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U.S. Agricultural Trade...At a Glance

Nonagricultural Trade Grows Faster Than Agricultural Trade

Item	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1991
<i>Billion dollars</i>						
Agricultural exports (deflated) ^{1, 2}	15	33	41	24	25	25
Total exports (deflated) ²	92	166	221	168	248	255
Agricultural trade balance ¹	1	12	23	12	18	15
U.S. trade balance	1	2	-36	-134	-123	-87
<i>Percent</i>						
Exports' share of farm production ¹	14	25	29	22	24	22
All U.S. exports as a share of GNP	4	7	8	5	7	7
U.S. share of:						
World agricultural exports	14	18	18	15	14	NA
All world exports	15	13	12	12	12	13
U.S. share of:						
World agricultural imports	11	7	7	9	7	NA
All world imports	15	13	14	20	16	14
U.S. agricultural exports as a share of all exports	16	20	18	14	11	10
Agricultural imports as a share of all imports	13	9	7	6	5	5
Agricultural export price index ¹	40	88	100	88	91	89
U.S. consumer price index	47	65	100	131	159	165

Note: NA = Not available. ¹Fiscal year. All others are calendar year. ²in 1980 dollars. Source: *Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States*, USDA, ERS, various issues. *Agricultural Outlook*, USDA, ERS, various issues. *FAO Trade Yearbook*, United Nations, Food and Agriculture Organization, various issues.

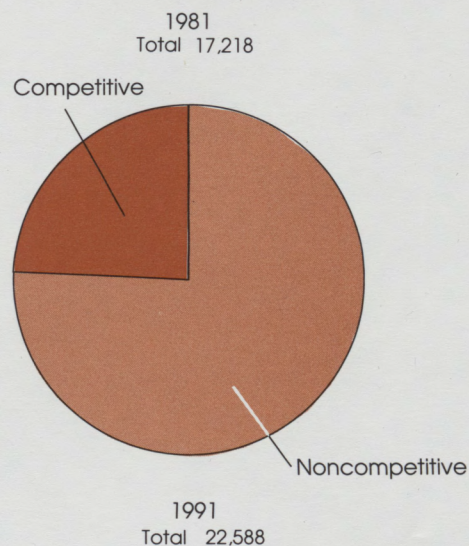
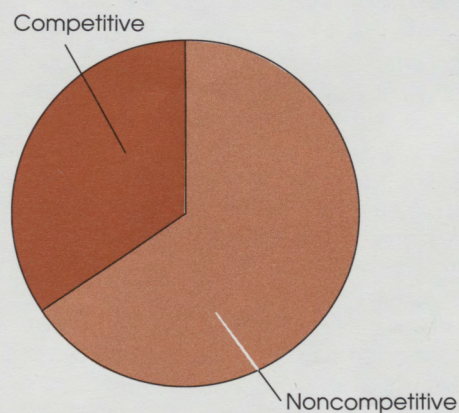
Grains and Oilseeds Led the List of U.S. Agricultural Exports...

Product	1981	Value ¹ 1986	1991
<i>Million dollars</i>			
Feed grains and products	10,497	3,817	5,789
Wheat and products	8,052	3,547	3,089
Oilseeds and products	9,305	6,266	5,609
Fruit, nuts, and vegetables	3,558	2,915	5,973
Animal products	4,107	4,353	6,789
Rice	1,537	648	749
Other	6,724	4,763	9,615
Total	43,780	26,309	37,613

...While Fruit, Nuts, and Vegetables Dominated Imports in 1991

Bananas	501	700	992
Coffee	2,800	4,151	1,831
Cocoa and products	953	1,189	1,005
Meat	2,222	2,248	3,016
Fruit, nuts, and vegetables	1,966	3,493	4,669
Sugar	2,170	654	717
Vegetable oils	522	555	750
Other	6,084	7,894	9,608
Total	17,218	20,884	22,588

The Value of U.S. Competitive Imports Is Increasing...



¹Data are reported in fiscal years.
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