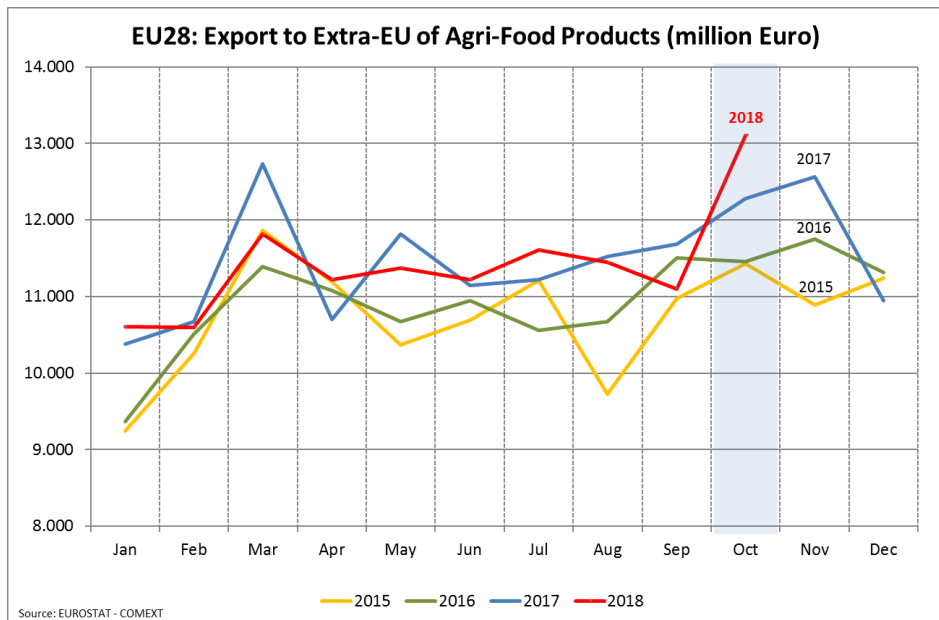


## Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until October 2018



### October 2018: best EU agri-food export performance ever

The monthly value of EU agri-food trade in October 2018 was second biggest ever recorded (after March 2017), reaching **EUR 13.1 billion** in exports and **EUR 10.1 billion** in imports. **Monthly export value set an all-time record**, rising 2.9% above the previous record of March 2017 and 6.7% above the already impressive level of October 2017. Imports increased by 5.0% over a year ago and set a record for the month of October. The monthly agri-food trade surplus stood at **EUR 3.0 billion** – an 13% increase from October 2017, and second biggest surplus on record (behind EUR 3.0 billion in October 2013).

The highest increases in monthly export values (October 2018 compared to October 2017, EUR million) were recorded for **USA (+186)**, **Saudi Arabia (+86)**, **Algeria (+78)**, **Japan (+68)** and **Korea (+61)**, while exports fell most to **Turkey (-111)**, **Hong Kong (-27)** and **Sudan (-23)**.

The record increase in export values this month was distributed fairly even between sectors, with beverages and commodities showing highest growth rates. Notable increases in exports were recorded for **spirits and liqueurs (+167)**, **other cereals (+93)**, **wheat (+73)** and **wine and vermouth (+70)**.

The value of October 2018 EU agri-food imports compared to October 2017 increased significantly for imports coming from the **USA (+245)**, **China (+80)**, **Russia (+71)**, **South Africa (+48)** and **Ivory Coast (+47)**. The value of imports from **Argentina (-73)**, **Indonesia (-41)**, **Canada (-38)** and **Colombia (-38)** went down the most.

Significant increases were recorded in import values of **cocoa beans (+98)**, **other cereals (+87)** and **oilcakes (+75)**, while imports of **unroasted coffee and tea (-75)** and **palm oil (-54)** decreased the most in value terms.

## Wine and spirits exports continue to perform well; sugar up 56% after end of production quotas

For the 12-months period of November 2017 to October 2018, EU agri-food **exports** increased to EUR **137.6 billion**, corresponding to a slight improvement of 0.3% in value terms compared to the same period one year ago.

Major gains in annual values (EUR million) have been achieved in agri-food exports to **Ukraine** (+272; +16%), **Japan** (+269; +4%), **Singapore** (+227; +10%) and **Algeria** (+142; +6%). The **USA** remains by far the largest market for EU agri-food exports, although a slight decrease was recorded over the past 12 months (-116; -0.5%).

Annual export values reflect a downward trend for **China** (-622; -4%), which nevertheless remains the EU's second most important export market, and destinations in the **Middle East**, in particular the **United Arab Emirates** (-451; -15%) and **Saudi Arabia** (-391; -9%).

In EUR million, **wine and vermouth** (+527; +4%), **spirits and liqueurs** (+464; +4%) and **sugar** (+429; +56%) exports have continued to perform very well over the last twelve months. Export performance on a yearly basis also increased notably for pasta and pastry (+278), as well as for waters and soft drinks (+212).

On the other hand, **milk powder** (-494; -11%), **raw hides and furskins** (-464; -25%) and **wheat** (-346; -8%) exports have experienced the most significant drop in value terms (EUR million) on an annual basis. Other categories with notable losses in export values over the last 12 months were **fruit** (excluding citrus and tropical) (-340, -14%), **pork meat** (-307; -6%) and **offal** (-277; -9%).

## Poultry and olive oil import growth continues; Net trade surplus growth resumes

Agri-food **imports** from third countries in the 12-months period between November 2017 and October 2018 accounted for **EUR 115.2 billion**, i.e. a decrease of -2.5% compared to the same period one year ago. Owing to a steady export performance over the 12-months period, the **export surplus** increased after 2-month decline to **EUR 22.4 billion** (+3.3 billion; +17%).

The most important origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months (EUR billion) remain **Brazil** (12.0) and the **USA** (11.5), followed by **China, Argentina, Ukraine, Switzerland, Turkey** and **Indonesia**, each accounting for between EUR 4.4 and 5.5 billion.

On a year-on-year basis, the value of agri-food imports (EUR million) from **Indonesia** has decreased significantly (-766; -15%). Imports also decreased quite noticeably from **Argentina** (-614; -11%), **Australia** (-476; -19%), **Paraguay** (-428; -41%) and **Ivory Coast** (-385; -10%).

On the other hand, the value of imports from **Brazil** (+299; +3%) increased the most. Over the 12 months period, EU import values also went up for agri-food products coming from **South Africa** (+260; +10%), **Tunisia** (+255; +59%), **Morocco** (+190; +9%) and **Pakistan** (+185; +55%).

Looking at product categories, the highest increases in import values over the last twelve months were recorded for **other cereals** (+415; +14%), **fruit** (excluding citrus and tropical) (+392; +6%), **olive oil** (+304; +88%) and **poultry meat** (+225; +76%). However, import values decreased significantly in particular for **unroasted coffee and tea** (-1023; -13%), **palm oil** (-801; -12%), **sugar** (-726; -51%) and **cocoa beans** (-629; -14%).

The last table in the annex presents the **trade balance** and its development by product category. It is worth noting that over the past 12 months, the highest increase in net value of exports was achieved in **sugar** (EUR +1156 million), while the net import balance for **unroasted coffee and tea** (EUR +994 million) decreased most.

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

EU28 agri-food exports to ....	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - Oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
<b>Extra-EU28</b>		<b>137.219</b>	<b>137.606</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>12.282</b>	<b>13.106</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>6,7</b>
United States of America	1	21.963	21.846	-117	-0,5	2.008	2.194	186	9,3
China	2	11.773	11.150	-623	-5,3	1.103	1.106	3	0,2
Switzerland	3	8.163	8.081	-82	-1,0	698	720	23	3,3
Japan	4	6.337	6.605	269	4,2	592	660	68	11,4
Russia	5	6.411	6.524	112	1,8	616	616	0	-0,1
Norway	6	4.434	4.395	-39	-0,9	415	412	-2	-0,6
Hong Kong	7	4.017	3.814	-203	-5,1	384	357	-27	-7,0
Saudi Arabia	8	4.148	3.757	-391	-9,4	271	357	86	31,7
Canada	9	3.526	3.625	99	2,8	367	378	11	3,1
Turkey	10	3.517	3.424	-93	-2,6	333	221	-111	-33,4
Australia	11	3.204	3.282	78	2,4	294	308	15	5,0
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.931	2.989	58	2,0	223	284	61	27,3
United Arab Emirates	13	3.052	2.601	-451	-14,8	239	234	-5	-2,2
Algeria	14	2.420	2.562	142	5,9	149	227	78	52,1
Singapore	15	2.180	2.407	227	10,4	220	225	5	2,3
Ukraine	16	1.749	2.022	272	15,6	161	191	30	18,8
Israel	17	1.816	1.910	94	5,2	126	171	44	34,8
Brazil	18	1.665	1.793	128	7,7	177	159	-18	-10,3
South Africa	19	1.821	1.729	-91	-5,0	162	161	-1	-0,4
Morocco	20	1.480	1.539	60	4,0	119	116	-4	-3,1
<i>other countries</i>		<i>40.613</i>	<i>41.552</i>	<i>939</i>	<i>2,3</i>	<i>3.626</i>	<i>4.009</i>	<i>383</i>	<i>10,6</i>

**Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in October 2018**

EU28 agri-food exports to ....	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - Oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
<b>Extra-EU28</b>		<b>137.219</b>	<b>137.606</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>0,3</b>	<b>12.282</b>	<b>13.106</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>6,7</b>
United States of America	1	21.963	21.846	-117	-0,5	2.008	2.194	186	9,3
Saudi Arabia	8	4.148	3.757	-391	-9,4	271	357	86	31,7
Algeria	14	2.420	2.562	142	5,9	149	227	78	52,1
Japan	4	6.337	6.605	269	4,2	592	660	68	11,4
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.931	2.989	58	2,0	223	284	61	27,3
Israel	17	1.816	1.910	94	5,2	126	171	44	34,8
Jordan	34	768	795	27	3,5	69	101	33	47,6
Ukraine	16	1.749	2.022	272	15,6	161	191	30	18,8
Vietnam	26	1.243	1.142	-101	-8,1	93	123	30	31,8
Switzerland	3	8.163	8.081	-82	-1,0	698	720	23	3,3
Argentina	59	273	282	9	3,3	27	18	-9	-32,9
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	45	662	533	-129	-19,5	52	42	-10	-18,4
Pakistan	56	344	319	-25	-7,2	39	26	-13	-32,6
Colombia	49	393	410	17	4,2	56	43	-13	-23,0
Kenya	70	243	222	-21	-8,5	30	14	-16	-54,1
Serbia	25	1.070	1.180	110	10,3	123	106	-17	-14,1
Brazil	18	1.665	1.793	128	7,7	177	159	-18	-10,3
Sudan	89	214	139	-75	-34,9	34	11	-23	-68,1
Hong Kong	7	4.017	3.814	-203	-5,1	384	357	-27	-7,0
Turkey	10	3.517	3.424	-93	-2,6	333	221	-111	-33,4
<i>other countries</i>		<i>73.285</i>	<i>73.783</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>0,7</i>	<i>6.637</i>	<i>7.080</i>	<i>443</i>	<i>6,7</i>

**Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category**

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Difference Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - Oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
<b>All agri-food products</b>	137.219	137.606	387	0,3	12.282	13.106	824	6,7
<b>Commodities</b>	23.362	23.086	-275	-1,2	1.821	2.009	188	10,3
<b>Other primary</b>	24.014	23.232	-782	-3,3	2.079	2.157	78	3,8
<b>Processed</b>	26.420	27.190	770	2,9	2.535	2.734	199	7,8
<b>Food preparations</b>	30.143	30.564	422	1,4	2.888	3.019	130	4,5
<b>Beverages</b>	18.112	18.639	527	2,9	1.672	1.858	186	11,1
<b>Non-edible</b>	15.169	14.895	-274	-1,8	1.286	1.329	43	3,3
Wheat	4.070	3.724	-346	-8,5	211	284	73	34,4
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.647	1.766	119	7,3	98	191	93	95,2
Rice	227	228	1	0,6	21	15	-6	-28,9
Flours and other products of the milling industry	794	726	-68	-8,5	60	63	2	3,5
Malt	984	1.011	27	2,8	80	92	12	15,0
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.066	979	-87	-8,2	96	88	-9	-8,9
Soyabeans	114	74	-40	-35,1	45	5	-40	-88,1
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	737	796	58	7,9	63	43	-20	-31,3
Palm & palm kernel oil	178	157	-21	-11,7	14	15	0	2,8
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.409	2.256	-153	-6,4	203	183	-20	-9,8
Oilcakes	286	351	65	22,7	21	33	11	53,2
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.092	1.214	122	11,2	95	121	26	27,3
Beet and cane sugar	770	1.200	429	55,7	127	96	-31	-24,2
Sugar, other than beet & cane	519	548	29	5,7	38	56	17	45,3
Milk powders and whey	4.431	3.937	-494	-11,2	318	356	38	11,8
Butter	893	922	30	3,3	65	71	6	9,1
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.213	1.315	102	8,4	101	118	17	16,6
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	522	493	-29	-5,6	44	40	-4	-9,2
Cocoa beans	13	20	6	46,3	1	1	0	-24,4
Cocoa paste and powder	1.329	1.199	-130	-9,8	112	118	6	5,8
Agricultural commodities, not specified	67	170	102	152,4	6	21	15	266,5
Live animals	2.832	2.868	35	1,2	254	240	-14	-5,6
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	822	835	13	1,5	66	66	0	-0,4
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.146	4.839	-307	-6,0	424	458	34	8,0
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.500	1.562	62	4,1	139	144	5	3,9
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	132	129	-3	-2,6	8	10	2	30,2
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	3.008	2.731	-277	-9,2	262	249	-13	-5,1
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.231	1.273	42	3,4	109	119	10	9,0
Eggs and honey	665	686	21	3,1	56	65	9	16,5
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.074	2.914	-161	-5,2	284	314	30	10,6
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.423	2.083	-340	-14,0	223	215	-8	-3,7
Citrus fruit	504	534	30	5,9	36	35	-1	-1,4
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.048	1.054	6	0,6	102	102	0	-0,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.627	1.726	99	6,1	117	141	24	20,1
Agricultural primary products, not specified	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.311	1.382	71	5,4	130	143	12	9,4
Cheese	3.955	4.000	45	1,1	353	392	39	11,0
Olive oil	2.789	2.747	-43	-1,5	243	247	4	1,7
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.597	4.766	169	3,7	422	476	54	12,8
Fruit juices	870	841	-30	-3,4	67	80	12	18,5
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	11.733	12.260	527	4,5	1.213	1.283	70	5,8
Roasted coffee and tea	1.163	1.194	31	2,7	107	113	7	6,4
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.441	5.613	172	3,2	572	616	44	7,7
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	7.331	7.455	124	1,7	688	711	23	3,3
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	4.988	5.266	278	5,6	504	568	65	12,8
Soups and sauces	1.288	1.323	35	2,7	119	127	9	7,3
Coffee and tea extracts	775	772	-3	-0,4	61	65	5	7,7
Food preparations, not specified	6.162	5.967	-195	-3,2	542	556	14	2,5
Pet food	4.157	4.168	10	0,3	404	376	-28	-7,0
Waters and soft drinks	3.689	3.901	212	5,8	318	357	39	12,4
Beer	3.422	3.318	-104	-3,0	291	274	-17	-5,8
Spirits and liqueurs	10.746	11.210	464	4,3	1.041	1.208	167	16,0
Odoriferous substances	254	208	-46	-17,9	22	19	-3	-15,0
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.894	1.430	-464	-24,5	111	71	-39	-35,6
Non edible animal products	481	509	28	5,8	40	45	5	12,1
Wool and silk	135	145	10	7,1	11	10	-1	-11,4
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	816	875	60	7,3	114	112	-2	-1,8
Cut flowers and plants	718	742	24	3,3	53	56	3	5,0
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.715	1.845	131	7,6	152	166	14	9,2
Raw tobacco	942	874	-68	-7,2	72	72	0	-0,7
Cigars and cigarettes	3.508	3.408	-100	-2,8	287	310	23	7,9
Fatty acids and waxes	564	621	57	10,1	53	47	-6	-11,0
Sugar alcohols	127	137	11	8,6	9	12	3	36,4
Essential oils	726	783	58	7,9	70	78	8	12,2
Ethanol	172	186	14	8,3	17	12	-4	-25,0
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.969	1.801	-168	-8,6	165	161	-4	-2,5
Non-edible, not specified	1.240	1.368	128	10,4	120	160	41	34,2
Products non-attributable	164	169	6	3,4	14	17	3	22,6

**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 2017/18	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
<b>Extra-EU28</b>		<b>118.143</b>	<b>115.248</b>	<b>-2.895</b>	<b>-2,5</b>	<b>9.664</b>	<b>10.145</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>5,0</b>
Brazil	1	11.706	12.005	299	2,6	1.076	1.041	-35	-3,2
United States of America	2	11.343	11.516	173	1,5	923	1.168	245	26,5
China	3	5.383	5.549	166	3,1	450	530	80	17,8
Argentina	4	5.751	5.138	-614	-10,7	512	439	-73	-14,2
Ukraine	5	5.390	5.123	-266	-4,9	461	493	32	7,0
Switzerland	6	4.681	4.572	-110	-2,3	419	430	11	2,6
Turkey	7	4.522	4.512	-11	-0,2	443	466	23	5,2
Indonesia	8	5.199	4.433	-766	-14,7	397	357	-41	-10,2
Ivory Coast	9	3.714	3.329	-385	-10,4	257	304	47	18,2
India	10	3.280	3.285	5	0,1	278	266	-12	-4,3
South Africa	11	2.661	2.921	260	9,8	216	264	48	22,2
Chile	12	2.363	2.509	146	6,2	210	186	-24	-11,3
Vietnam	13	2.676	2.493	-183	-6,8	229	206	-24	-10,3
Morocco	14	2.211	2.401	190	8,6	113	128	16	14,0
New Zealand	15	2.359	2.398	39	1,7	174	183	9	4,9
Thailand	16	2.334	2.364	30	1,3	208	237	30	14,2
Colombia	17	2.436	2.195	-241	-9,9	225	187	-38	-16,7
Peru	18	2.267	2.173	-94	-4,2	177	211	34	19,2
Canada	19	2.309	2.125	-184	-8,0	208	170	-38	-18,1
Australia	20	2.541	2.065	-476	-18,7	162	140	-22	-13,6
<i>other countries</i>		<i>33.017</i>	<i>32.144</i>	<i>-873</i>	<i>-2,6</i>	<i>2.526</i>	<i>2.738</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>8,4</i>

**Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in October 2018**

EU28 agri-food imports from ....	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - Oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
<b>Extra-EU28</b>		<b>118.143</b>	<b>115.248</b>	<b>-2.895</b>	<b>-2,5</b>	<b>9.664</b>	<b>10.145</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>5,0</b>
United States of America	2	11.343	11.516	173	1,5	923	1.168	245	26,5
China	3	5.383	5.549	166	3,1	450	530	80	17,8
Russia	24	1.347	1.507	160	11,8	107	178	71	65,8
South Africa	11	2.661	2.921	260	9,8	216	264	48	22,2
Ivory Coast	9	3.714	3.329	-385	-10,4	257	304	47	18,2
Peru	18	2.267	2.173	-94	-4,2	177	211	34	19,2
Ukraine	5	5.390	5.123	-266	-4,9	461	493	32	7,0
Ghana	25	1.387	1.359	-27	-2,0	109	141	32	29,0
Thailand	16	2.334	2.364	30	1,3	208	237	30	14,2
Serbia	28	1.268	1.087	-180	-14,2	80	106	26	32,2
Australia	20	2.541	2.065	-476	-18,7	162	140	-22	-13,6
Vietnam	13	2.676	2.493	-183	-6,8	229	206	-24	-10,3
Chile	12	2.363	2.509	146	6,2	210	186	-24	-11,3
Moldova	35	612	647	34	5,6	78	48	-30	-38,9
Paraguay	36	1.041	614	-428	-41,1	93	61	-32	-34,4
Brazil	1	11.706	12.005	299	2,6	1.076	1.041	-35	-3,2
Colombia	17	2.436	2.195	-241	-9,9	225	187	-38	-16,7
Canada	19	2.309	2.125	-184	-8,0	208	170	-38	-18,1
Indonesia	8	5.199	4.433	-766	-14,7	397	357	-41	-10,2
Argentina	4	5.751	5.138	-614	-10,7	512	439	-73	-14,2
<i>other countries</i>		<i>44.415</i>	<i>44.097</i>	<i>-318</i>	<i>-0,7</i>	<i>3.486</i>	<i>3.679</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>5,5</i>

**Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category**

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Difference Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - Oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
<b>All agri-food products</b>	118.143	115.248	-2.895	-2,5	9.664	10.145	481	5,0
<b>Commodities</b>	49.877	45.819	-4.058	-8,1	3.872	4.038	166	4,3
<b>Other primary</b>	32.565	33.251	686	2,1	2.676	2.786	110	4,1
<b>Processed</b>	12.909	12.732	-177	-1,4	1.118	1.189	71	6,3
<b>Food preparations</b>	7.424	7.877	452	6,1	668	735	67	10,0
<b>Beverages</b>	3.034	3.282	248	8,2	275	316	41	14,9
<b>Non-edible</b>	12.333	12.287	-46	-0,4	1.054	1.081	27	2,6
Wheat	1.199	1.159	-40	-3,4	127	165	38	30,1
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	3.003	3.417	415	13,8	247	334	87	35,5
Rice	1.128	1.264	136	12,0	105	115	11	10,4
Flours and other products of the milling industry	171	154	-17	-9,9	16	16	0	1,5
Malt	6	7	1	0,0	0	0	0	36,5
Starches, inulin & gluten	59	70	10	17,3	5	6	1	19,3
Soyabeans	5.092	5.019	-73	-1,4	353	345	-7	-2,1
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	4.166	3.554	-612	-14,7	402	378	-24	-5,9
Palm & palm kernel oil	6.505	5.704	-801	-12,3	447	393	-54	-12,1
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.725	2.174	-551	-20,2	225	175	-50	-22,3
Oilcakes	7.384	7.241	-143	-1,9	534	609	75	14,0
Other feed and feed ingredients	954	1.006	52	5,4	99	122	23	23,3
Beet and cane sugar	1.422	696	-726	-51,1	58	66	8	14,1
Sugar, other than beet & cane	454	444	-10	-2,3	34	41	6	18,4
Milk powders and whey	47	44	-3	-6,1	4	3	0	-4,6
Butter	74	87	12	16,7	7	12	6	83,6
Gums, resins and plant extracts	959	1.044	85	8,9	79	93	14	17,1
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	8.099	7.076	-1.023	-12,6	675	600	-75	-11,1
Cocoa beans	4.378	3.750	-629	-14,4	268	366	98	36,6
Cocoa paste and powder	2.049	1.881	-168	-8,2	190	198	9	4,6
Agricultural commodities, not specified	0	26	26		0	1	1	
Live animals	273	256	-16	-6,0	36	54	18	49,6
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.739	1.665	-74	-4,3	222	212	-10	-4,5
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	29	27	-2	-6,5	3	2	-1	-21,0
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	296	521	225	75,9	37	52	15	39,7
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	963	1.058	95	9,8	54	46	-8	-15,0
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.146	1.167	21	1,8	105	105	-1	-0,6
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	26	23	-3	-11,9	2	2	0	13,1
Eggs and honey	522	518	-5	-0,9	56	52	-4	-7,5
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.886	4.707	-179	-3,7	335	376	41	12,1
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.247	6.638	392	6,3	401	453	52	13,0
Citrus fruit	1.992	2.148	156	7,8	199	224	25	12,8
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.688	13.728	40	0,3	1.176	1.151	-25	-2,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	756	794	38	5,1	50	57	7	13,9
Agricultural primary products, not specified	3	0	-2	-90,1	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.942	1.787	-155	-8,0	174	192	19	10,9
Cheese	430	423	-7	-1,7	40	38	-2	-4,8
Olive oil	347	651	304	87,6	23	34	11	47,3
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.545	3.292	-253	-7,1	303	315	11	3,7
Fruit juices	2.253	2.272	19	0,9	177	197	20	11,2
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.708	2.739	32	1,2	249	263	13	5,3
Roasted coffee and tea	1.685	1.568	-117	-6,9	152	151	-1	-0,8
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.226	1.296	70	5,7	127	135	9	6,7
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	486	645	159	32,6	56	43	-13	-23,7
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.325	1.369	44	3,3	114	132	17	15,0
Soups and sauces	714	722	9	1,2	62	65	3	4,4
Coffee and tea extracts	516	475	-41	-7,9	37	42	6	15,6
Food preparations, not specified	1.908	1.984	76	4,0	161	185	24	14,8
Pet food	1.250	1.386	136	10,9	111	133	22	19,8
Waters and soft drinks	1.041	1.114	72	7,0	83	96	13	15,1
Beer	376	428	51	13,6	29	38	9	31,5
Spirits and liqueurs	1.606	1.729	123	7,6	162	181	19	11,7
Odoriferous substances	10	12	2	17,6	1	1	0	56,0
Raw hides, skins and furskins	669	634	-35	-5,2	44	54	10	23,2
Non edible animal products	393	407	14	3,5	35	38	3	8,5
Wool and silk	901	1.026	125	13,8	73	96	23	32,0
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	581	588	7	1,3	47	57	10	21,1
Cut flowers and plants	1.352	1.338	-13	-1,0	141	135	-7	-4,7
Bulbs, roots and live plants	903	936	34	3,7	76	81	4	5,7
Raw tobacco	2.440	2.325	-115	-4,7	212	204	-8	-3,9
Cigars and cigarettes	289	327	39	13,4	34	27	-7	-21,0
Fatty acids and waxes	2.342	2.319	-22	-1,0	209	185	-24	-11,5
Sugar alcohols	35	41	6	15,9	5	3	-2	-38,7
Essential oils	1.019	1.080	61	6,0	93	101	8	8,6
Ethanol	271	292	20	7,5	16	29	12	75,3
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	685	662	-23	-3,4	55	55	0	-0,2
Non-edible, not specified	7	9	2	28,3	1	1	-1	-39,8
Products non-attributable	447	303	-144	-32,2	11	16	5	44,2



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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	Nov-16 - Oct-17	Nov-17 - Oct-18	Difference Nov-17 - Oct-18 to Nov-16 - Oct-17		Oct-17	Oct-18	Difference Oct-18 to Oct-17	
	mio €				%	mio €		
<b>All agri-food products</b>	19.076	22.358	3.282	17,2%	2.618	2.961	342	13,1%
<b>Commodities</b>	-26.516	-22.733	3.783	14,3%	-2.051	-2.029	22	1,1%
<b>Other primary</b>	-8.552	-10.020	-1.468	-17,2%	-597	-629	-32	-5,3%
<b>Processed</b>	13.511	14.458	947	7,0%	1.417	1.545	128	9,0%
<b>Food preparations</b>	22.718	22.688	-31	-0,1%	2.220	2.284	64	2,9%
<b>Beverages</b>	15.078	15.357	279	1,8%	1.397	1.542	145	10,4%
<b>Non-edible</b>	2.836	2.608	-228	-8,1%	233	248	15	6,6%
Wheat	2.871	2.565	-306	-10,6%	84	118	34	40,9%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-1.356	-1.652	-296	-21,8%	-149	-143	6	3,8%
Rice	-901	-1.036	-134	-14,9%	-84	-101	-17	-20,3%
Flours and other products of the milling industry	623	573	-51	-8,1%	45	47	2	4,3%
Malt	978	1.003	26	2,6%	80	91	12	14,9%
Starches, inulin & gluten	1.007	909	-98	-9,7%	91	82	-9	-10,4%
Soyabean	-4.978	-4.945	33	0,7%	-308	-340	-32	-10,5%
Oilseeds, other than soyabean	-3.429	-2.759	670	19,6%	-339	-335	4	1,2%
Palm & palm kernel oil	-6.327	-5.547	780	12,3%	-433	-378	55	12,6%
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-316	82	398		-22,48	7,70	30	
Oilcakes	-7.098	-6.890	208	2,9%	-513	-576	-63	-12,4%
Other feed and feed ingredients	137	208	71	51,5%	-3	0	3	86,1%
Beet and cane sugar	-652	504	1.156		69	30	-39	-56,2%
Sugar, other than beet & cane	65	104	40	61,4%	4	15	11	274,2%
Milk powders and whey	4.384	3.892	-491	-11,2%	315	352	38	12,0%
Butter	818	835	17	2,1%	58	59	0	0,6%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	254	271	17	6,7%	22	26	3	14,8%
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-7.577	-6.583	994	13,1%	-631	-560	71	11,2%
Cocoa beans	-4.365	-3.730	635	14,5%	-267	-365	-98	-36,8%
Cocoa paste and powder	-720	-682	38	5,2%	-78	-80	-2	-2,9%
Agricultural commodities, not specified	67	143	76	114,3%	6	20	15	256,4%
<b>Live animals</b>	2.560	2.611	51	2,0%	217	185	-32	-14,8%
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-917	-831	87	9,5%	-156	-146	10	6,3%
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.117	4.811	-305	-6,0%	421	456	35	8,2%
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.203	1.041	-163	-13,5%	102	93	-9	-9,1%
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-831	-930	-98	-11,8%	-46	-36	11	22,8%
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.863	1.564	-298	-16,0%	157	144	-13	-8,0%
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.205	1.250	45	3,7%	107	116	10	8,9%
Eggs and honey	143	169	25	17,6%	-0,16	13,18	13,35	
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.812	-1.794	18	1,0%	-51	-62	-11	-20,6%
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.823	-4.556	-732	-19,1%	-178	-238	-60	-34,0%
Citrus fruit	-1.487	-1.613	-126	-8,5%	-163	-189	-26	-15,9%
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.640	-12.674	-34	-0,3%	-1.075	-1.050	25	2,3%
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	871	932	60	6,9%	67	84	17	24,8%
Agricultural primary products, not specified	-2,6	-0,3	2	90,1%	0	0	0	
<b>Meat preparations</b>	-631	-405	226	35,8%	-43	-50	-7	-15,3%
Cheese	3.525	3.577	52	1,5%	314	355	41	13,0%
Olive oil	2.442	2.095	-347	-14,2%	220	213	-7	-3,0%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	1.053	1.475	422	40,0%	118	161	43	36,2%
Fruit juices	-1.382	-1.431	-49	-3,5%	-110	-117	-7	-6,7%
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	9.026	9.521	495	5,5%	964	1.021	57	5,9%
Roasted coffee and tea	-521	-374	148	28,3%	-46	-38	8	17,5%
<b>Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream</b>	4.215	4.318	103	2,4%	445	481	36	8,0%
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.845	6.811	-35	-0,5%	632	668	36	5,7%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.663	3.897	234	6,4%	389	437	47	12,2%
Soups and sauces	574	601	27	4,6%	57	62	6	10,4%
Coffee and tea extracts	259	297	38	14,8%	24	23	-1	-4,4%
Food preparations, not specified	4.255	3.983	-271	-6,4%	381	371	-10	-2,6%
Pet food	2.908	2.782	-126	-4,3%	293	243	-50	-17,1%
<b>Waters and soft drinks</b>	2.648	2.788	140	5,3%	235	261	27	11,5%
Beer	3.046	2.891	-155	-5,1%	263	237	-26	-9,9%
Spirits and liqueurs	9.140	9.481	341	3,7%	879	1.027	148	16,8%
Odoriferous substances	244	197	-47	-19,4%	21	17	-4	-17,7%
<b>Raw hides, skins and furskins</b>	1.226	796	-430	-35,1%	67	17	-49	-73,9%
Non edible animal products	88	102	14	16,5%	5	7	2	35,0%
Wool and silk	-766	-881	-115	-15,0%	-61	-86	-25	-39,9%
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	235	287	52	22,3%	67	55	-12	-17,9%
Cut flowers and plants	-634	-597	37	5,9%	-88	-79	9	10,6%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	812	909	97	11,9%	76	85	10	12,8%
Raw tobacco	-1.499	-1.451	48	3,2%	-140	-133	8	5,5%
Cigars and cigarettes	3.220	3.081	-138	-4,3%	253	283	30	11,8%
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.777	-1.698	80	4,5%	-156	-138	18	11,6%
Sugar alcohols	91	97	5	5,7%	3	9	5	153,7%
Essential oils	-294	-297	-3	-1,1%	-24	-23	0	1,7%
Ethanol	-100	-106	-6	-6,3%	0,33	-16,09	-16	
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.284	1.139	-145	-11,3%	110	106	-4	-3,7%
Non-edible, not specified	1.233	1.359	127	10,3%	118	160	41	35,1%
Products non-attributable	-283	-133	149	52,8%	2	1	-2	-78,2%