

The importance of agricultural trade for the future development of agriculture and farming in the EU in the context of global food security

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Development of World Agricultural Trade

- Volume 1.500 – 1.700 billion US-Dollar
- Trade in agricultural products has grown almost threefold in value over the past decade
- Global trade in food products continues to expand rapidly



Important actors in world agricultural trade



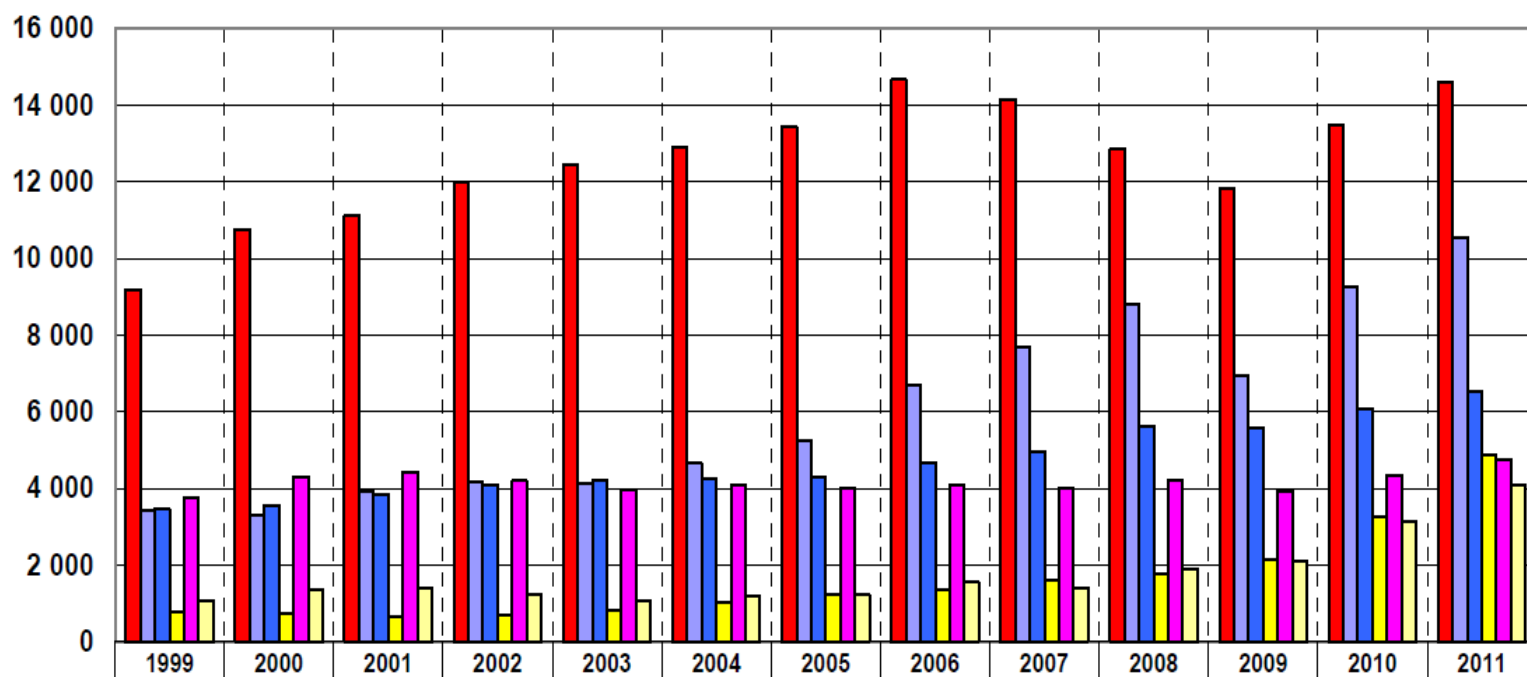
EU – Agricultural Trade

- Economic Importance
 - 125bn Euro
 - 7% of EU exports
 - 4th place of exporting sectors
 - Since 2013 EU worlds no. 1 exporter
 - EU net exporter of agricultural products
 - 25 – 30% of farmers income is generated by ag. exports



Source: EUROSTAT - COMEXT

EU27 Top destinations for agricultural exports - million EUR



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
USA	9188,164	10755,44	11112,01	11999,73	12463,5	12907,57	13431,1	14666,68	14161,36	12860,58	11832,48	13468,97	14602,85
Russia	3416,819	3312,577	3930,692	4171,544	4135,661	4660,526	5249,748	6711,182	7702,569	8823,725	6961,73	9282,3	10560,33
Switzerland	3461,368	3570,193	3862,656	4094,544	4216,355	4247,053	4296,925	4687,986	4970,798	5635,729	5585,364	6094,043	6538,969
China	803,4994	752,5275	645,9119	683,0053	820,0946	1012,242	1231,466	1372,079	1622,519	1786,623	2158,817	3257,393	4868,985
Japan	3749,695	4305,641	4439,568	4199,434	3973,885	4112,942	4017,646	4083,923	4013,385	4222,115	3936,65	4352,511	4752,002
Hong Kong	1072,158	1360,309	1414,794	1222,458	1088,758	1216,33	1232,892	1548,259	1416,908	1882,839	2086,517	3151,907	4071,635
World	48676,36	55232,26	56682,97	57844,26	57022,52	58445,24	63261,64	71435,08	73451,75	81145,04	74586,4	90794,73	105241,2

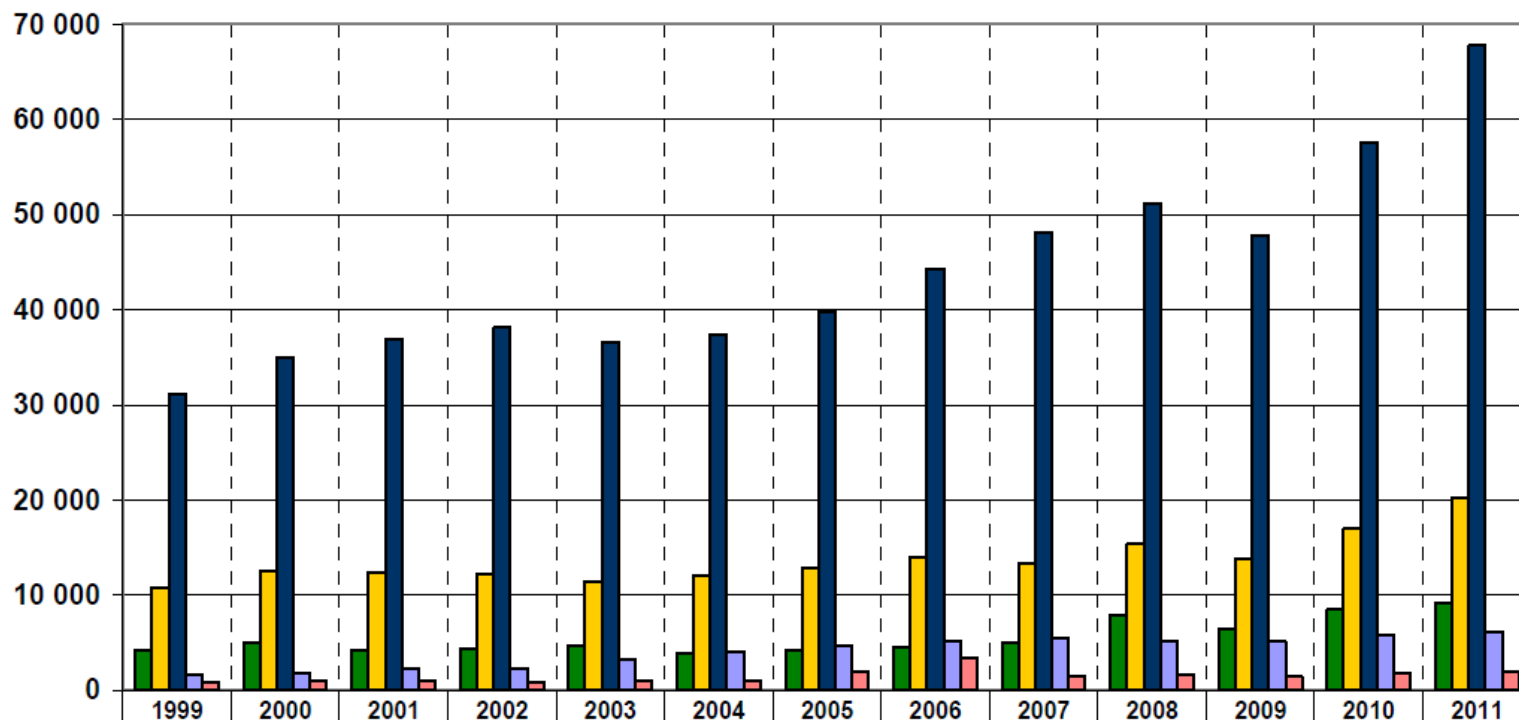
EU – Agricultural Trade

- Destination of EU Agricultural exports
 - Almost 75% of member states agricultural exports
 - Promote ag. exports to third countries
 - Remove non tariff barriers

- Value added Chain
 - Ag exports are not only an issue of agriculture
 - 65% are final products highly processed
 - Value added chain is an important economic pillar for rural areas

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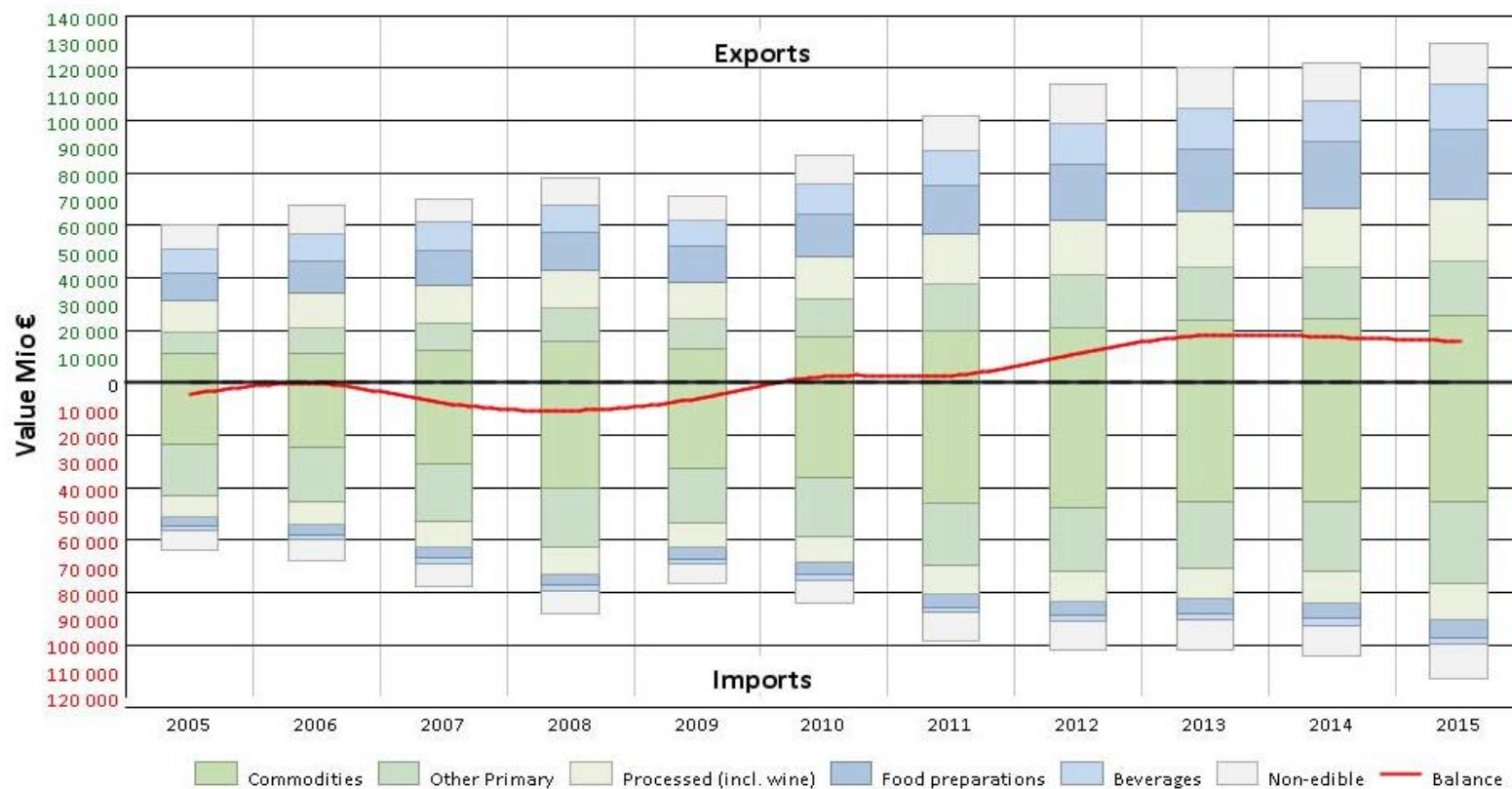
EU27 Agricultural exports 1999 - 2011 in million EUR



	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Commodities	4208,312	4940,568	4191,028	4302,21	4716,252	3923,248	4180,73	4472,456	5044,231	7900,626	6489,03	8486,632	9188,322
Intermediate	10813,48	12522,43	12366,07	12250,33	11482,17	11993,99	12784,69	13985,96	13308,74	15324,33	13768,35	16999,11	20190,96
Final products	31166,7	35021,39	36876,67	38108,26	36608,56	37423,1	39719	44298,8	48182,88	51225,05	47804,22	57632,67	67755,25
Other products	1672,86	1817,13	2290,526	2304,299	3305,286	4058,313	4610,501	5212,481	5409,865	5085,548	5122,849	5807,16	6143,663
Confidential Trade	815,0025	930,7511	958,6745	879,0826	910,1791	1046,524	1966,642	3465,301	1505,946	1609,392	1401,848	1869,033	1963,057
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EU Agri Food trade with: Extra EU 28

2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with Extra EU 28, 2005 – 2015



Agricultural Trade and Food Security

- Still 800m people worldwide suffer of hunger and malnutrition
- Responsibility for food security
- Hunger and malnutrition are more a problem of poverty than of supply
- Trade affects each of the four dimensions of food security
 - Availability
 - Access
 - Utilization
 - Stability



Agricultural Trade and Food Security

- Food security needs a certain degree of self sufficiency
- Trade can on both sides – exports and imports – create income
- EU ag exports to fast growing countries (increases in income and population, urbanization, changes in dietary structure and lifestyle habits)



Future orientations for EU Agricultural Trade

- External dimension of CAP must be strengthened
- Export to third countries must be expanded
- Barriers to trade must be abolished
- EU should take greater responsibility in trade policy



Future orientations for EU Agricultural Trade

- Level playing field for member states
- Russian ban must be lifted
- Global markets require global market transparency
- Success in ag trade is especially a success of SMEs
- EU must support SMEs in opening up third country markets



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