of the milling industry	601	539	-61	-10,2%	46	44	-2	-3,9%
Malt	996	1.030	34	3,5%	75	94	19	25,1%
Starches, inulin & gluten	977	905	-72	-7,3%	69	73	4	5,1%
Soyabeans	-4.703	-5.190	-486	-10,3%	-513	-505	9	1,7%
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	-3.040	-2.831	209	6,9%	-254	-210	44	17,2%
Palm & palm kernel oil	-6.059	-5.141	919	15,2%	-497	-387	110	22,1%
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-339	-130	210	61,8%	29	-55	-85	-288,8%
Oilcakes	-6.619	-7.286	-668	-10,1%	-494	-478	16	3,2%
Other feed and feed ingredients	170	90	-79	-46,8%	8	25	16	198,4%
Beet and cane sugar	67	131	65	96,9%	53	-36	-88	-167,8%
Sugar, other than beet & cane	76	126	51	67,2%	3	13	11	381,3%
Milk powders and whey	4.164	4.110	-55	-1,3%	320	378	58	18,3%
Butter	892	794	-98	-11,0%	81	88	7	9,1%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	255	267	12	4,7%	17	11	-6	-34,9%
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-6.944	-6.453	491	7,1%	-537	-544	-7	-1,3%
Cocoa beans	-3.727	-4.024	-297	-8,0%	-320	-347	-27	-8,4%
Cocoa paste and powder	-698	-710	-11	-1,6%	-64	-49	15	23,8%
Agricultural commodities, not specified	82	186	104	127,0%	12	15	3	29,3%
Live animals	2.665	2.631	-34	-1,3%	203	231	27	13,4%
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-899	-775	124	13,8%	-133	-135	-2	-1,6%
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	4.922	4.984	62	1,3%	378	512	134	35,4%
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.170	1.072	-98	-8,4%	90	101	12	13,1%
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-891	-828	63	7,1%	-104	-123	-19	-18,7%
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.757	1.520	-237	-13,5%	118	177	60	50,6%
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.262	1.300	38	3,0%	107	128	21	19,9%
Eggs and honey	138	226	89	64,3%	17	36	19	109,9%
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.596	-1.861	-264	-16,6%	-237	-334	-97	-40,9%
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-4.093	-4.648	-556	-13,6%	-616	-557	59	9,6%
Citrus fruit	-1.521	-1.492	29	1,9%	-80	-20	60	74,6%
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.918	-12.404	514	4,0%	-1.116	-1.133	-17	-1,5%
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	902	947	46	5,1%	49	45	-4	-8,6%
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0	-110,9%	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	-474	-434	40	8,4%	-32	-44	-11	-34,7%
Cheese	3.535	3.685	149	4,2%	289	313	24	0,0%
Olive oil	2.266	2.191	-76	-3,3%	152	170	18	11,6%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	1.241	1.607	367	29,6%	109	142	32	29,7%
Fruit juices	-1.391	-1.230	161	11,6%	-110	-91	18	16,7%
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	9.400	9.631	231	2,5%	774	841	67	8,6%
Roasted coffee and tea	-438	-383	55	12,5%	-38	-34	4	9,8%
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.220	4.427	208	4,9%	280	325	45	16,0%
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.898	6.867	-31	-0,4%	567	604	36	6,4%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.782	4.010	227	6,0%	274	298	23	8,5%
Soups and sauces	591	595	3	0,6%	47	40	-7	-15,0%
Coffee and tea extracts	298	318	19	6,5%	22	28	6	28,9%
Food preparations, not specified	4.106	4.217	112	2,7%	318	373	55	17,2%
Pet food	3.002	2.693	-309	-10,3%	215	219	4	1,6%
Waters and soft drinks	2.736	2.938	202	7,4%	226	262	36	15,9%
Beer	2.942	2.891	-51	-1,7%	251	274	22	8,9%
Spirits and liqueurs	9.187	10.122	935	10,2%	727	884	157	21,6%
Odoriferous substances	227	193	-34	-15,0%	15	15	-1	-3,8%
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.131	667	-464	-41,0%	180	126	-54	-29,9%
Non edible animal products	91	113	22	24,1%	15	15	0	-1,3%
Wool and silk	-784	-976	-193	-24,6%	-65	-80	-15	-23,6%
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	217	552	335	154,3%	6	67	60	964,3%
Cut flowers and plants	-621	-587	34	5,5%	-48	-46	3	5,7%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	856	924	68	8,0%	125	123	-2	-1,5%
Raw tobacco	-1.584	-1.536	48	3,0%	-160	-144	17	10,3%
Cigars and cigarettes	3.060	3.026	-33	-1,1%	243	273	29	12,1%
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.912	-1.749	163	8,5%	-126	-153	-27	-21,5%
Sugar alcohols	84	98	13	15,7%	8	6	-1	-17,9%
Essential oils	-265	-289	-24	-9,1%	-28	-28	0	-0,3%
Ethanol	-129	-179	-50	-38,3%	-10	-26	-16	-156,1%
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.216	1.176	-39	-3,2%	84	103	20	23,3%
Non-edible, not specified	1.234	1.421	187	15,1%	92	95	3	2,8%
Products non-attributable	-163	-102	62	37,7%	-23	6	29	127,9%