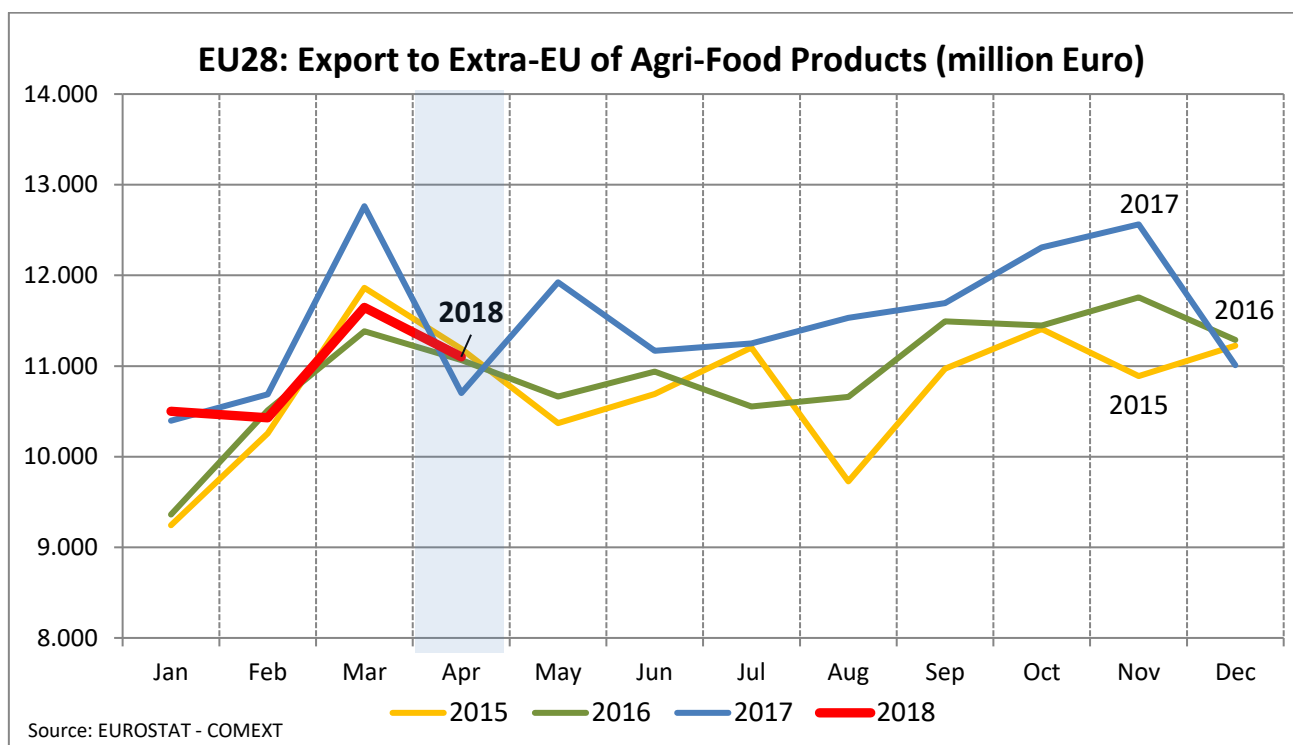


Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until April 2018



April 2018: Solid performance in EU agri-food exports and increase of trade surplus

The monthly values of EU agri-food trade in April 2018, compared to March, decreased in line with a seasonal pattern to **EUR 11.1 billion** in exports and **EUR 9.6 billion** in imports. However, the value of exports was 3.7% higher compared to April 2017 and very close to the level recorded in April 2015. Monthly import values, on the other hand, decreased by 2% compared to April 2017. This led to a widening of the monthly agri-food trade surplus to **EUR 1.5 billion** – a 66% increase over April 2017.

The highest increases in monthly export values (Apr 2018 compared to Apr 2017, EUR million) were recorded for the **USA (+64)**, **Japan (+59)**, **Algeria (+40)** and **Switzerland (+37)**, while exports fell most to **Saudi Arabia (-92)**, **Turkey (-71)** and the **UAE (-38)**.

By sector, the highest export growth (EUR million) was achieved in **raw hides and skins (+93)**, **wine (+90)**, **spirits (+62)** and **sugar (+47)**.

Milk powder exports decreased most in value terms (EUR -54 million); fruit (-30) and cigarettes (-27) exports also fell.

The value of April 2018 EU agri-food imports compared to April 2017 increased most for imports coming from **Ivory Coast (+50)**, **Chile (+42)** and **Tunisia (+37)**. The value of imports from **Ukraine (-110)**, **Indonesia (-74)**, **Australia (-71)** and **Paraguay (-67)** went down most. Significant decreases were recorded in imports of **oilcakes**, **unroasted coffee**, **sugar** and **palm oil**, while imports of **tropical fruit**, **raw tobacco**, **non-tropical fruit** and **bovine meat** saw the biggest increases in value terms.

Wine & spirits, dairy and sugar exports increase and offset decrease in trade with N. Africa / Middle East

For the 12-months period of May 2017 to April 2018, EU agri-food **exports** reached a value of **EUR 137.2 billion**, corresponding to an increase of 2.8% 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 the **USA** (+750; +4%), **Russia** (+601; +10%), **Japan** (+547; +9%) and **Turkey** (+344; +10%). Further annual increases were recorded in agri-food exports to **Ukraine** (+301; +19%), **China** (+257; +2%) **Serbia** (+240; 25%) and **Singapore** (+236; +12%).

Annual export values remain down for **North African** and **Middle East** destinations, in particular **Saudi Arabia** (-737; -16%), the **UAE** (-426; -13%), **Libya** (-203; -17%), **Egypt** (-165; -11%), **Algeria** (-128; -5%) and **Tunisia** (-100; -16%). Exports were also down to **Vietnam** (-400; -27%).

In EUR million, **wine** (+1 028; +9%), **infant food** (+700; +10%), **spirits and liqueurs** (+559; +5%) and **pet food** (+550; +15%) exports have been performing very well over the last twelve months. Export performance on a yearly basis also increased for sugar (+435), which saw an exceptional export growth rate of 62% on an annual basis.

On the other hand, **wheat** exports have experienced the most significant drop in value terms on an annual basis (EUR -1 254; -26%). Other categories with notable losses in export values over the last 12 months were pork meat (-482; -9%), fruit (excluding citrus and tropical fruit) (-207; -9%), cereals (excluding wheat and rice) (-198; -11%), cigars and cigarettes (-164; -5%); vegetable oils (excluding palm oil and olive oil) (-153; -6%), vegetables (-141; -5%), cocoa paste and powder (-121; -9%) and beer (-119; -4%).

Net trade surplus increases on stagnant import demand, sugar becomes net export

Agri-food **imports** from third countries in the 12-months period between May 2017 to April 2018 accounted for **EUR 115.3 billion**, i.e. an increase of just 0.3% compared to the same period one year ago. Driven by the stronger export performance over the 12-months period, the **export surplus** now stands at **EUR 22.0 billion** (+EUR 3.4 billion; +19%).

Main origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months (EUR billion) are **Brazil** (11.8) and the **USA** (10.5), followed by **Ukraine**, **China**, **Argentina**, **Indonesia**, **Switzerland** and **Turkey**, each accounting for between EUR 4.5 and 5.5 billion.

On the year-on-year basis, the value of agri-food imports (EUR million) from the **USA** has decreased the most (-646; -6%), followed by **Argentina** (-564; -10%), **Ghana** (-478; -28%), **Brazil** (-282; -2%) and **Ivory Coast** (-239; -12%). Some other key partners also experienced reductions both in absolute and relative terms, most notably **Nigeria** (-219), **Uruguay** (-170), and **Cameroon** (-156).

On the other hand, the value of imports from **Ukraine** (+1 121; +26%), and **India** (+564; +20%) increased the most. Over the 12 months period, EU import values for agri-food products coming from **China**, **Indonesia**, and **Morocco** also went up.

Looking at product categories, the highest increases in import values over the last twelve months were recorded for **cereals (excluding wheat and rice)** (+894; +38%), tropical fruit (+706; +5%), fatty acids (+644; +35%) and olive oil (+236; exceptional import growth of +75%). However, import values decreased in particular for **cocoa beans** (-1 317; -26%) as well as for soya beans (-663; -14%) and oilcakes (-653; -9%).

The last table in the annex of this monthly newsletter presents the **trade balance** and its development by product category. It is worth noting that in April 2018, the EU became a net exporter of **beet and cane sugar** on an annual basis (May 2017 – Apr 2018).

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 2017/18	May16- Apr17	May17- Apr18	May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		133.487	137.232	3.745	2,8	10.703	11.102	399	3,7
United States of America	1	21.100	21.850	750	3,6	1.649	1.712	64	3,9
China	2	11.504	11.760	257	2,2	928	914	-14	-1,5
Switzerland	3	8.031	8.155	124	1,5	675	712	37	5,5
Japan	4	5.993	6.540	547	9,1	467	526	59	12,5
Russia	5	5.935	6.535	601	10,1	480	495	15	3,1
Norway	6	4.324	4.452	128	3,0	336	367	31	9,2
Hong Kong	7	3.806	4.038	232	6,1	287	314	27	9,4
Saudi Arabia	8	4.492	3.755	-737	-16,4	405	314	-92	-22,6
Turkey	9	3.322	3.666	344	10,3	348	277	-71	-20,3
Canada	10	3.441	3.568	128	3,7	269	271	3	1,0
Australia	11	3.051	3.263	212	6,9	223	237	14	6,1
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.873	2.931	58	2,0	268	254	-14	-5,3
United Arab Emirates	13	3.197	2.771	-426	-13,3	229	190	-38	-16,8
Algeria	14	2.522	2.395	-128	-5,1	186	226	40	21,4
Singapore	15	2.042	2.277	236	11,5	182	198	17	9,1
Ukraine	16	1.596	1.898	302	18,9	110	143	33	29,9
Israel	17	1.771	1.824	53	3,0	136	159	23	16,5
Brazil	18	1.606	1.811	205	12,8	111	138	27	24,0
South Africa	19	1.791	1.749	-42	-2,3	116	137	21	17,8
Morocco	20	1.565	1.514	-51	-3,3	167	177	10	6,0
<i>other countries</i>		<i>39.522</i>	<i>40.476</i>	<i>953</i>	<i>2,4</i>	<i>3.129</i>	<i>3.340</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>6,7</i>

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

EU28 agri-food exports to	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2017/18	May16- Apr17	May17- Apr18	May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		133.487	137.232	3.745	2,8	10.703	11.102	399	3,7
United States of America	1	21.100	21.850	750	3,6	1.649	1.712	64	3,9
Japan	4	5.993	6.540	547	9,1	467	526	59	12,5
Algeria	14	2.522	2.395	-128	-5,1	186	226	40	21,4
Switzerland	3	8.031	8.155	124	1,5	675	712	37	5,5
Ukraine	16	1.596	1.898	302	18,9	110	143	33	29,9
Norway	6	4.324	4.452	128	3,0	336	367	31	9,2
Hong Kong	7	3.806	4.038	232	6,1	287	314	27	9,4
Brazil	18	1.606	1.811	205	12,8	111	138	27	24,0
India	32	941	850	-90	-9,6	57	80	23	40,2
Israel	17	1.771	1.824	53	3,0	136	159	23	16,5
Nigeria	29	835	999	164	19,6	79	70	-8	-10,4
Kuwait	39	697	651	-46	-6,6	61	52	-9	-14,4
Sudan	81	208	182	-25	-12,3	16	6	-10	-64,1
Indonesia	36	783	740	-42	-5,4	73	60	-14	-18,9
China	2	11.504	11.760	257	2,2	928	914	-14	-1,5
Korea (Republic of)	12	2.873	2.931	58	2,0	268	254	-14	-5,3
Belarus	34	878	799	-79	-9,0	88	71	-17	-19,6
United Arab Emirates	13	3.197	2.771	-426	-13,3	229	190	-38	-16,8
Turkey	9	3.322	3.666	344	10,3	348	277	-71	-20,3
Saudi Arabia	8	4.492	3.755	-737	-16,4	405	314	-92	-22,6
<i>other countries</i>		<i>53.007</i>	<i>55.163</i>	<i>2.156</i>	<i>4,1</i>	<i>4.193</i>	<i>4.517</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>7,7</i>

Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	May16-Apr17	May17-Apr18	Difference May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
All agri-food products	133.487	137.232	3.745	2,8	10.703	11.102	399	3,7
Commodities	23.639	23.026	-612	-2,6	1.951	1.993	42	2,2
Other primary	23.854	23.809	-45	-0,2	1.785	1.836	51	2,9
Processed	25.200	26.976	1.776	7,0	2.075	2.179	104	5,0
Food preparations	28.529	30.518	1.989	7,0	2.259	2.347	88	3,9
Beverages	17.493	18.237	743	4,2	1.389	1.501	112	8,1
Non-edible	14.775	15.104	329	2,2	1.244	1.351	106	8,6
Wheat	4.901	3.647	-1.254	-25,6	415	419	4	0,9
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.802	1.604	-198	-11,0	137	141	4	2,9
Rice	211	245	34	16,2	21	20	-2	-7,5
Flours and other products of the milling industry	821	757	-64	-7,7	66	57	-9	-13,3
Malt	1.005	1.004	-2	-0,2	77	76	-1	-1,6
Starches, inulin & gluten	988	1.044	57	5,7	90	77	-13	-14,8
Soyabeans	79	120	40	51,1	1	3	1	103,7
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	802	812	10	1,3	29	43	13	44,7
Palm & palm kernel oil	179	170	-9	-5,2	12	12	0	-0,4
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.404	2.251	-153	-6,4	171	207	36	20,9
Oilcakes	295	307	12	4,1	24	27	3	10,9
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.129	1.114	-15	-1,3	87	86	-1	-1,2
Beet and cane sugar	699	1.133	435	62,2	61	108	47	76,9
Sugar, other than beet & cane	522	524	2	0,4	42	47	4	9,7
Milk powders and whey	3.824	4.220	397	10,4	378	324	-54	-14,3
Butter	845	959	114	13,5	99	83	-15	-15,4
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.170	1.254	84	7,2	99	113	14	13,7
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	532	511	-21	-3,9	38	39	1	3,1
Cocoa beans	21	14	-7	-33,1	1	5	4	413,4
Cocoa paste and powder	1.353	1.232	-121	-8,9	96	95	-2	-1,7
Agricultural commodities, not specified	58	102	45	77,2	5	14	9	185,2
Live animals	2.641	2.921	280	10,6	206	224	18	8,8
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	747	819	72	9,6	58	69	10	17,9
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.437	4.955	-482	-8,9	393	381	-12	-3,2
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.472	1.551	79	5,3	114	127	14	12,0
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	103	135	33	31,7	14	9	-5	-34,1
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	3.001	2.954	-48	-1,6	218	212	-6	-2,9
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.123	1.285	162	14,5	99	109	10	9,6
Eggs and honey	652	669	17	2,7	56	58	3	4,6
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.156	3.015	-141	-4,5	219	235	16	7,1
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.438	2.231	-207	-8,5	182	152	-30	-16,3
Citrus fruit	498	532	34	6,9	42	43	1	1,3
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	1.022	1.062	40	3,9	83	95	12	14,3
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.563	1.679	116	7,4	100	123	22	22,3
Agricultural primary products, not specified	1	0	-1	-100,0	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	1.261	1.341	80	6,4	99	105	6	5,8
Cheese	3.759	3.974	214	5,7	332	320	-12	-3,6
Olive oil	2.714	2.816	102	3,8	214	209	-5	-2,4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.460	4.701	241	5,4	356	380	24	6,8
Fruit juices	840	858	18	2,2	77	75	-2	-2,3
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	11.067	12.095	1.028	9,3	909	999	90	9,9
Roasted coffee and tea	1.099	1.191	93	8,4	88	92	3	3,5
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.286	5.491	205	3,9	357	369	13	3,6
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.834	7.534	700	10,2	584	615	31	5,3
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	4.788	5.125	337	7,0	344	386	42	12,2
Soups and sauces	1.231	1.311	81	6,5	104	105	1	1,4
Coffee and tea extracts	760	786	26	3,5	61	64	3	5,6
Food preparations, not specified	5.866	5.957	91	1,5	501	487	-14	-2,9
Pet food	3.764	4.314	550	14,6	308	320	12	3,9
Waters and soft drinks	3.504	3.815	311	8,9	298	323	25	8,4
Beer	3.444	3.325	-119	-3,5	266	291	25	9,5
Spirits and liqueurs	10.300	10.859	559	5,4	809	871	62	7,7
Odoriferous substances	246	239	-7	-2,9	16	16	0	1,3
Raw hides, skins and furskins	1.667	1.777	110	6,6	151	244	93	61,4
Non edible animal products	442	496	54	12,3	41	48	7	16,4
Wool and silk	138	142	5	3,5	12	12	0	-2,4
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	854	817	-37	-4,3	76	64	-12	-15,7
Cut flowers and plants	691	732	41	5,9	60	58	-2	-3,4
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.654	1.795	141	8,5	167	210	43	25,5
Raw tobacco	963	884	-79	-8,2	75	70	-5	-7,2
Cigars and cigarettes	3.546	3.381	-164	-4,6	292	266	-27	-9,1
Fatty acids and waxes	535	709	174	32,6	50	49	0	-0,4
Sugar alcohols	128	130	3	2,0	10	10	0	3,3
Essential oils	647	777	129	19,9	54	62	8	15,8
Ethanol	161	178	17	10,5	10	17	7	69,2
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.951	1.891	-61	-3,1	148	141	-7	-4,5
Non-edible, not specified	1.246	1.233	-13	-1,0	85	86	1	1,5
Products non-attributable	153	162	9	5,8	13	13	1	5,0

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

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	May16-Apr17	May17-Apr18	May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		114.961	115.270	309	0,3	9.797	9.600	-197	-2,0
Brazil	1	12.106	11.825	-282	-2,3	937	949	11	1,2
United States of America	2	11.108	10.463	-646	-5,8	904	898	-6	-0,7
Ukraine	3	4.369	5.491	1.122	25,7	425	315	-110	-25,8
China	4	5.156	5.453	297	5,8	418	386	-32	-7,6
Argentina	5	5.904	5.340	-564	-9,6	394	393	-1	-0,3
Indonesia	6	4.673	4.867	195	4,2	440	365	-74	-16,9
Switzerland	7	4.647	4.645	-3	-0,1	343	358	15	4,4
Turkey	8	4.568	4.541	-27	-0,6	306	334	28	9,1
India	9	2.880	3.444	564	19,6	315	295	-20	-6,4
Ivory Coast	10	3.681	3.442	-239	-6,5	238	288	50	20,8
South Africa	11	2.582	2.711	128	5,0	204	229	25	12,4
Vietnam	12	2.557	2.651	94	3,7	226	203	-23	-10,2
Chile	13	2.300	2.386	85	3,7	233	275	42	18,1
New Zealand	14	2.271	2.362	91	4,0	215	198	-16	-7,6
Colombia	15	2.202	2.347	144	6,6	204	199	-5	-2,5
Thailand	16	2.335	2.329	-5	-0,2	196	209	13	6,6
Morocco	17	2.077	2.271	194	9,3	279	291	13	4,5
Australia	18	2.247	2.257	11	0,5	345	273	-71	-20,7
Canada	19	2.258	2.156	-102	-4,5	117	119	2	1,9
Peru	20	2.252	2.128	-124	-5,5	124	150	26	21,3
<i>other countries</i>		<i>32.787</i>	<i>32.161</i>	<i>-626</i>	<i>-1,9</i>	<i>2.933</i>	<i>2.870</i>	<i>-63</i>	<i>-2,1</i>

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

EU28 agri-food imports from	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2017/18	May16-Apr17	May17-Apr18	May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
Extra-EU28		114.961	115.270	309	0,3	9.797	9.600	-197	-2,0
Ivory Coast	10	3.681	3.442	-239	-6,5	238	288	50	20,8
Chile	13	2.300	2.386	85	3,7	233	275	42	18,1
Tunisia	37	447	589	142	31,7	33	69	37	112,7
Turkey	8	4.568	4.541	-27	-0,6	306	334	28	9,1
Pakistan	45	311	454	143	45,9	24	51	27	108,8
Peru	20	2.252	2.128	-124	-5,5	124	150	26	21,3
South Africa	11	2.582	2.711	128	5,0	204	229	25	12,4
Ghana	26	1.698	1.220	-478	-28,2	95	116	21	21,6
Malaysia	21	2.038	2.076	39	1,9	145	166	21	14,1
Moldova	35	562	666	104	18,4	30	50	20	64,9
Vietnam	12	2.557	2.651	94	3,7	226	203	-23	-10,2
Honduras	30	939	982	42	4,5	112	88	-24	-21,5
Nigeria	43	706	487	-219	-31,0	72	46	-26	-36,5
Israel	33	1.039	897	-142	-13,7	115	88	-26	-23,0
Papua New Guinea	40	600	536	-64	-10,7	70	44	-27	-37,9
China	4	5.156	5.453	297	5,8	418	386	-32	-7,6
Paraguay	32	979	920	-59	-6,0	128	61	-67	-52,2
Australia	18	2.247	2.257	11	0,5	345	273	-71	-20,7
Indonesia	6	4.673	4.867	195	4,2	440	365	-74	-16,9
Ukraine	3	4.369	5.491	1.122	25,7	425	315	-110	-25,8
<i>other countries</i>		<i>71.256</i>	<i>70.514</i>	<i>-742</i>	<i>-1,0</i>	<i>6.013</i>	<i>6.001</i>	<i>-12</i>	<i>-0,2</i>

Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	May16- Apr17	May17- Apr18	Difference May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
	mio €				%	mio €		
All agri-food products	114.961	115.270	309	0,3	9.797	9.600	-197	-2,0
Commodities	48.705	46.633	-2.072	-4,3	4.034	3.584	-451	-11,2
Other primary	31.851	32.680	829	2,6	2.946	3.077	131	4,5
Processed	12.958	12.758	-200	-1,5	1.009	1.026	17	1,7
Food preparations	7.088	7.627	539	7,6	574	616	42	7,3
Beverages	2.923	3.135	213	7,3	244	280	36	14,9
Non-edible	11.440	12.530	1.091	9,5	990	1.041	51	5,2
Wheat	1.175	1.107	-67	-5,7	84	67	-17	-20,6
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	2.341	3.235	894	38,2	234	219	-15	-6,4
Rice	1.038	1.201	163	15,7	93	107	13	14,4
Flours and other products of the milling industry	166	157	-9	-5,3	13	12	-1	-8,1
Malt	8	8	0	0,0	1	1	0	2,7
Starches, inulin & gluten	53	67	14	26,7	5	8	3	60,6
Soyabeans	5.398	4.735	-663	-12,3	463	427	-36	-7,7
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	3.707	3.840	134	3,6	376	300	-77	-20,3
Palm & palm kernel oil	6.019	6.177	158	2,6	533	469	-65	-12,2
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.403	2.593	191	7,9	199	169	-30	-15,0
Oilcakes	7.548	6.895	-653	-8,6	583	483	-100	-17,1
Other feed and feed ingredients	905	939	35	3,8	80	73	-8	-9,6
Beet and cane sugar	1.534	1.066	-468	-30,5	138	55	-83	-60,1
Sugar, other than beet & cane	444	444	1	0,2	42	41	-1	-1,5
Milk powders and whey	46	49	2	4,7	4	3	0	-11,3
Butter	51	66	15	30,2	3	2	-1	-21,1
Gums, resins and plant extracts	911	996	84	9,3	75	95	20	26,6
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	7.907	7.445	-462	-5,8	659	576	-84	-12,7
Cocoa beans	4.982	3.665	-1.317	-26,4	297	320	23	7,6
Cocoa paste and powder	2.037	1.927	-110	-5,4	150	155	5	3,0
Agricultural commodities, not specified	35	20	-15	-43,3	0	2	2	
Live animals	277	238	-38	-13,9	19	16	-2	-12,7
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.737	1.717	-20	-1,1	148	201	53	35,6
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	30	30	0	0,8	2	2	0	-3,7
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	297	375	78	26,2	24	37	14	56,9
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	924	1.026	102	11,1	121	113	-8	-6,8
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.045	1.184	139	13,3	86	85	-1	-1,4
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	26	24	-2	-6,2	2	2	0	-19,2
Eggs and honey	498	531	34	6,8	34	41	7	19,9
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.872	4.580	-292	-6,0	521	459	-62	-11,9
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	6.122	6.242	120	2,0	690	743	53	7,7
Citrus fruit	2.089	2.043	-46	-2,2	111	119	8	7,4
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.209	13.915	706	5,3	1.124	1.185	61	5,4
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	722	774	53	7,3	63	74	11	17,1
Agricultural primary products, not specified	5	0	-5	-97,1	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	2.074	1.810	-265	-12,8	155	132	-22	-14,4
Cheese	437	435	-2	-0,5	32	31	-1	-3,7
Olive oil	313	549	236	75,3	19	56	37	190,3
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.517	3.398	-119	-3,4	272	269	-3	-1,1
Fruit juices	2.275	2.248	-27	-1,2	185	185	-1	-0,4
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.675	2.692	17	0,6	214	223	9	4,3
Roasted coffee and tea	1.667	1.626	-41	-2,4	131	129	-2	-1,5
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.193	1.262	69	5,8	80	88	8	10,3
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	408	602	194	47,7	29	48	18	62,2
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.268	1.341	73	5,8	104	111	7	6,7
Soups and sauces	698	717	19	2,8	58	58	0	-0,5
Coffee and tea extracts	525	485	-41	-7,7	47	42	-4	-9,3
Food preparations, not specified	1.853	1.907	55	2,9	152	165	13	8,7
Pet food	1.144	1.313	170	14,8	103	103	0	-0,4
Waters and soft drinks	992	1.072	80	8,1	81	96	15	18,6
Beer	377	379	2	0,6	32	40	8	24,0
Spirits and liqueurs	1.539	1.674	134	8,7	130	143	13	10,1
Odoriferous substances	15	10	-4	-28,8	0	1	0	96,2
Raw hides, skins and furskins	675	637	-38	-5,6	52	58	6	11,6
Non edible animal products	367	404	37	10,1	34	32	-1	-4,4
Wool and silk	906	926	20	2,2	79	77	-2	-2,0
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	519	599	80	15,4	54	58	4	7,3
Cut flowers and plants	1.314	1.331	17	1,3	113	105	-8	-7,2
Bulbs, roots and live plants	885	929	45	5,1	73	83	11	15,0
Raw tobacco	2.276	2.473	197	8,6	172	229	57	33,0
Cigars and cigarettes	284	324	39	13,9	21	22	0	0,6
Fatty acids and waxes	1.867	2.512	644	34,5	171	166	-4	-2,6
Sugar alcohols	21	45	24	111,8	1	3	1	69,7
Essential oils	956	1.042	86	9,0	80	89	9	11,7
Ethanol	253	302	49	19,2	23	25	2	9,3
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	673	673	-1	-0,1	56	56	0	0,9
Non-edible, not specified	5	8	2		0	1	1	
Products non-attributable	437	326	-111	-25,4	62	36	-25	-41,0

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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	May16-Apr17	May17-Apr18	Difference May17-Apr18 to May16-Apr17		Apr-17	Apr-18	Difference Apr 18 to Apr 17	
	mio €			%	mio €			%
All agri-food products	18.526	21.962	3.436	18,5	906	1.502	596	65,8
Commodities	-25.066	-23.606	1.460	-5,8	-2.084	-1.591	493	-23,7
Other primary	-7.997	-8.871	-874	10,9	-1.161	-1.240	-80	6,9
Processed	12.241	14.218	1.977	16,1	1.066	1.153	87	8,2
Food preparations	21.440	22.891	1.450	6,8	1.685	1.731	47	2,8
Beverages	14.571	15.101	531	3,6	1.145	1.221	76	6,6
Non-edible	3.336	2.574	-762	-22,8	254	310	55	21,8
Wheat	3.726	2.539	-1.187	-31,8	331	352	21	6,4
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-539	-1.631	-1.092	202,6	-97	-78	19	-19,5
Rice	-827	-956	-129	15,6	-72	-87	-15	20,9
Flours and other products of the milling industry	655	601	-55	-8,3	53	46	-8	-14,5
Malt	998	996	-2	-0,2	76	75	-1	-1,7
Starches, inulin & gluten	935	977	42	4,5	85	69	-16	-19,1
Soyabeans	-5.319	-4.615	704	-13,2	-462	-424	37	-8,1
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	-2.905	-3.028	-123	4,2	-347	-257	90	-25,9
Palm & palm kernel oil	-5.840	-6.007	-167	2,9	-521	-457	65	-12,4
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	1	-342	-344	-25.310,2	-28	37	66	-233,4
Oilcakes	-7.253	-6.588	665	-9,2	-559	-456	102	-18,3
Other feed and feed ingredients	224	174	-49	-22,0	6	13	7	108,1
Beet and cane sugar	-835	67	903	-108,0	-77	53	130	-168,2
Sugar, other than beet & cane	79	80	1	1,7	1	5	5	703,1
Milk powders and whey	3.777	4.172	394	10,4	374	320	-54	-14,4
Butter	794	893	99	12,5	95	81	-15	-15,2
Gums, resins and plant extracts	259	258	-1	-0,3	24	18	-6	-26,3
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-7.375	-6.934	441	-6,0	-622	-537	85	-13,7
Cocoa beans	-4.961	-3.651	1.310	-26,4	-296	-315	-19	6,4
Cocoa paste and powder	-684	-695	-11	1,6	-54	-60	-6	11,4
Agricultural commodities, not specified	23	82	60	260,0	5	12	7	145,7
Live animals	2.364	2.682	318	13,5	188	208	20	10,9
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-989	-898	91	-9,2	-90	-132	-42	47,1
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.408	4.926	-482	-8,9	391	378	-12	-3,2
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.175	1.175	1	0,1	90	90	0	0,1
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-821	-891	-70	8,5	-107	-104	3	-3,1
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.956	1.770	-187	-9,5	132	127	-5	-3,9
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.097	1.261	164	14,9	97	107	10	10,3
Eggs and honey	155	138	-16	-10,6	22	17	-4	-19,5
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.716	-1.565	151	-8,8	-302	-224	78	-25,8
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.684	-4.011	-327	8,9	-508	-591	-83	16,3
Citrus fruit	-1.591	-1.511	80	-5,0	-69	-76	-8	11,1
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.187	-12.853	-666	5,5	-1.041	-1.090	-49	4,7
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	842	905	63	7,5	37	49	12	31,1
Agricultural primary products, not specified	-5	0	5	-96,7	0	0	0	
Meat preparations	-813	-469	345	-42,4	-55	-27	28	-50,7
Cheese	3.323	3.539	216	6,5	300	289	-11	-3,6
Olive oil	2.401	2.267	-134	-5,6	194	152	-42	-21,6
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	943	1.303	360	38,2	84	111	27	32,2
Fruit juices	-1.436	-1.390	45	-3,1	-108	-109	-1	1,0
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	8.392	9.403	1.011	12,0	695	775	81	11,6
Roasted coffee and tea	-568	-435	133	-23,5	-43	-38	5	-11,8
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.093	4.228	136	3,3	277	281	5	1,6
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.426	6.931	505	7,9	555	568	13	2,3
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.520	3.785	264	7,5	241	275	35	14,5
Soups and sauces	533	594	61	11,5	46	47	2	3,8
Coffee and tea extracts	234	301	67	28,6	14	22	8	55,7
Food preparations, not specified	4.014	4.050	36	0,9	349	321	-28	-7,9
Pet food	2.620	3.001	381	14,5	204	217	12	6,1
Waters and soft drinks	2.512	2.742	230	9,2	217	227	10	4,6
Beer	3.067	2.946	-122	-4,0	234	251	17	7,5
Spirits and liqueurs	8.760	9.185	425	4,8	679	728	49	7,2
Odoriferous substances	231	228	-3	-1,2	16	15	0	-1,6
Raw hides, skins and furskins	992	1.140	148	14,9	100	187	87	87,2
Non edible animal products	75	92	17	22,7	7	15	8	116,6
Wool and silk	-769	-784	-15	1,9	-66	-65	1	-1,9
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	335	218	-117	-34,9	22	6	-16	-71,5
Cut flowers and plants	-622	-599	24	-3,8	-53	-47	6	-11,6
Bulbs, roots and live plants	769	866	96	12,5	94	126	32	33,5
Raw tobacco	-1.313	-1.588	-276	21,0	-97	-159	-62	64,3
Cigars and cigarettes	3.261	3.057	-204	-6,2	271	244	-27	-9,9
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.332	-1.802	-470	35,3	-121	-117	4	-3,5
Sugar alcohols	106	85	-21	-19,9	9	8	-1	-8,3
Essential oils	-309	-266	43	-13,9	-26	-27	-1	3,4
Ethanol	-92	-124	-32	34,4	-13	-8	5	-37,4
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.278	1.218	-60	-4,7	92	85	-7	-7,8
Non-edible, not specified	1.240	1.225	-15	-1,2	85	85	0	0,2
Products non-attributable	-284	-165	120	-42,1	-49	-23	26	-53,1