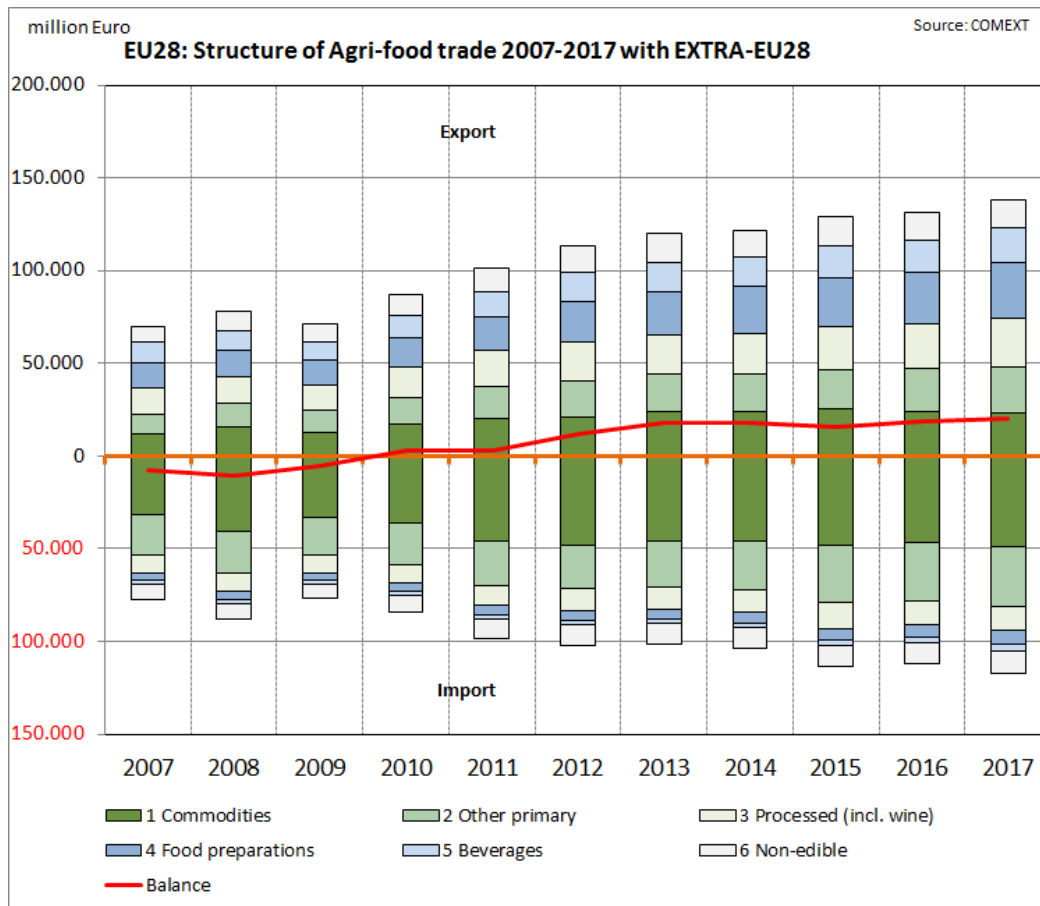


## Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development in 2017



### 2017: another record year for EU agri-food exports

For the year 2017, **EU agri-food exports reached a record value of EUR 137.9 billion**, corresponding to a sustained increase by 5.1 % in value terms compared to 2016.

Major gains in annual values have been achieved in agri-food exports to the **USA** (EUR +1.22 billion; +6%), **Russia** (EUR +892 million; +16%) and several **Asian markets**: Japan (EUR +645 million; +11%), China (EUR +591 million; +5%), Hong Kong (EUR +366 million; +10%) and Korea (EUR +341 million; +13%). Further annual increases were recorded

in agri-food exports to Turkey (EUR +456 million; +14%) and Switzerland (EUR +333 million; +4%), while increases of more than EUR 200 million also took place in exports to Philippines, Ukraine and Australia in the last twelve-month period.

2017 export values remain down for **North African** and **Middle East** destinations mainly due to less exports in cereals), in particular Saudi Arabia (EUR -532 million; -12%), Egypt (EUR 0.448 million; -25%), Morocco (EUR -176 million; -10%), Libya (EUR -163 million and Algeria (EUR -154 million; -6%) Agri-food exports to Vietnam and the United Arab Emirates also went down appreciably in 2017.

Exports of **wine** (EUR +1.24 billion; +12%), **milk powder** (EUR +926 million; +26%), **infant food** (EUR 722 million; +11%), **pet food** (EUR +602 million; +17%) and **spirits and liqueurs** (EUR 538 million; +5%) performed very well over the last twelve months.

The main destination for **EU wine exports** is the **USA**, followed by China, Switzerland, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong. Exports to the USA further increased over the last 12 months, however, in relative terms, exports to **Russia** and **Canada** showed a much more dynamic development.

On the other hand, **wheat and other cereals** exports experienced the largest drop in value terms on an annual basis (EUR -1.5 billion; -27.5% and EUR -256 million; -13.5%). Also **pork meat** fresh, chilled and frozen recorded a reduction in export values greater than EUR 0.1 billion) over the last 12 months.

## **EU agri-food imports increasing, but at a slower pace than exports: new surplus record in agri-food trade**

Agri-food imports from third countries in 2017 accounted for EUR 117.4 billion, i.e. an increase by 4.5% compared to 2016 data. Nevertheless, driven by the stronger export performance over the 12-months period, **the export surplus** now stands at **EUR 20.5 billion**, which represents a growth of 9% over last year and the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of agricultural trade surplus.

## **EU agri-food imports from Indonesia and Ukraine increasing most**

On the other hand, the value of imports from **Indonesia** and **Ukraine** increased most significantly (EUR +1.4 billion; +34% and EUR 1.2 billion; +27%, respectively). Over the 12 months period, EU imports of agri-food products also went up for India, Australia, China Morocco, Colombia and Vietnam by EUR 240-640 million.

Main origins for EU agri-food imports over the past 12 months are **Brazil** (EUR 11.8 billion), the **USA** (EUR 11.0 billion), **Argentina** (EUR 5.7 billion), followed by Ukraine China, 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 fell most from **Ghana** (EUR -336 million or -20%) and **USA** (EUR 239 million or -2%) Imports also fell by around EUR 120-190 million from each of the three top Latin American import origins, namely **Uruguay** (-24%), **Argentina** (-3%) and **Brazil** (-1%). Similar reductions were recorded for imports from Turkey (EUR -153 million) and Russia (EUR -128 million).

Looking at product categories, the highest increases in import values in 2017 were recorded for **palm oil** (EUR +1.1 billion; +19%), **fatty acids** (EUR +895 million; +56%), **cereals** other than wheat & rice (EUR +742 million; +32%), (**oilseeds** other than soybean (EUR +704 million; +21%), and **tropical fruit** (EUR +679 million; +5%).

However, import values decreased in particular for **cocoa beans** (EUR -738 million; -15%), **soya beans** (EUR -370 million; -7%), and **meat preparations** (EUR -212 million; -10%).

**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 2016/17	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		Dec-16	Dec-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
<b>Extra-EU28</b>			<b>131.171</b>	<b>137.904</b>	<b>6.733</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>11.315</b>	<b>11.005</b>	<b>-309</b>	<b>-2,7</b>
United States of America	1		20.737	21.954	1.217	5,9	1.783	1.617	-166	-9,3
China	2		11.379	11.971	591	5,2	845	863	18	2,2
Switzerland	3		7.874	8.207	333	4,2	648	636	-11	-1,7
Russia	4		5.624	6.516	892	15,9	514	519	5	1,0
Japan	5		5.774	6.419	645	11,2	535	575	40	7,5
Norway	6		4.307	4.479	172	4,0	346	345	-1	-0,3
Hong Kong	7		3.711	4.077	366	9,9	333	338	6	1,8
Saudi Arabia	8		4.576	4.044	-532	-11,6	404	325	-79	-19,5
Turkey	9		3.227	3.682	456	14,1	271	354	84	30,9
Canada	10		3.449	3.561	112	3,2	236	244	8	3,3
Australia	11		2.993	3.220	227	7,6	275	271	-4	-1,6
Korea (Republic of)	12		2.630	2.971	341	13,0	269	240	-30	-11,0
United Arab Emirates	13		3.137	2.952	-185	-5,9	306	229	-77	-25,1
Algeria	14		2.586	2.432	-154	-6,0	237	222	-15	-6,3
Singapore	15		2.004	2.202	198	9,9	184	167	-17	-9,1
Ukraine	16		1.546	1.814	269	17,4	156	180	24	15,6
Israel	17		1.707	1.796	88	5,2	177	155	-23	-12,7
South Africa	18		1.697	1.782	84	5,0	163	154	-9	-5,5
Brazil	19		1.555	1.685	130	8,4	135	144	10	7,1
Morocco	20		1.718	1.542	-176	-10,2	142	194	51	36,2
<i>other countries</i>			<i>38.939</i>	<i>40.598</i>	<i>1.659</i>	<i>4,3</i>	<i>3.358</i>	<i>3.232</i>	<i>-125</i>	<i>-3,7</i>

**Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in the year 2017**

EU28 agri-food exports to ....	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data				
	PARTNER/PERIOD (million Euro) source: COMEXT	Rank 2016/17	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		déc-16	déc-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
			mio €	mio €	mio €	%	mio €	mio €	mio €	%
<b>Extra-EU28</b>			<b>131.171</b>	<b>137.904</b>	<b>6.733</b>	<b>5,1</b>	<b>11.315</b>	<b>11.005</b>	<b>-309</b>	<b>-2,7</b>
United States of America	1		20.737	21.954	1.217	5,9	1.783	1.617	-166	-9,3
Russia	4		5.624	6.516	892	15,9	514	519	5	1,0
Japan	5		5.774	6.419	645	11,2	535	575	40	7,5
China	2		11.379	11.971	591	5,2	845	863	18	2,2
Turkey	9		3.227	3.682	456	14,1	271	354	84	30,9
Hong Kong	7		3.711	4.077	366	9,9	333	338	6	1,8
Korea (Republic of)	12		2.630	2.971	341	13,0	269	240	-30	-11,0
Switzerland	3		7.874	8.207	333	4,2	648	636	-11	-1,7
Philippines	24		1.016	1.289	273	26,9	76	87	11	14,8
Ukraine	16		1.546	1.814	269	17,4	156	180	24	15,6
Yemen	70		307	232	-74	-24,2	21	18	-4	-17,5
Tunisia	43		630	554	-76	-12,0	59	61	2	3,1
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	40		726	637	-89	-12,2	61	53	-8	-13,3
Algeria	14		2.586	2.432	-154	-6,0	237	222	-15	-6,3
Libya	30		1.151	988	-163	-14,2	95	62	-32	-34,2
Morocco	20		1.718	1.542	-176	-10,2	142	194	51	36,2
United Arab Emirates	13		3.137	2.952	-185	-5,9	306	229	-77	-25,1
Vietnam	25		1.441	1.179	-262	-18,2	103	76	-28	-27,0
Egypt	23		1.797	1.349	-448	-25,0	199	101	-98	-49,4
Saudi Arabia	8		4.576	4.044	-532	-11,6	404	325	-79	-19,5
<i>other countries</i>			<i>49.584</i>	<i>53.094</i>	<i>3.509</i>	<i>7,1</i>	<i>4.260</i>	<i>4.256</i>	<i>-4</i>	<i>-0,1</i>

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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 EXPORT							
	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		Dec-16	Dec-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
	mio €				%			
<b>All agri-food products</b>	131.171	137.904	6.733	5,1	11.315	11.005	-309	-2,7
<b>Commodities</b>	23.712	23.555	-157	-0,7	1.997	1.874	-123	-6,2
<b>Other primary</b>	23.316	24.039	723	3,1	2.149	2.109	-40	-1,9
<b>Processed</b>	24.428	26.764	2.336	9,6	2.088	2.213	125	6,0
<b>Food preparations</b>	27.836	30.163	2.326	8,4	2.484	2.391	-93	-3,8
<b>Beverages</b>	17.324	18.195	871	5,0	1.447	1.323	-125	-8,6
<b>Non-edible</b>	14.554	15.188	633	4,4	1.149	1.096	-53	-4,6
Wheat	5.553	4.029	-1.524	-27,5	420	347	-73	-17,4
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	1.897	1.641	-256	-13,5	160	123	-37	-23,1
Rice	194	240	47	24,1	16	22	6	36,1
Flours and other products of the milling industry	782	790	8	1,1	66	60	-6	-9,0
Malt	1.051	993	-58	-5,5	78	69	-9	-11,5
Starches, inulin & gluten	921	1.093	172	18,7	79	86	7	9,3
Soyabeans	54	144	90	165,4	13	13	0	-1,5
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	800	778	-22	-2,7	67	87	20	29,3
Palm & palm kernel oil	158	179	21	13,2	13	14	0	1,5
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.314	2.355	41	1,8	211	158	-53	-25,3
Oilcakes	275	299	24	8,6	23	24	1	4,0
Other feed and feed ingredients	1.102	1.105	4	0,3	91	95	3	3,5
Beet and cane sugar	631	902	271	42,9	73	127	53	72,9
Sugar, other than beet & cane	527	518	-9	-1,7	44	40	-4	-8,0
Milk powders and whey	3.529	4.455	926	26,2	326	297	-29	-8,8
Butter	835	919	84	10,0	45	70	25	56,4
Gums, resins and plant extracts	1.152	1.218	66	5,7	102	102	0	0,0
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	521	524	3	0,6	46	46	0	0,8
Cocoa beans	22	11	-11	-48,8	2	0	-2	-83,8
Cocoa paste and powder	1.340	1.297	-44	-3,3	117	91	-26	-22,2
Agricultural commodities, not specified	54	65	10	19,2	4	4	0	-10,7
<b>Live animals</b>	2.636	2.866	230	8,7	272	279	7	2,6
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	694	818	124	17,9	70	60	-10	-14,4
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.238	5.092	-146	-2,8	421	422	1	0,3
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.430	1.500	70	4,9	116	118	2	2,1
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	84	139	55	65,9	8	11	3	36,5
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	2.879	3.010	131	4,5	234	235	1	0,5
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.107	1.265	158	14,3	82	96	14	17,0
Eggs and honey	668	667	-1	-0,2	54	55	0	0,9
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	3.155	3.090	-65	-2,1	344	313	-31	-9,1
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	2.435	2.377	-59	-2,4	223	190	-33	-14,6
Citrus fruit	497	517	20	4,0	78	88	10	13,0
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	981	1.054	72	7,4	89	88	-1	-1,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	1.512	1.645	133	8,8	158	154	-5	-2,9
Agricultural primary products, not specified	1	0	-1	-100,0	0	0	0	0,0
<b>Meat preparations</b>	1.230	1.321	91	7,4	108	113	6	5,1
Cheese	3.619	3.991	372	10,3	300	314	15	4,9
Olive oil	2.681	2.834	153	5,7	209	210	1	0,6
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	4.364	4.643	280	6,4	376	420	44	11,7
Fruit juices	803	871	68	8,4	62	57	-5	-8,0
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	10.671	11.916	1.245	11,7	935	994	59	6,3
Roasted coffee and tea	1.062	1.189	127	12,0	100	105	5	5,3
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	5.208	5.468	259	5,0	463	445	-18	-4,0
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.632	7.353	722	10,9	594	567	-27	-4,5
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	4.710	5.019	309	6,6	394	402	8	2,0
Soups and sauces	1.197	1.303	107	8,9	108	107	0	-0,3
Coffee and tea extracts	768	785	17	2,2	59	59	0	-0,3
Food preparations, not specified	5.691	6.002	311	5,5	547	461	-86	-15,7
Pet food	3.631	4.233	602	16,6	319	349	31	9,6
<b>Waters and soft drinks</b>	3.454	3.738	283	8,2	258	244	-14	-5,4
Beer	3.417	3.467	50	1,5	277	236	-41	-14,8
Spirits and liqueurs	10.203	10.742	538	5,3	894	826	-69	-7,7
Odoriferous substances	249	249	0	-0,1	18	17	-1	-5,4
<b>Raw hides, skins and furskins</b>	1.656	1.865	209	12,6	57	45	-12	-20,6
<b>Non edible animal products</b>	421	481	60	14,3	41	36	-6	-13,3
Wool and silk	149	138	-10	-6,9	8	11	3	35,8
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	841	830	-11	-1,3	82	90	8	9,8
Cut flowers and plants	677	722	45	6,6	57	64	8	13,4
Bulbs, roots and live plants	1.631	1.749	117	7,2	110	121	12	10,6
Raw tobacco	973	899	-74	-7,6	85	59	-26	-30,3
Cigars and cigarettes	3.423	3.489	66	1,9	294	287	-7	-2,3
Fatty acids and waxes	528	682	153	29,0	41	40	-1	-3,4
Sugar alcohols	119	128	9	8,0	10	11	1	6,0
Essential oils	617	739	122	19,7	49	56	6	12,2
Ethanol	156	172	16	10,3	18	15	-3	-17,6
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.902	1.977	75	4,0	163	150	-13	-8,0
Non-edible, not specified	1.307	1.157	-150	-11,4	123	100	-23	-18,4
Products non-attributable	154	159	5	3,1	11	12	0	3,5

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

EU28 agri-food imports from ....	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2016/17	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		Dec-16	Dec-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%			mio €	mio €
<b>Extra-EU28</b>		<b>112.356</b>	<b>117.377</b>	<b>5.021</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>9.894</b>	<b>9.079</b>	<b>-816</b>	<b>-8,2</b>
Brazil	1	11.952	11.831	-121	-1,0	903	910	7	0,8
United States of America	2	11.221	10.982	-239	-2,1	1.006	830	-176	-17,5
Argentina	3	5.877	5.686	-191	-3,3	477	405	-72	-15,1
Ukraine	4	4.116	5.517	1.401	34,0	486	462	-24	-4,9
China	5	5.088	5.397	309	6,1	453	445	-7	-1,6
Indonesia	6	4.139	5.299	1.161	28,0	403	380	-22	-5,6
Switzerland	7	4.674	4.655	-19	-0,4	382	343	-39	-10,2
Turkey	8	4.645	4.492	-153	-3,3	408	373	-35	-8,5
Ivory Coast	9	3.653	3.570	-83	-2,3	333	264	-69	-20,7
India	10	2.789	3.427	638	22,9	206	299	93	45,4
South Africa	11	2.504	2.697	193	7,7	208	207	-1	-0,4
Vietnam	12	2.418	2.664	246	10,2	192	193	1	0,6
Australia	13	1.971	2.444	473	24,0	170	109	-61	-35,8
Colombia	14	2.125	2.390	266	12,5	184	151	-33	-17,8
Chile	15	2.349	2.368	19	0,8	147	140	-7	-4,7
New Zealand	16	2.368	2.331	-37	-1,6	140	123	-17	-12,4
Thailand	17	2.389	2.331	-58	-2,4	181	172	-9	-5,1
Morocco	18	1.936	2.239	303	15,7	222	224	2	1,1
Canada	19	2.253	2.229	-24	-1,0	363	279	-84	-23,2
Peru	20	2.180	2.126	-54	-2,5	256	194	-62	-24,3
<i>other countries</i>		<i>31.709</i>	<i>32.699</i>	<i>990</i>	<i>3,1</i>	<i>2.777</i>	<i>2.576</i>	<i>-201</i>	<i>-7,2</i>

**Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in the year 2017**

EU28 agri-food imports from ....	cumulative data: 12 month period					monthly data			
	Rank 2016/17	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		déc-16	déc-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
		mio €	mio €	mio €	%			mio €	mio €
<b>Extra-EU28</b>		<b>112.356</b>	<b>117.377</b>	<b>5.021</b>	<b>4,5</b>	<b>9.894</b>	<b>9.079</b>	<b>-816</b>	<b>-8,2</b>
Ukraine	4	4.116	5.517	1.401	34,0	486	462	-24	-4,9
Indonesia	6	4.139	5.299	1.161	28,0	403	380	-22	-5,6
India	10	2.789	3.427	638	22,9	206	299	93	45,4
Australia	13	1.971	2.444	473	24,0	170	109	-61	-35,8
China	5	5.088	5.397	309	6,1	453	445	-7	-1,6
Morocco	18	1.936	2.239	303	15,7	222	224	2	1,1
Colombia	14	2.125	2.390	266	12,5	184	151	-33	-17,8
Vietnam	12	2.418	2.664	246	10,2	192	193	1	0,6
South Africa	11	2.504	2.697	193	7,7	208	207	-1	-0,4
Honduras	29	869	1.044	175	20,2	50	64	14	27,8
Ivory Coast	9	3.653	3.570	-83	-2,3	333	264	-69	-20,7
Tanzania	55	351	268	-84	-23,9	42	22	-20	-47,3
Dominican Republic	41	606	497	-109	-18,0	38	31	-7	-18,0
Brazil	1	11.952	11.831	-121	-1,0	903	910	7	0,8
Russia	26	1.411	1.283	-128	-9,1	151	118	-33	-21,6
Turkey	8	4.645	4.492	-153	-3,3	408	373	-35	-8,5
Uruguay	39	775	586	-189	-24,4	34	37	2	6,3
Argentina	3	5.877	5.686	-191	-3,3	477	405	-72	-15,1
United States of America	2	11.221	10.982	-239	-2,1	1.006	830	-176	-17,5
Ghana	24	1.650	1.314	-336	-20,3	126	104	-22	-17,6
<i>other countries</i>		<i>42.259</i>	<i>43.748</i>	<i>1.489</i>	<i>3,5</i>	<i>3.805</i>	<i>3.450</i>	<i>-355</i>	<i>-9,3</i>

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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU 28 IMPORT							
	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		Dec-16	Dec-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
	mio €		%		mio €		%	
<b>All agri-food products</b>	112.366	117.377	5.021	4,5	9.894	9.079	-816	-8,2
<b>Commodities</b>	46.984	49.074	2.089	4,4	4.333	3.707	-626	-14,4
Other primary	31.380	32.461	1.081	3,4	2.781	2.640	-141	-5,1
Processed	13.051	12.813	-238	-1,8	1.125	1.017	-108	-9,6
Food preparations	6.951	7.477	526	7,6	584	586	3	0,4
Beverages	2.899	3.090	191	6,6	194	199	5	2,7
Non-edible	11.091	12.462	1.370	12,4	877	929	51	5,8
Wheat	1.256	1.134	-122	-9,7	124	47	-77	-61,9
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	2.339	3.081	742	31,7	241	273	32	13,1
Rice	1.045	1.204	159	15,2	88	136	47	53,6
Flours and other products of the milling industry	168	167	-1	-0,4	15	12	-3	-17,3
Malt	5	6	1	0,0	0	0	0	-77,1
Starches, inulin & gluten	52	62	9	17,8	4	4	1	21,9
Soyabeans	5.320	4.950	-370	-7,0	466	405	-61	-13,1
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	3.411	4.115	704	20,6	445	314	-131	-29,4
Palm & palm kernel oil	5.500	6.554	1.054	19,2	511	476	-34	-6,7
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	2.368	2.722	354	14,9	234	217	-17	-7,3
Oilcakes	7.331	7.331	0	0,0	670	610	-59	-8,8
Other feed and feed ingredients	865	950	85	9,9	69	68	-1	-1,2
Beet and cane sugar	1.432	1.348	-85	-5,9	114	86	-29	-25,1
Sugar, other than beet & cane	444	446	2	0,5	36	34	-2	-5,8
Milk powders and whey	47	50	3	7,0	3	4	1	32,5
Butter	60	67	7	11,2	7	4	-3	-46,8
Gums, resins and plant extracts	926	955	29	3,1	69	68	-1	-1,8
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	7.490	7.831	341	4,6	675	517	-158	-23,4
Cocoa beans	4.859	4.121	-738	-15,2	374	279	-95	-25,4
Cocoa paste and powder	2.031	1.980	-50	-2,5	187	152	-35	-18,7
Agricultural commodities, not specified	35	0	-34	-98,9	0	0	0	-27,6
Live animals	280	233	-46	-16,6	66	32	-34	-51,3
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.752	1.682	-70	-4,0	130	100	-31	-23,4
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	32	30	-2	-7,6	2	3	1	27,1
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	298	323	25	8,3	18	29	11	62,1
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	965	978	13	1,4	73	79	5	7,2
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.034	1.157	122	11,8	90	95	5	5,8
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	28	26	-2	-8,3	1	1	0	7,4
Eggs and honey	495	516	21	4,3	40	34	-6	-13,8
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	4.648	4.850	202	4,3	478	443	-35	-7,2
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	5.996	6.147	151	2,5	584	536	-48	-8,2
Citrus fruit	2.045	1.986	-58	-2,9	116	95	-20	-17,6
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	13.089	13.768	679	5,2	1.118	1.130	12	1,1
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	713	762	49	6,8	64	62	-2	-2,9
Agricultural primary products, not specified	3	3	-1	-23,0	1	0	-1	-100,0
Meat preparations	2.112	1.900	-212	-10,1	162	135	-27	-16,6
Cheese	447	430	-18	-3,9	46	46	0	-0,2
Olive oil	350	387	37	10,5	71	88	17	24,1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	3.511	3.497	-14	-0,4	305	269	-36	-11,7
Fruit juices	2.278	2.235	-43	-1,9	186	163	-23	-12,4
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	2.695	2.696	1	0,0	219	203	-16	-7,5
Roasted coffee and tea	1.657	1.667	11	0,7	136	114	-23	-16,7
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	1.197	1.230	33	2,7	96	87	-10	-10,0
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	388	526	138	35,5	33	46	13	39,9
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	1.245	1.327	82	6,6	111	103	-8	-7,0
Soups and sauces	692	721	29	4,2	59	59	0	-0,3
Coffee and tea extracts	512	506	-6	-1,2	45	36	-9	-19,9
Food preparations, not specified	1.812	1.891	79	4,3	149	146	-3	-1,8
Pet food	1.104	1.276	172	15,6	91	109	19	20,4
Waters and soft drinks	991	1.049	59	6,0	61	63	2	3,2
Beer	359	377	18	5,1	22	21	0	-2,0
Spirits and liqueurs	1.527	1.653	126	8,3	109	114	5	4,3
Odoriferous substances	22	10	-13	-56,7	1	1	0	-32,0
Raw hides, skins and furskins	657	675	18	2,7	63	65	2	3,2
Non edible animal products	354	397	44	12,4	31	33	3	8,2
Wool and silk	891	909	19	2,1	66	65	-1	-1,1
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	510	589	79	15,6	33	42	9	28,3
Cut flowers and plants	1.325	1.318	-7	-0,5	107	97	-10	-9,4
Bulbs, roots and live plants	864	910	47	5,4	65	69	3	5,2
Raw tobacco	2.311	2.437	126	5,5	195	176	-18	-9,4
Cigars and cigarettes	321	303	-17	-5,4	21	26	6	28,8
Fatty acids and waxes	1.600	2.495	895	55,9	146	193	46	31,8
Sugar alcohols	22	40	19	88,0	2	3	2	114,6
Essential oils	924	1.025	102	11,0	67	69	2	3,0
Ethanol	304	285	-19	-6,3	11	21	10	94,1
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	665	692	27	4,0	45	46	1	3,2
Non-edible, not specified	3	7	4		0	0	0	199,1
Products non-attributable	343	377	34	10,0	26	22	-5	-18,3



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

PRODUCT/PERIOD	EU28 TRADE BALANCE							
	Jan16- Dec16	Jan17- Dec17	Difference Jan17-Dec17 to Jan16-Dec16		Dec-16	Dec-17	Difference Dec 17 to Dec 16	
	mio €				%			
<b>All agri-food products</b>	18.815	20.527	1.712	9,1	1.421	1.927	506	35,6
<b>Commodities</b>	-23.273	-25.519	-2.246	9,7	-2.336	-1.833	503	-21,5
<b>Other primary</b>	-8.064	-8.422	-358	4,4	-632	-531	101	-15,9
<b>Processed</b>	11.378	13.951	2.574	22,6	963	1.196	232	24,1
<b>Food preparations</b>	20.885	22.685	1.800	8,6	1.900	1.804	-96	-5,1
<b>Beverages</b>	14.425	15.106	680	4,7	1.254	1.124	-130	-10,4
<b>Non-edible</b>	3.463	2.726	-737	-21,3	271	167	-104	-38,4
Wheat	4.297	2.895	-1.402	-32,6	295	299	4	1,3
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	-442	-1.440	-998	225,8	-81	-150	-68	84,1
Rice	-852	-964	-112	13,2	-72	-114	-42	57,4
Flours and other products of the milling industry	614	623	9	1,5	51	48	-3	-6,6
Malt	1.046	987	-58	-5,6	78	69	-9	-11,3
Starches, inulin & gluten	868	1.031	163	18,8	76	82	7	8,7
Soyabeans	-5.266	-4.806	460	-8,7	-453	-392	61	-13,5
Oilseeds, other than soyabeans	-2.612	-3.337	-725	27,8	-378	-228	150	-39,8
Palm & palm kernel oil	-5.342	-6.375	-1.033	19,3	-498	-463	35	-7,0
Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil	-54	-367	-313	577,4	-23	-60	-36	154,4
Oilcakes	-7.056	-7.032	24	-0,3	-646	-586	60	-9,3
Other feed and feed ingredients	237	155	-81	-34,4	23	27	4	17,7
Beet and cane sugar	-801	-446	356	-44,4	-41	41	82	-199,9
Sugar, other than beet & cane	83	72	-11	-13,3	8	7	-1	-17,8
Milk powders and whey	3.482	4.404	923	26,5	323	293	-30	-9,2
Butter	775	852	77	9,9	37	66	29	77,1
Gums, resins and plant extracts	226	264	38	16,7	33	34	1	4,0
Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate	-6.968	-7.307	-338	4,9	-630	-471	158	-25,2
Cocoa beans	-4.838	-4.110	728	-15,0	-372	-279	93	-25,1
Cocoa paste and powder	-690	-684	7	-1,0	-70	-61	9	-12,8
Agricultural commodities, not specified	20	64	45	227,8	4	4	0	-10,5
<b>Live animals</b>	2.356	2.632	277	11,7	205	246	41	20,0
Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-1.058	-864	194	-18,3	-61	-40	21	-33,8
Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	5.205	5.062	-143	-2,7	419	419	1	0,1
Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	1.132	1.177	46	4,0	98	89	-9	-8,8
Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen	-881	-839	42	-4,8	-65	-68	-2	3,6
Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen	1.845	1.853	9	0,5	144	139	-4	-2,9
Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt	1.079	1.239	160	14,9	81	95	14	17,2
Eggs and honey	173	151	-22	-12,8	14	20	6	41,8
Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried	-1.494	-1.760	-266	17,8	-134	-131	3	-2,4
Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit	-3.561	-3.771	-210	5,9	-361	-346	15	-4,3
Citrus fruit	-1.548	-1.470	78	-5,1	-38	-7	31	-81,1
Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices	-12.107	-12.714	-607	5,0	-1.028	-1.041	-13	1,3
Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones	799	884	85	10,6	94	92	-3	-2,8
Agricultural primary products, not specified	-3		3		0		0	
<b>Meat preparations</b>	-883	-579	303	-34,4	-54	-22	32	-59,7
Cheese	3.171	3.561	390	12,3	254	269	15	5,8
Olive oil	2.330	2.446	116	5,0	138	122	-16	-11,4
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	852	1.146	294	34,4	71	150	80	112,9
Fruit juices	-1.474	-1.364	111	-7,5	-124	-106	18	-14,6
Wine, vermouth, cider and vinegar	7.976	9.220	1.244	15,6	715	791	75	10,5
Roasted coffee and tea	-595	-479	116	-19,5	-36	-8	28	-76,7
Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream	4.011	4.238	227	5,6	367	358	-9	-2,4
Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk	6.243	6.827	584	9,3	561	521	-40	-7,2
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	3.465	3.692	227	6,5	283	299	16	5,5
Soups and sauces	505	582	78	15,4	49	49	0	-0,3
Coffee and tea extracts	256	278	23	9,0	14	23	9	62,2
Food preparations, not specified	3.879	4.111	232	6,0	398	315	-83	-20,9
Pet food	2.527	2.957	430	17,0	228	240	12	5,3
<b>Waters and soft drinks</b>	2.464	2.688	224	9,1	197	181	-16	-7,9
Beer	3.058	3.089	31	1,0	255	215	-40	-15,8
Spirits and liqueurs	8.676	9.088	412	4,8	785	712	-73	-9,3
Odoriferous substances	227	239	12	5,4	17	16	-1	-3,5
<b>Raw hides, skins and furskins</b>	999	1.191	192	19,2	-6	-20	-14	221,5
Non edible animal products	67	84	16	24,4	10	2	-8	-76,6
Wool and silk	-742	-771	-29	3,9	-58	-54	4	-6,1
Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials	331	241	-91	-27,3	49	48	-1	-2,5
Cut flowers and plants	-648	-596	52	-8,0	-51	-33	18	-35,0
Bulbs, roots and live plants	768	838	70	9,2	44	52	8	18,5
Raw tobacco	-1.338	-1.538	-200	15,0	-109	-117	-8	6,9
Cigars and cigarettes	3.102	3.186	84	2,7	273	260	-13	-4,6
Fatty acids and waxes	-1.072	-1.814	-742	69,2	-105	-153	-48	45,5
Sugar alcohols	97	88	-9	-9,8	9	7	-1	-13,2
Essential oils	-306	-286	20	-6,5	-18	-14	4	-23,1
Ethanol	-148	-113	35	-23,7	7	-7	-13	-198,0
Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches	1.237	1.286	49	3,9	118	103	-14	-12,3
Non-edible, not specified	1.304	1.150	-154	-11,8	123	100	-23	-18,6
Products non-attributable	-189	-218	-29	15,6	-15	-10	5	-35,0