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Report Highlights:

Germany does not have a domestic processed sweet corn industry. In CY 2001 imports totalled 93,963 MT, including 80,730 MT of preserved sweet corn and 13,233 MT of frozen sweet corn. The United States is the fifth-largest supplier of preserved sweet corn to Germany with 2,810 MT. German exports are entirely transshipments.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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In Germany sweet corn production is limited by the generally cool weather. Total acreage amounted to 924 hectares in CY 2001 and was located mainly in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg (in Southwest Germany). The entire German sweet corn production is consumed as fresh.

This report covers sweet corn in tariff codes HS 0710 4000 (frozen sweet corn) and HS 2005 800 (sweet corn preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid).

German imports in CY 2001 included 13,233 MT of frozen sweet corn (up 7.5 percent from CY 2000) and 80,730 MT of preserved sweet corn (up 17 percent from the previous year). For preserved sweet corn, France is traditionally the main supplier to the German market; with a share of 44 percent, followed by Hungary, Italy and Thailand with a 26, 13, and 11 percent, respective market share. The United States ranked number 5 with only 3.5 percent of the import market or 2,810 MT. This is considerably down from 7,420 MT in CY 2000.

The main supplier of frozen sweet corn in CY 2001 was Hungary, followed by Belgium, France, and Serbia/Montenegro with a respective import share of 43, 15, 10, and 9 percent. U.S. exports of frozen sweet corn to Germany were negligible in 2001 and amounted to a mere 22 MT.

German exports are transshipments mainly to Austria, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands. Volumes in CY 2001 were 2,373 MT for frozen sweet corn, down 15 percent from the previous year, and 9,800 MT for canned sweet corn (down 1.5 percent).

Calculated (from trade data) domestic disappearance of canned and frozen sweet corn in CY 2001 amounted to 84,790 MT, which is an increase of 19 percent compared to 68,451 MT in CY 2000. Data on stocks are not available, which makes it difficult to judge actual consumption. Generally sweet corn consumption in Germany is increasing, as tex-mex food gains popularity. Canned sweet corn is primarily used in salads and as a vegetable side dish. Frozen sweet corn is mostly further processed into convenience foods.

Note: In recent years the U.S. dollar/German mark exchange rate has been as follows:

1991: US\$1 = DM 1.66;	1996: US\$1 = DM 1.50;	2001: US\$1 = DM 2.18
1992: US\$1 = DM 1.52;	1997: US\$1 = DM 1.70;	
1993: US\$1 = DM 1.65;	1998: US\$1 = DM 1.76,	
1994: US\$1 = DM 1.61;	1999: US\$1 = DM 1.66,	
1995: US\$1 = DM 1.43;	2000: US\$1 = DM 2.12.	

Further exchange rates (as of October 7, 2002, Handelsblatt) are for:

Euro / German mark:	Euro 1 = DM 1.95583,
U.S. dollar/ Euro	US\$1 = Euro 0.9795
Euro / U.S. dollar	1 Euro = U.S. dollar 1.0209
U.S. \$/ DM:	US\$1 = DM 1.9157

Table 1: German Imports of Sweet Corn Preserved otherwise than by Vinegar or Acetic Acid in MT and Import Prices in U.S.\$ per kg

IMPORT FROM	2000		2001		JAN/jun01		JAN/JUN02	
COUNTRY	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG
2005 8000 PRESERVED SWEET CORN								
U.S.	7,420	1.05	2,810	1.07	1,555	1.03	708	1.39
FRANCE	24,769	0.86	35,569	0.79	15,783	0.82	17,170	0.77
HUNGARY	14,978	0.76	20,720	0.77	11,969	0.77	14,390	0.80
ITALY	9,910	0.64	10,186	0.63	5,062	0.60	2,505	0.59
THAILAND	9,712	0.80	8,737	0.88	3,824	0.88	4,376	0.98
PORTUGAL			1,225	0.98	1,225	1.01		
CANADA	784	1.60	629	1.65	320	1.66	178	1.93
CHINA			382	1.17	370	1.14	152	1.21
GREAT BRITAIN	124	1.34	288	1.31	116	1.38	57	1.44
INDONESIA			83	0.64				
NETHERLANDS	1,150	0.97	41	0.91	83	0.65	70	1.02
BELGIUM	31	0.66			21	0.74		
TURKEY							42	0.81
SPAIN							23	0.78
OTHER	30	1.15	62	0.90	46	0.86	8	
GRAND TOTAL	68,909	0.83	80,730	0.80	40,372	0.81	39,679	0.81
INTRA-EU-15	35,990	0.80	47,338	0.77	22,221	0.78	19,827	0.75
EXTRA EU-15	32,919	0.86	33,392	0.85	18,151	0.84	19,852	0.87

Source: Based on Data obtained from Federal Office of Statistics
Office of Agricultural Affairs, Berlin, Oct/07/2002

Table 2: German Imports of Frozen Sweet Corn in MT and Import Prices in U.S.\$ per kg

IMPORT FROM	2000		2001		JAN/JUN01		JAN/jun02	
COUNTRY	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG
0710 4000 SWEET CORN, FROZEN/COOKED/UNCOOKED								
U.S.A.	51	1.12	22	0.99	-	-	-	-
HUNGARY	6,364	0.45	5,744	0.54	2,298	0.51	2,812	0.61
BELGIUM	1,626	0.88	1,949	0.82	949	0.81	769	0.93
FRANCE	1,491	0.87	1,284	0.99	605	0.94	543	0.87
SERBIA/ MONTENEGRO	390	0.42	1,180	0.51	260	0.44	342	0.57
NETHERLANDS	648	1.05	861	1.05	309	1.13	353	1.01
SPAIN	820	0.69	723	0.71	418	0.72	336	0.77
ISRAEL	349	1.23	487	1.08	207	1.26	287	1.32
POLAND	207	0.39	481	0.53	267	0.48	275	0.48
SLOVAKIA	-	-	125	0.51	-	-		
GREECE	-	-	109	0.92	-	-		
SOUTH AFRICA	112	0.72	-	-	-	-		
THAILAND	102	1.36	-	-	61	1.33		
CZECH REPUBLIC	-	-	-	-	21	0.58		
CHINA							134	1.21
ICELAND							96	0.91
OTHER	152	0.92	267	1.13	73	0.82	76	0.70
GRAND TOTAL	12,311	0.65	13,233	0.70	5,467	0.70	6,022	0.75
INTRA-EU-15	4,616	0.87	4,940	0.89	2,292	0.87	2,046	0.90
EXTRA EU-15	7,695	0.51	8,293	0.58	3,175	0.57	3,976	0.67
Source: Based on Data obtained from Federal Office of Statistics Office of Agricultural Affairs, Berlin, Oct/07/2002								