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Report Highlights:

This report presents China Customs agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodity trade data recorded from January to June 2005. Year to date agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports were \$17.2 billion of which \$4.0 billion originated from the United States. Leading imports from the world were soybeans, cotton, and palm oil. China's agricultural, fishery, and forestry exports were \$15.8 billion, primarily processed aquatic products, corn, and woodenware, of which \$2.1 billion were sent to the United States.

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The Agricultural Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing provides this report for information purposes only. Readers should be aware that China Customs data in this report will not match other countries' export statistics due to the timing of exports (e.g., trade recorded in an exporting country in one month may not show up in China's data until the following month). Furthermore, values from one country to another will vary due to disparity in recording methods (e.g., FOB vs. CIF/landed price). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to or from China. Finally, some inconsistencies may result from different classification of goods (e.g., hard wheat from one country may be classified as durum by China).

"HTS" refers to Harmonized Tariff System. At the two, four, and six-digit level, tariff line items/descriptions for all countries are harmonized; more precise categories may differ between countries. Commodity descriptions are increasingly precise as the number of digits increase.

Additionally, it is useful to recognize that trade data for many of these commodities are more accurately depicted on a marketing year basis, as reported in individual commodity reports.

Agricultural commodities refer to those commodities identified in Annex I of the Uruguay round of agricultural negotiations. Fishery commodities refer to commodities recognized in HTS Chapters 03.02 through 03.07, 16.04, and 16.05. Forestry commodities refer to HTS codes referred to in U.S. Trade Reports for Forest Products excluding pulp and paper.

Highlights

China Customs Reported Trade in the First Six Months of 2005		
	Jan-June 2005	Jan-June 2005
	All Commodities	Ag, Fish, and Forestry
Imports from the World:	\$302.6 billion	\$17.2 billion
Imports from the U.S.:	\$23.6 billion	\$4.0 billion
Exports to the World:	\$342.4 billion	\$15.8 billion
Exports to the U.S.:	\$72.7 billion	\$2.1 billion
Source: China Customs		

The United States holds its position as China's largest supplier of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products. Soybeans (\$3.6 billion) remain the highest value import in all commodity categories. Among other commodities, cotton (\$514 million) follows at a distant second, which, from this time last year, is down by 65 percent. However, compared to two years ago, remains strong (last year's spike in U.S. cotton imports is linked to China's abnormal shortfall). Other commodity imports from the U.S. are also increasing by import value. These include certain sawn and sliced wood (\$94 million), frozen chicken cuts (\$58 million), and frozen cod-excluding fillets (\$42 million).

China's \$4.0 billion in agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports from the U.S. surpasses total imports from over 200 individual countries/customs territories including: South Africa, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, and Chile.

The United States remains the second largest market for China's agricultural, fishery, and forestry products. Frozen fish fillets (\$251 million) remain the highest value import in all commodity categories. Among other commodities, wood articles (\$146 million) follows closely second. Other commodity exports to the U.S. are also increasing by import value.

These include varieties of wood plywood products (\$118 million and \$114 million respectively), unfermented apple juice (\$102 million), and wooden frames (\$58 million).

Compared to last year's figures, China's exports of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products are increasing, including products to the United States. Conversely, this year's imports from the U.S. are decreasing. This can be linked back to China's tremendous demand for cotton due to its shortfall during 2004.

Despite this year's lower demand for cotton, various countries including Australia, France, Zimbabwe, Russia, Canada, and Argentina have increased imports to China from last year. Some of this year's increase is in wool, barley, sheep and lambskins, sugar, flour meal, peas, nuts, crab, wine, gum resin, and flax. FAS China forecasts that while China's import value and volume of U.S. commodities will continue growing and the market remains a high priority for exporters of U.S. agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities, U.S. exports to China should broaden to stave off dependence on a limited number of commodities.

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

Top 25 Ag, Fish and Forestry Imports by Origin [Country] (\$Millions) through June								
		Jan-June	Jan-June	Jan-June	% Share			% Change
Rank	Country	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	World	11,793	17,778	17,188	100	100	100	-3
1	United States	3,120	5,165	3,958	26	29	23	-23
2	Russia	902	1,085	1,470	8	6	9	35
3	Australia	701	1,166	1,236	6	7	7	6
4	Malaysia	901	1,205	1,185	8	7	7	-2
5	Brazil	825	1,231	1,128	7	7	7	-8
6	Argentina	539	952	1,010	5	5	6	6
7	Thailand	711	994	950	6	6	6	-4
8	Indonesia	542	794	782	5	4	5	-1
9	Canada	258	737	746	2	4	4	1
10	New Zealand	357	498	439	3	3	3	-12
11	France	236	176	350	2	1	2	99
12	Peru	106	167	328	1	1	2	96
13	Chile	97	130	209	1	1	1	60
14	Uzbekistan	99	246	202	1	1	1	-18
15	Japan	161	167	190	1	1	1	14
16	India	76	224	189	1	1	1	-16
17	Vietnam	136	148	163	1	1	1	10
18	Myanmar	82	104	156	1	1	1	49
19	Germany	153	129	141	1	1	1	9
20	Papua New Guinea	81	83	137	1	0	1	66
21	Korea, South	81	115	136	1	1	1	18
22	Zimbabwe	160	124	129	1	1	1	4
23	United Kingdom	46	72	118	0	0	1	65
24	Denmark	87	108	117	1	1	1	8
25	Netherlands	64	101	117	1	1	1	16

Source of Data: China Customs, January to June

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory (\$Million) through June								
		Jan-June	Jan-June	Jan-June	% Share			% Change
Rank	District	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	All Districts	11,793	17,778	17,188	100	100	100	-3.32
1	Qingdao	2,322	3,344	3,315	20	19	19	-1
2	Shanghai	1,587	2,640	2,436	13	15	14	-8
3	Nanjing	1,630	2,580	2,412	14	15	14	-7
4	Tianjin	775	1,683	1,224	7	9	7	-27
5	Huangpu	573	1,144	1,178	5	6	7	3
6	Dalian	681	869	982	6	5	6	13
7	Shenzhen	1,088	1,220	927	9	7	5	-24
8	Guangzhou	596	530	526	5	3	3	-1
9	Xiamen	244	402	460	2	2	3	14
10	Ningbo	322	519	427	3	3	2	-18
11	Nanning	242	367	393	2	2	2	7
12	Manzhouli	205	270	356	2	2	2	32
13	Hangzhou	178	268	352	2	2	2	32
14	Harbin	210	263	345	2	1	2	31
15	Shijiazhuang	177	191	286	2	1	2	50
16	Zhanjiang	169	320	224	1	2	1	-30
17	Fuzhou	108	213	218	1	1	1	2
18	Jiangmen	60	68	188	1	0	1	179
19	Kunming	83	96	157	1	1	1	63
20	Gongbei	124	176	144	1	1	1	-18
21	Hohhot	82	104	124	1	1	1	19
22	Beijing	77	96	89	1	1	1	-7
23	Zhengzhou	42	55	76	0	0	0	38
24	Chongqing	2	18	66	0	0	0	262
25	Urumqi	39	90	57	0	1	0	-36
Source of Data: China Customs, January to June								

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the World (\$Millions) through June					
HS	Description	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	% Change - 05/04 -
	China's Imports of Worldwide Ag, Fish, and Forestry	11,793	17,778	17,188	-3
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	8,721	14,317	13,036	-9
	All Aquatic (edible)	830	1,007	1,377	37
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,241	2,453	2,776	13
120100	Soybeans	2,554	3,344	3,557	6
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	613	2,454	979	-60
151190	Palm Oil, refined, not chemically modified	613	898	806	-10
440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	464	547	678	24
510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	318	447	529	18
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	393	388	522	35
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	317	388	512	32
400122	Rubber, technically specified natural (TSNR)	217	367	493	34
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	194	262	483	84
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	229	391	419	7
150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	259	834	416	-50
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	249	325	31
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, > 6m	279	320	293	-9
440349	Wood, other tropical, in the rough, not treated	275	334	283	-15
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	29	365	279	-23
100300	Barley	224	187	266	42
240120	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	206	143	243	71
071410	Cassava (Manioc), fresh or dried, w/nt pellet	117	189	220	16
440729	Wood, other tropical, sawn/chipped lengthwise	132	136	177	30
400121	Rubber, natural, in smoke sheets	235	235	170	-28
440710	Wood, coniferous, sawn/sliced >6mm	101	137	163	19
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	97	93	146	57
170111	Cane Sugar, Raw, Solid form w/o added flav/color	69	121	139	15
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl. Livers	169	100	128	28
410210	Hides and Skins, sheep, wool-on, fresh, not tanned	59	91	119	31
Source of Data: China Customs January to June					

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the U.S. (\$Million) through June					
		Jan-June	Jan-June	Jan-June	% Change
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
China's Imports of U.S. Ag, Fish, and Forestry		3,120	5,165	3,958	-23
All Agricultural Products (BICO)		2,913	4,848	3,556	-27
All Aquatic (edible)		59	131	185	41
All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)		148	187	218	17
120100	Soybeans	1,579	2,274	2,204	-3
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	389	1,485	514	-65
410150	Hides and Skins, whole bovine or equine, > 16kg	167	259	274	6
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, > 6m	79	89	94	5
030332	Plaice, frozen, excluding fillets	19	36	66	82
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl. Livers	168	56	58	4
030360	Cod, frozen excluding fillets	12	40	42	4
210690	Food Preparations, nesoi	65	90	40	-56
100190	Wheat (anything other than Duram and Meslin)	0	112	39	-65
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	19	28	38	37
030380	Fish, livers and roes, frozen	4	16	33	102
020649	Swine, frozen, edible offal, except livers	33	43	31	-28
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	23	25	25	-1
040410	Whey and Mod, Whey, whether concent. w/add. sweetener	12	14	25	82
440791	Wood, Oak, sawn, sliced > 6mm	9	15	24	60
230990	Animal Feed, excluding dog or cat, retail packages	21	22	21	-3
050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	40	20	19	-4
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	6	107	16	-85
410330	Hides and Skins, swine, not pretanned or salted	1	3	15	424
030749	Cuttlefish and Squid, frozen, dried, salted or brined	3	9	15	70
440391	Wood, Oak, in the rough not treated	6	11	14	30
330210	Food and drink, mixtures, odiferous substances	5	5	14	180
200410	Potatoes, frozen, prepared, etc.	14	19	14	-26
440890	Wood, Veneer Sheets, nonconiferous, <6mm, nesoi	12	14	14	2
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	3	7	13	91
Source of Data: China Customs January to June					

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by Destination

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Destination [Country] (\$Million) through June								
		Jan-June	Jan-June	Jan-June	% Share			% Change
Rank	Country	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	World-	11,057	12,644	15,775	100	100	100	24.76
1	Japan	3,291	3,892	4,427	30	31	28	14
2	United States	1,257	1,715	2,143	11	14	14	25
3	Korea, South	1,095	1,015	1,508	10	8	10	48
4	Hong Kong	1,103	1,313	1,358	10	10	9	3
5	Germany	341	385	555	3	3	4	44
6	Russia	292	287	391	3	2	2	36
7	Netherlands	207	239	320	2	2	2	34
8	United Kingdom	188	233	315	2	2	2	35
9	Malaysia	300	247	308	3	2	2	25
10	Canada	132	205	269	1	2	2	32
11	Taiwan	186	219	254	2	2	2	16
12	Spain	87	129	232	1	1	1	80
13	Indonesia	238	191	216	2	2	1	13
14	Italy	115	124	190	1	1	1	53
15	Belgium	80	90	183	1	1	1	103
16	Singapore	137	146	159	1	1	1	9
17	Australia	88	132	149	1	1	1	14
18	Korea, North	72	106	148	1	1	1	40
19	Philippines	118	134	141	1	1	1	5
20	United Arab Emirates	51	92	140	0	1	1	53
21	France	91	102	140	1	1	1	36
22	Thailand	97	123	140	1	1	1	13
23	Vietnam	135	97	137	1	1	1	41
24	India	94	104	113	1	1	1	9
25	Iran	77	7	112	1	0	1	1399
Source of Data: China Customs, January to June								

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by Port Territory

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exporting Port Territories (\$Million) through June								
		Jan-June	Jan-June	Jan-June	% Share			% Change
Rank	District	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	All Districts	11057	12644	15775	100	100	100	25
1	Qingdao	2478	2910	3744	22	23	24	29
2	Dalian	1750	1667	2372	16	13	15	42
3	Shanghai	1250	1652	2015	11	13	13	22
4	Shenzhen	1000	1166	1312	9	9	8	13
5	Tianjin	861	970	1196	8	8	8	23
6	Ningbo	560	688	828	5	5	5	20
7	Xiamen	491	665	803	4	5	5	21
8	Nanjing	495	511	670	4	4	4	31
9	Fuzhou	322	419	460	3	3	3	10
10	Huangpu	301	354	416	3	3	3	18
11	Guangzhou	222	282	324	2	2	2	15
12	Shantou	122	154	149	1	1	1	-3
13	Gongbei	103	130	146	1	1	1	12
14	Zhanjiang	76	100	120	1	1	1	20
15	Harbin	131	106	119	1	1	1	13
16	Nanning	98	92	108	1	1	1	18
17	Changchun	56	37	98	1	0	1	165
18	Shenyang	121	50	93	1	0	1	85
19	Jiangmen	68	81	87	1	1	1	7
20	Chongqing	49	83	86	0	1	1	4
21	Shijiazhuang	82	65	84	1	1	1	29
22	Wuhan	67	80	68	1	1	0	-15
23	Haikou	44	74	67	0	1	0	-9
24	Nanchang	21	47	56	0	0	0	19
25	Kunming	41	50	56	0	0	0	12
Source of Data: China Customs January to June								

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits (\$Million) through June					
HS	Description	Jan-June 2003	Jan-June 2004	Jan-June 2005	% Change - 05/04 -
	China's Exports Worldwide of Ag, Fish, and Forestry	11,057	12,644	15,775	25
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	7,296	7,735	9,512	23
	All Aquatic (edible)	2,157	2,655	3,246	22
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	1,604	2,254	3,017	34
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	508	640	813	27
100590	Corn (Maize), other than seed	701	222	625	182
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	402	542	593	9
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	326	395	458	16
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers, coniferous, <6mm both sides	104	240	403	68
160590	Mollucs, prepared or preserved	166	225	312	38
160232	Chicken meat or offal, prepared or preserved, nesoi	211	145	282	95
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	53	131	270	106
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	182	260	266	2
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	137	191	255	33
200590	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, prepared or preserved, not frozen	144	198	251	27
030379	Fish, frozen with bones, nesoi	174	186	247	33
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved or molded	73	81	227	182
070320	Garlic, fresh, or chilled	146	167	214	28
160520	Shrimp an Prawns, prepared or preserved	102	147	207	41
020329	Swine meat, frozen, nesoi	93	168	201	19
071290	Vegetables and mixtures, nesoi, dried	152	159	179	12
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	100	179	175	-2
120220	Peanuts, raw, shelled, broken or not	171	144	167	16
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved, excluding vinegar	158	183	159	-13
441900	Wood, Tableware and Kitchenware	129	135	157	16
210690	Food Preparations for NESOI	129	148	156	5
200290	Tomato Paste	70	90	153	71
441820	Wooden, doors and doorframes and thresholds	72	114	152	33
442010	Statuettes, and other Wood Ornaments	110	136	150	10
Source of Data: China Customs January to June					

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits (\$Million) through June					
		Jan- June	Jan-June	Jan-June	% Change
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	China's Exports to the U.S. of Ag, Fish, and Forestry	1,257	1,715	2,143	25
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	496	710	811	14
	All Aquatic (edible)	363	382	474	24
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	398	623	858	38
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	138	180	251	39
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	107	130	146	12
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers, coniferous, <6mm both sides	19	77	118	53
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	20	50	114	126
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	50	97	102	6
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	41	86	76	-12
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved or molded	17	19	70	271
442010	Statuettes, and other Wood Ornaments	53	63	60	-4
441400	Wooden frames paintings, mirrors, etc...	47	54	58	7
441820	Wooden, doors, and doorframes and thresholds	11	29	55	88
200830	Citrus fruit (incl. Mixtures), prepared, etc...nesoi	44	44	49	11
050400	Animals (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	33	44	43	-2
441213	Wood, plywood at least one outer layer tropical	6	36	39	10
160590	Mollucs, prepared or preserved	15	14	32	130
441119	Wood, fiberboard and lign. Material density>.8g/cm3, nesoi	1	3	31	1,038
071290	Vegetables and mixtures, nesoi, dried	32	26	30	16
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved excluding by vinegar	12	31	28	-11
160510	Crab, prepared or preserved	11	20	27	34
160520	Shrimp and Prawns, prepared or preserved	67	25	27	7
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	14	17	25	50
441214	Wood, plywood, at least one outer layer nonconiferous	0	3	24	820
441900	Wood, tableware, and kitchenware	16	20	23	12
170490	Confectionary Sugar (including wh choc), no cocoa, nesoi	10	15	22	46
200590	Vegetable Mixtures nesoi prepared/preserved nesoi not frozen	11	20	22	10
180400	Cocoa Butter, Fat and Oil	3	10	22	117
Source of Data: China Customs January to June					