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Report Highlights:

This report presents China Customs agricultural, fishery and forestry trade data recorded from January to September 2005. Year to date, agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports were \$27.3 billion of which \$5.4 billion originated from the United States. Year to date, agricultural, fishery, and forestry exports were \$24.3 billion of which \$3.4 billion were sent to the United States. The top twenty-five imports and exports for China have remained relatively consistent with previous reports. China's most significant change in import and export commodities was the import value of pacific salmon.

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Disclaimer

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 Nine Months of 2005		
	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2005
	All Commodities	Ag, Fish, and Forestry
Imports from the World:	\$478.1 billion	\$27.3 billion
Imports from the U.S.:	\$36.2 billion	\$5.4 billion
Exports from the World:	\$546.6 billion	\$24.3 billion
Exports from the U.S.:	\$117.4 billion	\$3.4 billion

China's agricultural, fishery and forestry imports and exports, to date, are relatively consistent with previous GAIN reports. Imports from the U.S. have increased by \$0.4 billion from the August report. China's exports to the U.S. have increased by \$0.5 billion. The major importing and exporting district for agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities in China is Qingdao, importing \$5.3 billion and exporting \$5.8 billion, to date. To date, soybeans remain the top imported commodity for China from the world and the United States. China's top exported commodity to the world and the U.S. is frozen fish fillets, to date.

Import Updates

The United States remains China's largest supplier of agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities. Soybeans (\$5.8 billion) continue to be the highest value import from the world in all commodities, nearly half of which is supplied by the U.S. (\$2.3 billion). Cotton remains the second largest commodity imported from the world (\$2.2 billion) and the U.S. (\$1.1 billion).

The top twenty-five imported commodities supplied by the U.S. have remained relatively consistent with previous reports. The top ten commodities - soybeans, cotton, hides, sawn wood, frozen chicken, plaice (type of flatfish), food preparations, untreated wood, frozen cod,

and frozen swine – have all remained within the top twenty-five in the respective order. The majority of the top ten commodities experienced an increase in the import value for the same time period last year.

There was one commodity that showed a significant increase in the amount imported when compared to January August 2005 GAIN report. Pacific salmon ranked thirty-third (\$11 million) in the previous GAIN report, to date the commodity has moved among the top twenty-five at number seventeen (\$32 million). The consumer market demand for salmon in China has increased, therefore causing an upward movement of fresh salmon. The market demand is caused by the increased popularity of Japanese culinary cuisines, in cities throughout China, which are prepared with fresh salmon.

Export Updates

The United States remains China's second largest export destination for agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities. To date, China has exported \$3.4 billion agricultural, fishery, and forestry products. Although the majority of the top twenty-five remain to be forestry products, frozen fish fillet (\$.41 billion) exports to the U.S. remain the top exported product.

There were no new commodities among the top twenty-five exported commodities to the U.S. when compared to the January August GAIN report. The top ten exports to the U.S. have remained in the same ranking, listed in respective order – frozen fish fillets, wood articles, plywood with hardwood, plywood, apple juice, grooved wood, stuffing down, wood statuettes, wood frames, and wood doors. The majority, of which, experienced an increase in export value compared to the same time period last year.

FAS China forecasts China's import value and volume of U.S. commodities will continue growing through the calendar year.

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

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Country (\$Millions) through September

Rank	Country	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	% Share			% Change
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	World	18,667	26,770	27,271	100	100	100	2
1	United States	3,884	6,243	5,403	21	23	20	-13
2	Argentina	1,867	2,112	2,380	10	8	9	13
3	Brazil	1,828	2,420	2,257	10	9	8	-7
4	Russia	1,345	1,682	2,206	7	6	8	31
5	Australia	948	1,866	1,890	5	7	7	1
6	Malaysia	1,525	1,872	1,829	8	7	7	-2
7	Thailand	1,013	1,486	1,473	5	6	5	-1
8	Indonesia	908	1,237	1,284	5	5	5	4
9	Canada	419	1,169	976	2	4	4	-17
10	Peru	252	381	689	1	1	3	81
11	New Zealand	543	731	623	3	3	2	-15
12	France	315	288	523	2	1	2	82
13	Uzbekistan	150	331	319	1	1	1	-4
14	Chile	156	184	299	1	1	1	62
15	India	108	283	286	1	1	1	1
16	Japan	236	258	280	1	1	1	9
17	Vietnam	206	214	260	1	1	1	22
18	Germany	203	199	228	1	1	1	15
19	Korea, South	134	186	216	1	1	1	16
20	Myanmar	111	142	201	1	1	1	42
21	Papua New Guinea	118	118	199	1	0	1	69
22	Netherlands	105	171	199	1	1	1	16
23	Denmark	151	181	174	1	1	1	-4
24	Gabon	164	130	172	1	0	1	33
25	United Kingdom	66	117	167	0	0	1	42

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory (\$Million) through September

Rank	District	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	% Share			% Change
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	All Districts	18,667	26,770	27,271	100	100	100	2
1	Qingdao	3,555	5,072	5,298	19	19	19	4
2	Shanghai	2,381	3,785	3,990	13	14	15	5
3	Nanjing	2,650	3,774	3,734	14	14	14	-1
4	Tianjin	1,315	2,372	2,076	7	9	8	-12
5	Huangpu	1,046	1,816	1,879	6	7	7	3
6	Dalian	1,054	1,440	1,618	6	5	6	12
7	Shenzhen	1,746	1,876	1,409	9	7	5	-25
8	Guangzhou	894	857	808	5	3	3	-6
9	Xiamen	435	599	700	2	2	3	17
10	Ningbo	509	799	631	3	3	2	-21
11	Nanning	420	550	592	2	2	2	8
12	Hangzhou	260	437	573	1	2	2	31
13	Manzhouli	299	422	521	2	2	2	24
14	Harbin	320	415	519	2	2	2	25
15	Shijiazhuang	288	292	406	2	1	1	39
16	Zhanjiang	293	507	391	2	2	1	-23
17	Fuzhou	173	338	370	1	1	1	10
18	Jiangmen	85	105	268	0	0	1	155
19	Gongbei	196	265	227	1	1	1	-14
20	Kunming	114	132	194	1	0	1	47
21	Hohhot	115	148	180	1	1	1	22
22	Beijing	125	158	167	1	1	1	6
23	Zhengzhou	64	88	119	0	0	0	35
24	Haikou	36	67	98	0	0	0	47
25	Chongqing	3	37	96	0	0	0	163

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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 September

HS	Description	Jan-Sept 2003	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	% Change - 05/04 -
	China's Imports of World Ag, Fish, and Forestry	18,667	26,770	27,271	2
	All Agricultural Products (UruguayAnnexI)	14,017	21,343	20,963	-2
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	3,372	3,772	4,185	11
	All Aquatic (edible)	1,278	1,655	2,123	28
120100	Soybeans	4,492	5,157	5,841	13
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	817	3,006	2,212	-26
151190	Palm oil, refined, not chemically modified	1,077	1,380	1,314	-5
440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	716	872	1,034	19
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	424	537	948	76
400122	Rubber, technically specified natural (TSNR)	371	619	847	37
510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	419	693	802	16
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	559	565	784	39
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	467	585	771	32
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	377	627	669	7
150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	617	1,242	649	-48
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, >6m	412	480	465	-3
440349	Wood, other tropical, in the rough, not treated	445	502	402	-20
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	53	605	364	-40
100300	Barley	245	261	345	32
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	526	339	-36
071410	Cassava (Manioc), fresh or dried, w/nt pellet	153	265	334	26
170111	Cane Sugar, Raw, Solid form w/o added flav/color	122	202	275	36
440729	Wood, other tropical, sawn/chipped lengthwise	206	235	270	15
240120	Tobacco, partly and wholly stemmed/stripped	218	177	245	39
400121	Rubber, natural, in smoke sheets	313	299	240	-20
440710	Wood, coniferous, sawn/sliced >6mm	158	211	240	14
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	152	154	232	51
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl. Livers	284	123	228	85
440391	Wood, Oak, in the rough, not treated	45	90	158	76

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by HTS 6 Digits from the U.S. (\$Millions)
through September

HS	Description	Jan-Sept 2003	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	% Change - 05/04 -
	China's Imports of U.S. Ag, Fish, and Forestry	3,884	6,243	5,403	-13
	All Agricultural Products (UruguayAnnexI)	3,568	5,759	4,771	-17
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	219	287	344	20
	All Aquatic (edible)	97	196	289	47
120100	Soybeans	1,593	2,279	2,331	2
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	476	1,694	1,123	-34
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	279	413	439	6
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, >6m	112	135	149	11
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl. Livers	280	59	113	92
030332	Plaice, frozen, excluding fillets	33	51	91	77
210690	Food Preparations, nesoi	116	154	55	-64
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	24	36	52	43
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	19	52	52	0
020649	Swine, frozen, edible offal, except livers	45	75	48	-37
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	41	44	45	3
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	223	42	-81
440791	Wood, Oak, sawn, sliced, >6mm	15	26	41	61
030380	Fish, livers and roes, frozen	6	26	39	53
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	17	211	35	-83
040410	Whey and Mod, Whey whether concentr. W/add. sweetener	19	21	35	67
030319	Pacific Salmon, nesoi, Excluding filet, liver, roe, fro	10	12	32	169
050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	60	34	28	-17
230990	Animal Feed, excluding dog or cat, retail packages	31	31	27	-14
440890	Wood, Veneer Sheets, nonconiferous, <6mm, nesoi	17	23	23	1
410330	Swine raw hides and skins, not pretan, frh, or salted, et	1	5	23	381
440391	Wood, Oak, in the rough not treated	10	17	22	31
200410	Potatoes, frozen, prepared, etc.	24	33	21	-36
330210	Food and drink, mixtures, odiferous substances	7	8	20	142
080510	Oranges, fresh	19	21	18	-14

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Country (\$Million) through September

Rank	Country	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	% Share			% Change
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	World	16,977	19,400	24,261	100	100	100	25
1	Japan	4,888	5,884	6,577	29	30	27	12
2	United States	2,105	2,664	3,405	12	14	14	28
3	Korea, South	1,709	1,511	2,212	10	8	9	46
4	Hong Kong	1,673	2,016	2,099	10	10	9	4
5	Germany	507	592	836	3	3	3	41
6	Russia	417	420	591	2	2	2	41
7	Malaysia	461	375	506	3	2	2	35
8	United Kingdom	283	377	492	2	2	2	31
9	Netherlands	311	346	479	2	2	2	39
10	Canada	207	329	444	1	2	2	35
11	Taiwan	275	319	385	2	2	2	21
12	Spain	142	211	373	1	1	2	77
13	Indonesia	362	333	336	2	2	1	1
14	Italy	166	188	288	1	1	1	53
15	Belgium	119	155	286	1	1	1	84
16	Singapore	200	240	253	1	1	1	6
17	Australia	143	213	246	1	1	1	16
18	Thailand	144	187	232	1	1	1	24
19	Philippines	186	195	230	1	1	1	18
20	France	137	157	223	1	1	1	42
21	Korea, North	127	186	223	1	1	1	20
22	Vietnam	219	169	217	1	1	1	29
23	United Arab Emirates	80	138	207	0	1	1	50
24	India	156	160	170	1	1	1	6
25	Mexico	54	109	151	0	1	1	39

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exporting Port Territories (\$Million) through September

		Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	Jan-Sept	% Share			% Change
Rank	District	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	All Districts	16,977	19,400	24,261	100	100	100	25
1	Qingdao	3,770	4,548	5,841	22	23	24	28
2	Dalian	2,736	2,520	3,555	16	13	15	41
3	Shanghai	1,992	2,517	3,092	12	13	13	23
4	Shenzhen	1,534	1,821	2,030	9	9	8	11
5	Tianjin	1,246	1,426	1,755	7	7	7	23
6	Ningbo	848	1,046	1,253	5	5	5	20
7	Xiamen	689	964	1,191	4	5	5	24
8	Nanjing	770	803	1,069	5	4	4	33
9	Huangpu	467	539	699	3	3	3	30
10	Fuzhou	461	620	653	3	3	3	5
11	Guangzhou	327	419	505	2	2	2	20
12	Shantou	202	247	240	1	1	1	-3
13	Gongbei	167	207	232	1	1	1	12
14	Zhanjiang	185	221	230	1	1	1	4
15	Harbin	188	150	182	1	1	1	22
16	Shenyang	174	63	176	1	0	1	182
17	Nanning	151	143	166	1	1	1	16
18	Changchun	86	61	151	1	0	1	146
19	Jiangmen	115	134	143	1	1	1	6
20	Chongqing	76	119	134	0	1	1	12
21	Shijiazhuang	137	107	120	1	1	0	12
22	Wuhan	107	124	109	1	1	0	-12
23	Haikou	80	112	106	0	1	0	-5
24	Kunming	75	93	99	0	0	0	6
25	Urumqi	49	35	92	0	0	0	161

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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 September

HS	Description	Jan-Sept 2003	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	% Change - 05/04 -
	China's Exports to the World of Ag, Fish, and Forestry	16,977	19,400	24,261	25
	All Agricultural Products (UruguayAnnex1)	11,081	11,546	14,422	25
	All Aquatic (edible)	3,389	4,210	4,996	19
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,507	3,644	4,844	33
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	766	989	1,291	31
100590	Corn (Maize), other than seed	1,136	265	908	242
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	493	679	736	8
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	490	602	704	17
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers coniferous, <6mm both sides	151	418	628	50
160590	Molluscs, prepared or preserved	259	362	516	43
160232	Chicken meat or offal, prepared or preserved, nesoi	313	295	455	54
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	91	228	437	92
070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	268	305	420	38
160520	Shrimps and Prawns, prepared or preserved	268	335	403	20
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	277	378	390	3
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved, or molded	116	161	382	138
200590	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, prepared or preserved, not frozen	214	300	378	26
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	171	228	351	54
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	238	262	320	22
020329	Swine meat, frozen, nesoi	156	294	299	2
071290	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, dried	221	232	270	16
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	167	268	257	-4
442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	168	233	255	10
441820	Wooden, doors and doorframes and thresholds	119	186	252	36
441900	Wood, tableware and kitchenware	197	218	251	15
210690	Food Preparations, nesoi	217	228	248	9
220190	Waters including Ice and Snow, w/o sweetener or flav.	173	285	234	-18
441400	Wooden frames paintings, photographs, mirrors, etc	135	182	221	21
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved, excluding vinegar	217	234	219	-6

Source of Data: China Customs, January to September

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 September

HS	Description	Jan-Sept 2003	Jan-Sept 2004	Jan-Sept 2005	% Change - 05/04 -
	China's Exports to the U.S. of Ag, Fish, and Forestry	2,105	2,664	3,405	28
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	647	1,041	1,388	33
	All Agricultural Products (UruguayAnnexI)	751	1,003	1,190	19
	All Aquatic (edible)	707	619	827	34
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	211	275	407	48
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	168	208	230	11
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	35	84	185	122
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers coniferous, <6mm both sides	29	137	185	35
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	63	112	136	21
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved, or molded	26	43	122	183
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	71	125	106	-16
442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	81	106	102	-3
441400	Wooden, frames, paintings, mirrors, etc.	75	85	94	10
441820	Wooden, doors and doorframes and thresholds	19	49	91	84
200830	Citrus fruit (incl. Mixtures), prepared, etc...nesoi	60	62	69	10
160590	Molluscs, prepared or preserved	23	28	67	139
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	57	67	66	-2
441213	Wood, plywood at least one layer tropical	12	54	57	4
160520	Shrimps and Prawns, prepared or preserved	186	46	53	15
160510	Crab, prepared or preserved	20	38	52	37
441119	Wood, fiberboard and lign., Material density >.8g/cm3, nesoi	2	5	48	866
170490	Confectionary Sugar (Including wh choc), no cocoa, nesoi	20	26	44	68
071290	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, dried	44	36	43	18
442090	Wood, Marquetry, etc; Wood Caskets and Cases, etc.	35	40	41	4
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	20	23	39	66
441900	Wood, tableware and kitchenware	24	33	38	17
441214	Wood, plywood, at least one outer layer nonconiferous	1	6	37	554
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved, excluding vinegar	17	36	35	-4
160540	Crustaceans, prepared and preserved, nesoi	38	26	34	29

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