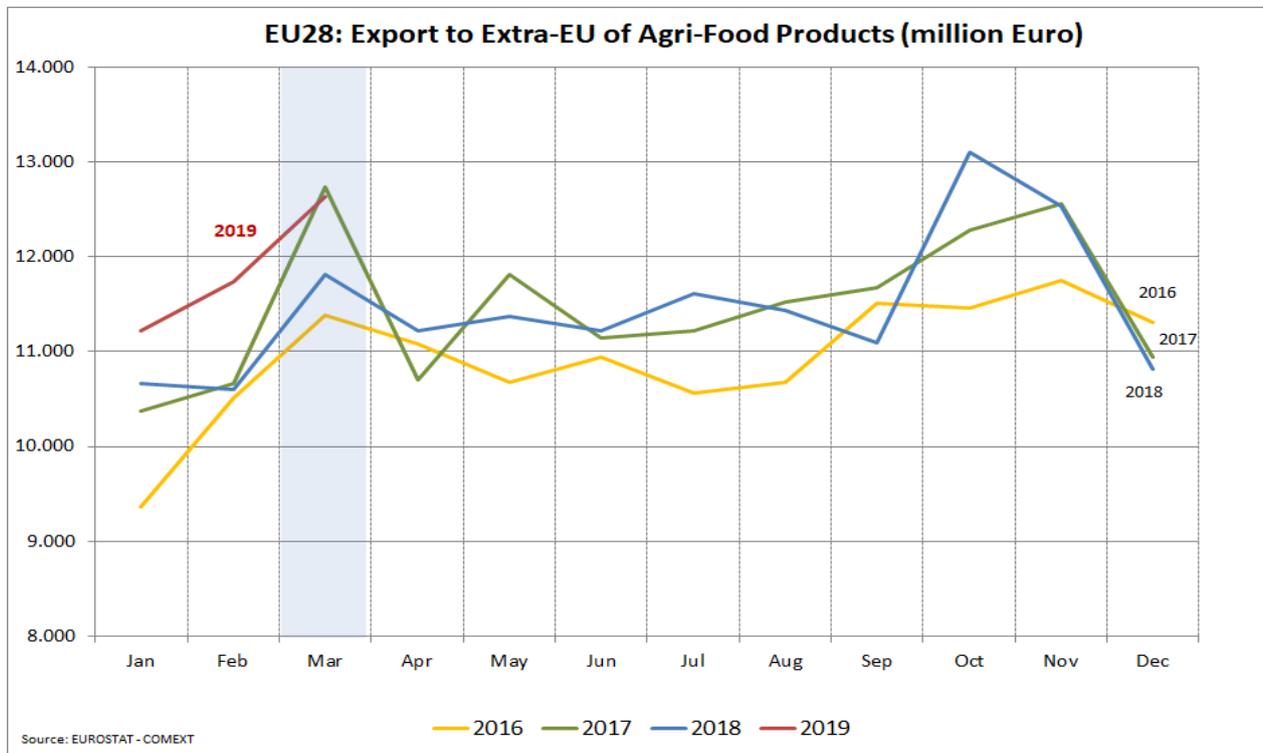


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until March 2019



March 2019:

Strong exports keep EU agri-food net trade balance in the positive

The monthly value of EU agri-food exports in March 2019 equalled the record level of March 2017, reaching EUR 12.6 billion, 7.0% above the level of March 2018. Imports in March were valued at EUR 10.1 billion, only 1.9% higher than those recorded in March 2018. Thus, the monthly agri-food trade surplus stood at EUR 2.5 billion – a +34% increase over the positive trade balance of EUR 1.9 billion in March 2018.

The highest increases in monthly export values (March 2019 compared to March 2018, EUR million) were recorded for China (+125), USA (+119) and Egypt (+103), while exports fell most to Saudi Arabia (-96) and Korea (-24).

There were big shifts in export values this month, with notable increases (in EUR million) in

exports of wheat (+307), spirits and liqueurs (+88), cotton flax and help (+72) and pork meat fresh chilled or frozen (+49). There were notable falls in exports this month of beet and cane sugar (-52) and raw hides and skins (-43).

The value of March 2019 EU agri-food imports compared to March 2018 increased significantly for imports coming from the USA (+138), Ukraine (+87) and Ghana (+48). The value of imports went down most from Argentina (-72) and Canada (-53) and New Zealand (-39).

Significant increases were recorded in import values of soybeans (+73), cereals (+68), and cocoa beans (+66), while imports of tropical fruit fresh or dried (-71), sheep and goat meat (-55) and citrus fruit (-50) decreased the most in value terms.

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

For the 12-month period from April 2018 to March 2019, EU agri-food exports reached EUR 140.0 billion, that is +2.2% higher than same period a year before.

The main export destinations in that period (in EUR billion) were USA (22.8), China (11.4), Switzerland (8.3), Russia (6.8) and Japan (6.8).

Major export gains in 2018-19 (in EUR million, % change from 2017-18) were achieved exports to the USA (+938; +4%), Egypt (+385, +29%), Algeria (+327; +14%), Japan (+272; +4%) Ukraine (268; +14%), Russia (+237, +4%) and Israel (+223, +12%).

Exports in 2018-19 (in EUR million, % change from 2017-18) were down for Turkey (-597, -16%), Hong Kong (-416, -10%) China (-254; -2%), and the United Arab Emirates (-218, -8%).

Spirits, wheat, pasta and wine lead the export growth

For the year 12-month period from April 2018 to March 2019, there were big shifts in export values this month, with notable increases (in EUR million) in exports of spirits and liqueurs (+861), wheat (+551), pasta pastry and biscuits (+342), wine and vermouth (+334), preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts (+271), cotton, flax and hemp (+266), and water and soft drinks (+259). There were notable falls in exports of raw hides and skins (-353) and offal, animal fat and other meats (-334).

While EU agri-food imports also fell in 2018, they increased significantly from the USA

For the year 12-month period from April 2018 to March 2019, agri-food imports from third countries accounted for EUR 117.7 billion, i.e. a decrease of 1.7% compared to 2017-18.

The value of imports (in EUR million, % change from 2017-18) increased most significantly from the USA (+2365; +23%). Other significant import increases were recorded from Ukraine (+507, +9%), Ghana (+307, +25%) and China (+284, +5%). Fewer imports in value terms have been received in the same period from Indonesia (-641, -13%), India (-301, -9%), Australia (-287, -12%) and Canada (-279, -13%).

Imports into the EU of cereals, oilcakes, fruit and soybeans show growth while coffee and tropical fruit imports fall

Significant increases were recorded in import values of cereals (+1144), oilcakes (+665) and fruit fresh or dried excluding citrus or tropical fruit (+633) and soybeans (+479), while imports of palm and palm kernel oil (-834), unroasted coffee (-625), beet and cane sugar (-442) and tropical fruit fresh or dried (-433) decreased the most in value terms.

With EU agri-food exports growing more than imports into the EU, the positive trade balance remains significant at EUR 22.3 billion.

With the stronger export performance, for the 12-month period from April 2018 to March 2019, and the weaker growth in imports, the trade surplus grew by EUR 2.5 billion, that is, it is 5.4% higher than in 2017-18, and has reached EUR 22.3 billion.

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

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2018/19	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Apr-18 - Mar-19 to Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		136.956	140.018	3.062	2,2	11.814	12.638	824	7,0
United States of America	1	21.854	22.792	938	4,3	1.857	1.976	119	6,4
China	2	11.657	11.403	-254	-2,2	945	1.070	125	13,3
Switzerland	3	8.174	8.345	171	2,1	760	781	21	2,7
Russia	4	6.531	6.768	237	3,6	569	623	54	9,5
Japan	5	6.494	6.766	272	4,2	563	560	-3	-0,5
Norway	6	4.451	4.567	116	2,6	367	391	24	6,6
Canada	7	3.578	3.739	161	4,5	286	314	28	9,7
Saudi Arabia	8	3.849	3.687	-162	-4,2	386	289	-96	-25,0
Hong Kong	9	4.014	3.598	-416	-10,4	318	308	-10	-3,1
Australia	10	3.271	3.411	140	4,3	260	272	12	4,6
Turkey	11	3.738	3.141	-597	-16,0	320	341	20	6,3
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.958	3.007	49	1,6	287	263	-24	-8,4
Algeria	13	2.353	2.680	327	13,9	204	245	41	20,2
United Arab Emirates	14	2.812	2.594	-218	-7,7	228	210	-18	-7,9
Singapore	15	2.261	2.436	175	7,8	202	196	-6	-3,1
Ukraine	16	1.864	2.131	268	14,4	191	220	29	15,3
Israel	17	1.808	2.031	223	12,3	172	181	9	5,1
South Africa	18	1.725	1.789	65	3,8	122	163	41	33,7
Brazil	19	1.788	1.760	-28	-1,6	158	152	-6	-3,9
Egypt	20	1.346	1.731	385	28,6	131	234	103	78,8
<i>other countries</i>		<i>40.430</i>	<i>41.640</i>	<i>1.210</i>	<i>3,0</i>	<i>3.488</i>	<i>3.849</i>	<i>361</i>	<i>10,3</i>

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

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2018/19	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Apr-18 - Mar-19 to Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		136.956	140.018	3.062	2,2	11.814	12.638	824	7,0
China	2	11.657	11.403	-254	-2,2	945	1.070	125	13,3
United States of America	1	21.854	22.792	938	4,3	1.857	1.976	119	6,4
Egypt	20	1.346	1.731	385	28,6	131	234	103	78,8
Morocco	21	1.472	1.595	123	8,4	145	201	56	38,4
Russia	4	6.531	6.768	237	3,6	569	623	54	9,5
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	45	622	525	-98	-15,7	42	92	50	119,3
Algeria	13	2.353	2.680	327	13,9	204	245	41	20,2
South Africa	18	1.725	1.789	65	3,8	122	163	41	33,7
Libya	25	979	1.215	236	24,1	72	108	36	50,1
Ukraine	16	1.864	2.131	268	14,4	191	220	29	15,3
Sri Lanka	94	161	134	-27	-16,9	18	10	-8	-44,0
Argentina	66	299	248	-51	-17,2	28	19	-8	-29,8
Syrian Arab Republic	86	201	162	-39	-19,4	20	12	-9	-42,2
Cambodia	59	297	288	-9	-3,0	51	41	-10	-19,2
Hong Kong	9	4.014	3.598	-416	-10,4	318	308	-10	-3,1
Ivory Coast	42	595	572	-23	-3,9	53	42	-12	-21,8
Angola	41	735	622	-113	-15,3	59	47	-12	-20,5
United Arab Emirates	14	2.812	2.594	-218	-7,7	228	210	-18	-7,9
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.958	3.007	49	1,6	287	263	-24	-8,4
Saudi Arabia	8	3.849	3.687	-162	-4,2	386	289	-96	-25,0
<i>other countries</i>		<i>70.633</i>	<i>72.477</i>	<i>1.844</i>	<i>2,6</i>	<i>6.088</i>	<i>6.464</i>	<i>376</i>	<i>6,2</i>

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Difference Apr-18 - Mar-19 Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	136.956	140.018	3.062	2,2	11.814	12.638	824	7,0
Commodities	22.959	23.536	578	2,5	2.033	2.344	311	15,3
Other primary	23.715	23.487	-228	-1,0	2.028	2.190	162	8,0
Processed	26.799	27.543	744	2,8	2.322	2.375	53	2,3
Food preparations	30.486	31.135	649	2,1	2.611	2.701	90	3,5
Beverages	18.113	19.242	1.129	6,2	1.472	1.631	159	10,8
Non-edible	14.884	15.075	191	1,3	1.349	1.397	48	3,6
Wheat	3.637	4.188	551	15,2	242	549	307	126,7
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.601	1.810	209	13,1	215	210	-4	-2,1
Rice	248	220	-29	-11,5	24	28	4	15,3
Flours and other products of the milling industry	766	707	-59	-7,7	69	64	-5	-7,5
Malt	1.004	1.016	12	1,1	99	98	-1	-1,1
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.057	982	-75	-7,1	75	74	-1	-1,2
Soybeans	118	51	-67	-56,8	4	3	0	-10,8
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	801	776	-25	-3,1	98	119	21	21,1
Palm & palm kernel oil	166	154	-13	-7,6	15	11	-4	-25,0
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.212	2.256	44	2,0	206	198	-8	-3,7
Oilcakes	305	350	45	14,7	31	29	-2	-6,1
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.115	1.256	141	12,7	95	103	8	8,6
Beet and cane sugar	1.086	921	-165	-15,2	106	54	-52	-48,8
Sugar, other than beet & cane	519	595	75	14,5	46	54	8	17,1
Milk powders and whey	4.267	4.101	-166	-3,9	339	385	46	13,5
Butter	973	898	-76	-7,8	97	82	-15	-15,7
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.239	1.350	111	8,9	122	125	2	1,8
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	510	471	-39	-7,7	40	37	-2	-6,1
Cocoa beans	10	24	14	132,2	1	2	0	21,1
Cocoa paste and powder	1.230	1.214	-16	-1,3	92	104	12	12,7
Agricultural commodities, not specified	93	198	105	112,9	17	15	-1	-7,7
Live animals	2.891	2.850	-41	-1,4	198	211	13	6,7
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	807	846	39	4,9	77	73	-5	-5,9
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	4.964	4.876	-88	-1,8	432	481	49	11,3
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.531	1.589	58	3,8	136	138	2	1,2
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	140	127	-13	-9,6	13	13	-1	-4,0
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	2.955	2.621	-334	-11,3	238	257	19	7,8
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.277	1.303	26	2,1	110	126	16	14,3
Eggs and honey	666	713	47	7,0	66	73	8	11,8
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	2.994	3.042	49	1,6	255	273	19	7,3
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.260	2.172	-87	-3,9	173	197	24	13,7
Citrus fruit	529	519	-10	-1,9	63	68	5	8,4
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.047	1.072	25	2,4	93	101	8	8,5
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.654	1.757	103	6,2	174	179	6	3,3
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.334	1.407	72	5,4	115	118	3	2,2
Cheese	3.982	4.082	101	2,5	351	353	2	0,6
Olive oil	2.820	2.699	-121	-4,3	229	237	8	3,4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.616	4.887	271	5,9	415	425	10	2,3
Fruit juices	858	911	53	6,2	71	89	18	25,0
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	12.003	12.337	334	2,8	1.037	1.045	7	0,7
Roasted coffee and tea	1.186	1.220	34	2,9	102	109	6	6,0
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.471	5.715	244	4,5	421	449	29	6,8
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	7.476	7.483	6	0,1	688	683	-5	-0,8
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	5.081	5.422	342	6,7	428	452	23	5,5
Soups and sauces	1.308	1.353	45	3,4	115	123	8	6,8
Coffee and tea extracts	779	781	1	0,2	65	70	6	8,8
Food preparations, not specified	6.064	6.252	188	3,1	527	563	36	6,8
Pet food	4.307	4.130	-177	-4,1	366	360	-6	-1,6
Waters and soft drinks	3.785	4.044	259	6,8	329	369	40	12,2
Beer	3.296	3.334	38	1,2	264	293	29	10,8
Spirits and liqueurs	10.796	11.657	861	8,0	863	952	88	10,3
Odoriferous substances	237	207	-30	-12,6	16	18	2	12,4
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.682	1.329	-353	-21,0	175	132	-43	-24,4
Non edible animal products	489	523	34	7,0	50	48	-3	-5,5
Wool and silk	143	133	-10	-6,8	13	12	-1	-9,0
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	829	1.095	266	32,0	77	149	72	94,3
Cut flowers and plants	732	771	39	5,3	71	70	-1	-1,3
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.746	1.887	141	8,1	182	204	22	12,0
Raw tobacco	894	896	2	0,3	73	83	10	14,0
Cigars and cigarettes	3.412	3.321	-91	-2,7	312	285	-27	-8,7
Fatty acids and waxes	599	572	-27	-4,5	60	40	-20	-33,7
Sugar alcohols	130	136	7	5,2	14	12	-2	-14,0
Essential oils	770	769	-1	-0,1	73	66	-7	-9,3
Ethanol	171	193	22	12,6	15	18	3	17,0
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.894	1.867	-27	-1,4	140	171	30	21,5
Non-edible, not specified	1.233	1.423	190	15,4	79	94	15	19,0
Products non-attributable	161	160	-1	-0,7	14	14	0	-0,9

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	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Apr-18 - Mar-19 to Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			115.788	117.714	1.927	1,7	9.957	10.148	192	1,9
United States of America	1	10.483	12.849	2.365	22,6	958	1.096	138	14,5	
Brazil	2	11.824	11.661	-163	-1,4	953	969	16	1,7	
Ukraine	3	5.595	6.101	507	9,1	559	646	87	15,5	
China	4	5.509	5.793	284	5,2	452	448	-4	-1,0	
Argentina	5	5.334	5.134	-200	-3,8	384	312	-72	-18,6	
Switzerland	6	4.636	4.613	-23	-0,5	386	400	14	3,5	
Turkey	7	4.522	4.482	-40	-0,9	393	357	-36	-9,2	
Indonesia	8	4.944	4.303	-641	-13,0	378	348	-30	-8,0	
Ivory Coast	9	3.397	3.362	-36	-1,0	284	297	12	4,4	
India	10	3.485	3.184	-301	-8,6	305	325	21	6,8	
South Africa	11	2.692	2.907	215	8,0	242	238	-5	-1,9	
Chile	12	2.350	2.574	224	9,5	189	200	11	5,8	
Thailand	13	2.318	2.490	172	7,4	203	220	17	8,4	
Vietnam	14	2.678	2.436	-242	-9,0	186	153	-34	-18,0	
Morocco	15	2.265	2.404	139	6,1	304	296	-8	-2,6	
New Zealand	16	2.381	2.369	-12	-0,5	224	185	-39	-17,5	
Peru	17	2.141	2.357	216	10,1	163	159	-3	-2,1	
Colombia	18	2.362	2.255	-106	-4,5	201	211	10	5,1	
Australia	19	2.336	2.049	-287	-12,3	193	216	23	12,0	
Canada	20	2.163	1.884	-279	-12,9	183	129	-53	-29,2	
<i>other countries</i>		32.372	32.506	134	0,4	2.817	2.944	127	4,5	

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

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2018/19	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Apr-18 - Mar-19 to Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28			115.788	117.714	1.927	1,7	9.957	10.148	192	1,9
United States of America	1	10.483	12.849	2.365	22,6	958	1.096	138	14,5	
Ukraine	3	5.595	6.101	507	9,1	559	646	87	15,5	
Ghana	25	1.207	1.513	307	25,4	93	141	48	52,1	
Mexico	26	1.304	1.362	59	4,5	111	137	27	24,0	
Serbia	27	1.134	1.232	98	8,6	90	115	25	27,5	
Australia	19	2.336	2.049	-287	-12,3	193	216	23	12,0	
India	10	3.485	3.184	-301	-8,6	305	325	21	6,8	
Egypt	29	994	1.065	71	7,1	116	133	17	15,0	
Thailand	13	2.318	2.490	172	7,4	203	220	17	8,4	
Brazil	2	11.824	11.661	-163	-1,4	953	969	16	1,7	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	50	428	336	-92	-21,6	40	24	-16	-40,6	
Tunisia	34	558	626	68	12,1	81	63	-18	-22,5	
Malaysia	21	2.054	1.849	-205	-10,0	169	147	-22	-12,9	
Indonesia	8	4.944	4.303	-641	-13,0	378	348	-30	-8,0	
Vietnam	14	2.678	2.436	-242	-9,0	186	153	-34	-18,0	
Madagascar	44	500	503	3	0,6	62	27	-35	-56,4	
Turkey	7	4.522	4.482	-40	-0,9	393	357	-36	-9,2	
New Zealand	16	2.381	2.369	-12	-0,5	224	185	-39	-17,5	
Canada	20	2.163	1.884	-279	-12,9	183	129	-53	-29,2	
Argentina	5	5.334	5.134	-200	-3,8	384	312	-72	-18,6	
<i>other countries</i>		49.544	50.285	741	1,5	4.278	4.406	128	3,0	

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Difference Apr-18 - Mar-19 Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	115.788	117.714	1.927	1,7	9.957	10.148	192	1,9
Commodities	47.177	48.006	829	1,8	3.844	4.105	261	6,8
Other primary	32.655	33.054	399	1,2	3.066	2.902	-163	-5,3
Processed	12.739	12.626	-113	-0,9	1.071	1.038	-33	-3,1
Food preparations	7.616	8.167	551	7,2	645	726	80	12,4
Beverages	3.096	3.313	217	7,0	260	289	29	11,2
Non-edible	12.504	12.548	44	0,4	1.071	1.088	17	1,6
Wheat	1.125	1.237	112	10	115	80	-35	-30
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	3.260	4.404	1.144	35	364	432	68	19
Rice	1.196	1.353	157	13	105	134	30	28
Flours and other products of the milling industry	158	166	8	5	12	14	2	20
Malt	8	5	-3	0	3	0	-3	-97
Starches, inulin & gluten	64	80	16	25	7	7	0	-1
Soybeans	4.770	5.249	479	10	370	443	73	20
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	3.934	3.648	-285	-7	317	314	-3	-1
Palm & palm kernel oil	6.249	5.415	-834	-13	461	457	-5	-1
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.606	2.301	-305	-12	199	219	20	10
Oilcakes	6.986	7.651	665	10	589	579	-10	-2
Other feed and feed ingredients	947	1.183	235	25	83	99	16	19
Beet and cane sugar	1.150	708	-442	-38	58	71	13	23
Sugar, other than beet & cane	446	478	33	7	31	47	16	52
Milk powders and whey	49	50	1	3	3	7	3	104
Butter	67	111	44	66	3	7	4	155
Gums, resins and plant extracts	977	1.077	100	10	91	94	3	3
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	7.539	6.914	-625	-8	573	556	-17	-3
Cocoa beans	3.711	4.022	311	8	308	374	66	21
Cocoa paste and powder	1.919	1.939	21	1	147	172	25	17
Agricultural commodities, not specified	18	15	-3		5	0	-5	
Live animals	241	246	5	2	25	28	3	12
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.663	1.619	-44	-3	99	80	-19	-19
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	30	26	-3	-12	2	2	0	13
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	362	528	167	46	41	45	5	12
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.034	935	-99	-10	162	107	-55	-34
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.185	1.155	-29	-2	98	82	-16	-17
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	25	24	0	-1	2	2	0	21
Eggs and honey	524	507	-17	-3	44	38	-6	-14
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.655	4.802	147	3	529	532	3	1
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.245	6.878	633	10	654	683	29	4
Citrus fruit	2.039	2.070	32	2	142	92	-50	-35
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.889	13.456	-433	-3	1.199	1.129	-71	-6
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	764	806	42	5	70	84	14	20
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0	123	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.831	1.830	-2	0	156	168	12	8
Cheese	436	422	-15	-3	41	37	-4	-9
Olive oil	512	526	14	3	76	42	-34	-45
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.402	3.312	-90	-3	276	258	-18	-6
Fruit juices	2.247	2.158	-89	-4	173	168	-5	-3
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.683	2.772	89	3	225	224	-1	0
Roasted coffee and tea	1.628	1.607	-21	-1	126	141	15	12
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.255	1.332	78	6	97	112	14	14
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	591	653	62	10	59	72	13	21
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.332	1.435	104	8	111	125	14	13
Soups and sauces	718	751	32	5	58	66	8	14
Coffee and tea extracts	489	469	-20	-4	39	41	2	5
Food preparations, not specified	1.915	2.089	173	9	167	188	22	13
Pet food	1.315	1.438	123	9	114	122	8	7
Waters and soft drinks	1.058	1.142	84	8	91	93	2	2
Beer	371	465	94	25	35	47	11	32
Spirits and liqueurs	1.657	1.692	35	2	133	149	16	12
Odoriferous substances	10	14	4	39	1	1	0	-1
Raw hides, skins and furskins	631	608	-23	-4	59	51	-8	-13
Non edible animal products	405	409	4	1	35	36	1	3
Wool and silk	928	1.094	166	18	79	94	15	19
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	596	603	7	1	56	57	1	2
Cut flowers and plants	1.357	1.359	2	0	125	133	8	7
Bulbs, roots and live plants	921	960	40	4	84	87	2	2
Raw tobacco	2.413	2.449	36	1	209	215	6	3
Cigars and cigarettes	325	324	-1	0	31	29	-2	-7
Fatty acids and waxes	2.519	2.291	-228	-9	184	161	-24	-13
Sugar alcohols	44	37	-7	-16	3	2	-1	-30
Essential oils	1.034	1.057	23	2	83	88	5	6
Ethanol	303	353	50	16	25	39	14	58
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	671	705	33	5	51	70	18	35
Non-edible, not specified	6	8	1	17	1	0	-1	-79
Products non-attributable	350	290	-60	-17	45	26	-19	-43

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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	Apr-17 - Mar-18	Apr-18 - Mar-19	Difference Apr-18 - Mar-19 to Apr-17 - Mar-18		Mar-18	Mar-19	Difference Mar-19 to Mar-18	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	21.169	22.304	1.135	5,4%	1.857	2.489	632	34,0%
Commodities	-24.218	-24.470	-251	-1,0%	-1.811	-1.761	50	2,7%
Other primary	-8.940	-9.567	-627	-7,0%	-1.037	-712	325	31,3%
Processed	14.060	14.917	857	6,1%	1.251	1.337	86	6,9%
Food preparations	22.870	22.968	98	0,4%	1.965	1.976	10	0,5%
Beverages	15.018	15.929	912	6,1%	1.212	1.342	130	10,7%
Non-edible	2.380	2.527	147	6,2%	277	309	31	11,2%
Wheat	2.512	2.951	439	17,5%	127	469	341	267,9%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-1.659	-2.594	-935	-56,4%	-149	-222	-73	-48,6%
Rice	-948	-1.133	-185	-19,5%	-81	-107	-26	-32,1%
Flours and other products of the milling industry	608	541	-67	-11,0%	57	50	-8	-13,1%
Malt	997	1.011	14	1,5%	96	98	2	2,3%
Starches, inulin & gluten	993	902	-91	-9,2%	68	67	-1	-1,2%
Soybeans	-4.652	-5.198	-546	-11,7%	-366	-440	-73	-20,0%
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	-3.133	-2.872	260	8,3%	-219	-195	24	10,8%
Palm & palm kernel oil	-6.083	-5.262	821	13,5%	-446	-445	1	0,2%
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-394	-45	349	88,6%	6	-21	-27	-428,6%
Oilcakes	-6.681	-7.301	-620	-9,3%	-558	-550	9	1,5%
Other feed and feed ingredients	168	74	-94	-56,2%	12	4	-8	-66,1%
Beet and cane sugar	-63	214	277	436,8%	48	-17	-65	-135,4%
Sugar, other than beet & cane	74	116	43	58,2%	16	8	-8	-51,4%
Milk powders and whey	4.218	4.051	-167	-4,0%	336	378	42	12,6%
Butter	906	787	-120	-13,2%	95	75	-20	-20,7%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	262	273	11	4,1%	31	31	-1	-1,8%
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-7.029	-6.443	586	8,3%	-533	-518	15	2,8%
Cocoa beans	-3.701	-3.998	-297	-8,0%	-307	-372	-65	-21,3%
Cocoa paste and powder	-689	-725	-36	-5,3%	-55	-68	-13	-24,2%
Agricultural commodities, not specified	75	183	107	142,8%	12	15	3	27,8%
Live animals	2.651	2.605	-46	-1,7%	173	183	10	6,0%
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-856	-773	83	9,7%	-22	-7	15	67,6%
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	4.935	4.850	-85	-1,7%	430	478	48	11,3%
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.169	1.060	-109	-9,3%	96	93	-3	-3,2%
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-894	-808	86	9,6%	-149	-94	55	36,9%
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.770	1.465	-305	-17,2%	140	175	35	25,0%
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.252	1.278	27	2,1%	108	123	15	14,1%
Eggs and honey	142	206	64	44,8%	22	36	14	64,9%
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.662	-1.760	-98	-5,9%	-274	-259	15	5,6%
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.985	-4.706	-721	-18,1%	-481	-486	-5	-1,0%
Citrus fruit	-1.509	-1.551	-42	-2,8%	-79	-23	55	70,3%
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.842	-12.384	458	3,6%	-1.106	-1.027	78	7,1%
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	890	951	61	6,9%	104	96	-8	-8,1%
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0	-123,0%	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	-497	-423	74	14,9%	-40	-50	-10	-24,5%
Cheese	3.545	3.661	115	3,3%	310	316	6	0,0%
Olive oil	2.308	2.173	-135	-5,8%	153	195	42	27,4%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	1.214	1.575	360	29,7%	140	167	27	19,5%
Fruit juices	-1.390	-1.248	142	10,2%	-102	-79	22	22,0%
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	9.320	9.565	244	2,6%	813	821	8	1,0%
Roasted coffee and tea	-442	-387	56	12,6%	-23	-33	-9	-40,2%
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.216	4.383	166	3,9%	323	338	15	4,5%
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.885	6.830	-55	-0,8%	629	611	-18	-2,8%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.749	3.987	238	6,3%	318	327	10	3,0%
Soups and sauces	589	602	12	2,1%	57	57	0	-0,7%
Coffee and tea extracts	290	311	21	7,4%	26	30	4	15,0%
Food preparations, not specified	4.149	4.163	14	0,3%	361	375	14	3,9%
Pet food	2.991	2.692	-299	-10,0%	252	238	-14	-5,5%
Waters and soft drinks	2.727	2.902	175	6,4%	238	276	38	16,0%
Beer	2.925	2.868	-56	-1,9%	229	246	17	7,6%
Spirits and liqueurs	9.139	9.965	826	9,0%	730	803	73	10,0%
Odoriferous substances	227	194	-34	-14,8%	15	17	2	13,4%
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.051	721	-330	-31,4%	116	81	-35	-30,1%
Non edible animal products	83	114	30	36,5%	15	11	-4	-25,0%
Wool and silk	-785	-961	-176	-22,5%	-66	-82	-16	-24,5%
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	233	492	259	111,1%	20	91	71	347,0%
Cut flowers and plants	-625	-588	37	5,9%	-54	-63	-9	-17,2%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	825	926	101	12,3%	98	117	20	20,2%
Raw tobacco	-1.519	-1.553	-34	-2,2%	-137	-132	4	3,0%
Cigars and cigarettes	3.087	2.997	-90	-2,9%	281	256	-25	-8,9%
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.919	-1.719	201	10,5%	-124	-121	3	2,6%
Sugar alcohols	85	99	14	15,9%	11	10	-1	-9,9%
Essential oils	-264	-288	-24	-9,2%	-10	-22	-12	-111,6%
Ethanol	-132	-160	-28	-21,5%	-10	-21	-12	-123,6%
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.223	1.163	-60	-4,9%	89	101	12	13,4%
Non-edible, not specified	1.227	1.415	189	15,4%	78	94	15	19,9%
Products non-attributable	-189	-131	58	30,9%	-31	-12	19	62,0%