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Imports of GSM Commodities as of September 1999

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Report Highlights:

During the first nine months of CY 1999, Korean imports of GSM-102 eligible commodities totaled \$3.8 billion, a 9-percent increase from a year earlier. Low per unit value for grains and soybeans continue to obfuscate the increase in import volume. U.S. market share is increasing for meat and corn increased, but decreasing for soybeans and cotton products.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Korea: U.S. Market Share for GSM-102 Commodities as of August 1999 (Unit in \$ million)														
GSM-102 Commodities	CY 1998			Jan.- Aug. Cumulative					Market Competitor					
	World	U.S.	US Shr	1998	1999	Chg.	U.S.	Shr.	China	Shr.	E.U.	Shr.	Australia	Shr.
Meat	445	211	47%	301	570	89%	261	46%	0	0%	110	19%	114	20%
Horticultural products	110	51	47%	88	132	50%	40	31%	6	5%	0	0%	0	0%
Corn	907	527	58%	721	638	-11%	539	84%	65	10%	0	0%	0	0%
Soymeal	207	72	35%	164	135	-18%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Soybeans	379	364	96%	267	205	-23%	185	90%	6	3%	0	0%	0	0%
Wheat	663	241	36%	519	411	-21%	153	37%	0	0%	22	5%	118	29%
Cotton	522	297	57%	403	376	-7%	79	21%	61	16%	2	1%	60	16%
Hides and skins	482	404	84%	371	338	-9%	300	89%	0	0%	23	7%	0	0%
Wood Products	912	118	13%	648	1,007	55%	130	13%	100	0%	33	3%	37	4%
TOTAL	4,626	2,286	49%	3,482	3,813	9%	1,687	44%	238	6%	191	5%	330	9%
Source: Korea Trade Information Services, CIF basis														