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Report Highlights:

China's imports of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products climbed an additional \$3 billion during August to a total of \$23.8 billion for the first eight months of 2004. Customs data indicates the U. S. remains the largest supplier of agricultural goods to this market at \$5.9 billion with Japan as the largest destination for Chinese exports at \$5.2 billion. Soybeans, cotton, hides and skins, and wheat are the primary imports from the U.S., while soybeans, cotton, palm and soybean oils, coniferous wood, and wool are the primary goods imported from the world. Domestic exports of \$17 billion appear to indicate a trade deficit, but the data does not account for the large volume of Chinese goods made from agricultural imports and exported abroad (e.g. textiles, shoes, furniture). This report updates CH4035.

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Executive Summary

The objective of this report is to provide greater insight and information concerning the kind, volume and value of agricultural, fishery, and forestry product goods China buys and sells. This report updates information provided in last month's report (CH4035). Readers should be aware data might not match other countries export statistics due to timing of exports (e.g. trade recorded in an exporting country at the end of one month or year (December for example) might not show up in China's records until the following month or year). Furthermore, values from one country to another may vary due to a disparity in recording methods (e.g. FOB or CIF). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to China and China's re-export from those locations.

China Customs data indicates agricultural, fishery, and forestry product imports reached \$23.8 billion in the first eight months of the year, an increase of nearly \$3 billion during August. Exports reached \$17 billion, an increase of just over \$2 billion in August. Many of the commodities China imports are for its large processing sector that are turned into non-agricultural commodities and exported (e.g. textiles, furniture, consumer goods like shoes, attaché cases). Therefore, it is not entirely appropriate to define these trade figures as a trade deficit in this situation.

Imports

China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the World by Country

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports by Country (\$ Million) January-August				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	10,661	16,202	23,861
1	United States	1,903	3,615	5,917
2	Brazil	426	1,498	2,061
3	Argentina	376	1,284	1,800
4	Australia	884	858	1,654
5	Malaysia	824	1,310	1,635
6	Russia	1,207	1,183	1,477
7	Thailand	631	908	1,315
8	Indonesia	569	781	1,096
9	Canada	413	355	998
10	New Zealand	328	476	660

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the World by Entering Port

Top-Ten Locations for Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports by Port (\$ Million) January-August				
Rank	Port	2002	2003	2004
	-All Districts-	10,661	16,202	23,861
1	Qingdao	1,605	3,060	4,546
2	Nanjing	1,199	2,290	3,464
3	Shanghai	1,519	2,123	3,420
4	Tianjin	771	1,110	2,089
5	Shenzhen	1,280	1,522	1,679
6	Huangpu	728	871	1,593
7	Dalian	629	971	1,221
8	Guangzhou	528	788	736
9	Ningbo	219	422	734
10	Xiamen	176	356	540

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the World by Harmonized System Code

Top-Ten Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports at HS Code 6 Digits from the World (\$ Million) January-August					
Rank	HS Code	Description	2002	2003	2004
		Imports of Worldwide Ag., Fish, and Forestry	10,661	16,202	23,861
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	7,023	12,116	19,109
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,641	2,987	3,350
		All Aquatic (edible)	997	1,099	1,402
1	120100	Soybeans	1,269	3,728	4,672
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	79	789	2,913
3	151190	Palm Oil, not chemically modified	491	929	1,218
4	150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	72	465	1,104
5	440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	677	633	769
6	510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	383	379	636
7	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine greater than 16 kg	233	322	547
8	400122	Rubber, natural, technically specified (TSNR)	148	311	533
9	100110	Wheat, Durum	77	35	520
10	030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	374	404	509

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Imports from the U.S. by Harmonized System Code

Top-Ten Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports at HS Code 6 Digits from the US (\$ Million) January-August					
Rank	HS Code	Description	2002	2003	2004
		Imports of U.S. Ag., Fish, and Forestry	1,903	3,615	5,917
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	1,672	3,339	5,488
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	163	197	258
		All Aquatic (edible)	67	79	171
1	120100	Soybeans	634	1,579	2,279
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	37	461	1,669
3	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine heavier than 16 kg	184	237	363
4	100110	Wheat, durum	17	8	176
5	100190	Wheat, non-durum, meslin	5	0	176
6	210690	Miscellaneous edible preparations, other	24	102	146
7	440799	Wood, nonconiferous, not elsewhere specified	97	101	121
8	020649	Swine, frozen, other	18	40	64
9	020714	Chicken, frozen cuts and edible offal	223	242	58
10	030332	Fish, plaice, frozen excluding fillets	14	28	49

Source: China Customs

Exports**China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports to the World by Country**

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports by Country (\$ Million) January-August				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
	--World--	12,762	14,963	17,037
1	Japan	4,267	4,362	5,211
2	United States	1,422	1,829	2,341
3	Hong Kong	1,430	1,445	1,760
4	Korea, South	1,257	1,496	1,314
5	Germany	324	452	528
6	Russia	265	379	373
7	Malaysia	371	410	333
8	United Kingdom	179	252	326
9	Netherlands	232	278	309
10	Canada	135	179	288

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports by Departure Port

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports by Port (\$ Million) January-August				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	12,762	14,963	17,037
1	Qingdao	2,719	3,344	3,988
2	Shanghai	1,600	1,750	2,215
3	Dalian	1,864	2,418	2,213
4	Shenzhen	1,189	1,326	1,589
5	Tianjin	934	1,109	1,268
6	Ningbo	595	737	926
7	Xiamen	582	624	850
8	Nanjing	459	684	716
9	Fuzhou	442	415	540
10	Huangpu	424	410	486

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish and Forestry Worldwide Exports by Harmonized System Code

Top-Ten Ag., Fish and Forestry Exports at HS Code 6 Digits to the World (\$ Millions) January-August					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		World	12,762	14,963	17,037
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	8,406	9,768	10,261
		All Aquatic (edible)	2,561	2,985	3,597
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	1,795	2,210	3,179
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	485	680	870
2	160419	Fish, prepared and preserved, other	543	473	635
3	442190	Wood, articles, not elsewhere specified	384	435	534
4	441219	Wood, plywood less than 6mm thick, not elsewhere specified	83	134	361
5	050400	Animal casings, bladders, stomachs	175	245	337
6	160590	Mollusks, prepared or preserved	185	230	318
7	070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	237	233	273
8	200590	Vegetables, prepared or preserved, other and mixtures	174	188	262
9	100590	Corn, not for seed use	625	984	259
10	220190	Water, other	193	146	255

Source: China Customs