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Swaziland Agricultural Economic Fact Sheet

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Report Highlights:

The report presents the Swaziland Agricultural Economic Fact Sheet.



Swaziland

Agricultural Economic Fact Sheet

Foreign Agricultural Service
United States Embassy in South Africa
(Updated in November 2016)

General:

- Swaziland is a mountainous country surrounded mainly by South Africa and a small part by Mozambique and is estimated to be 17,364 km² (Slightly smaller than New Jersey).
- Swaziland is ruled by King Mswati III.
- Swaziland gained independence from the Europeans on September 6, 1968
- The agriculture sector is split between largely rain fed subsistence production by smallholders, and cash cropping on large private estates.
- Smallholders constitute 70% of the population, and occupy 75% of the crop land but productivity is low, accounting for only 11% of total agricultural outputs.
- Key agriculture commodities produced are sugar, cotton, maize, sorghum, peanuts, tobacco, cattle, goats, sheep, Pine and eucalyptus, pineapples, oranges, grapefruit, and limes
- Sugar is the largest single foreign exchange earner.
- Swaziland depends heavily on South Africa from which it receives more than 90% of its imports and to which it sends 60% of its exports.
- Swaziland's currency is pegged to the South African rand.

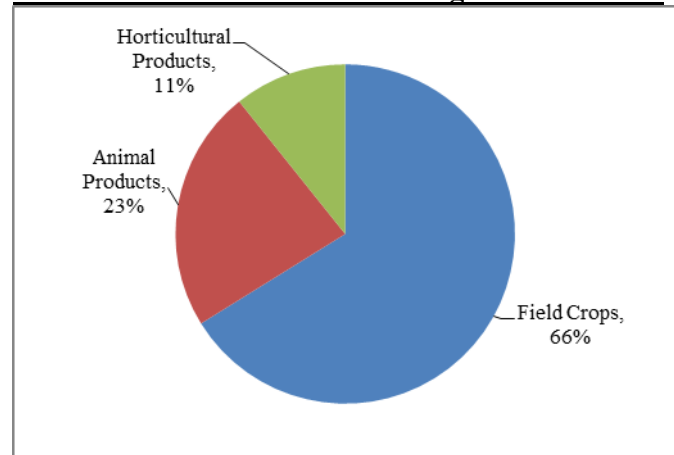
Economic Facts:

	2013	2014	2015
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Population (Million)	1,24	1,26	1,28
Total Real GDP (\$ Bill.)	4.6	4.4	3.8
Real GDP/capita (\$)	4,178	3,994	3,597
Real GDP growth %	4.60	2.70	1.70%
Primary Ag. % of GDP	6.98	6.49	6.60%
CPI inflation %	5.63	5.67	4.96%
Food inflation %	5.70	6.40	4.10%
Unemployment rate*	*	*	28.10 %
Ag employment ('000)*	*	*	322

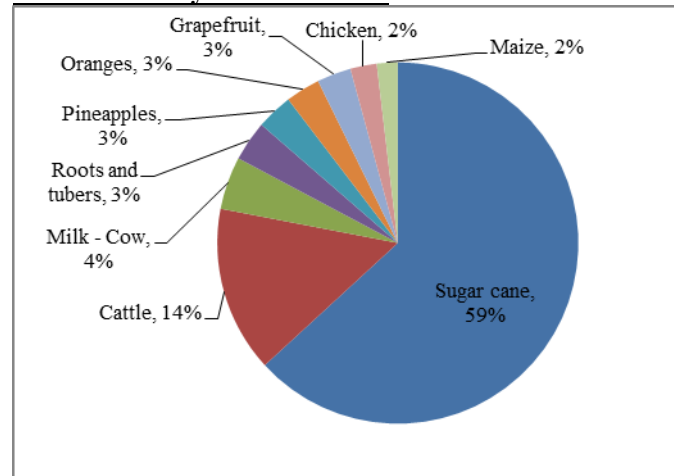
Agricultural Economic Facts:

\$ Million	2013	2014	2015
Field Crop Gross Value	212	188	166
Animal Gross Value	74	66	58
Horticulture Gross Value	35	31	28
Total Value of Production	321	286	251

Sector Distribution of Swaziland Agric. Production:



Gross Value by Commodities:



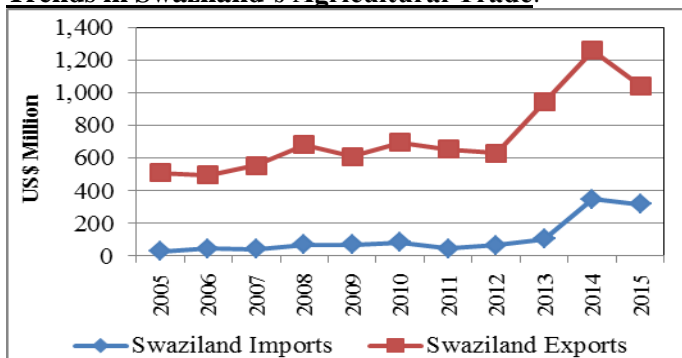
% of total employment*	*	*	70%
Prime Lending rate	8.50 %	8.75 %	9%

*Information not available for 2013 & 2014.

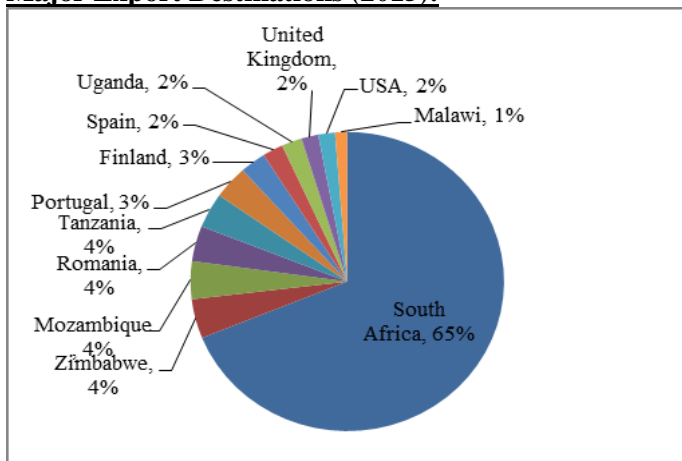
Agricultural Trade:

(US\$ Millions)	2013	2014	2015
Agricultural exports	659.7	1,074.0	901.8
Total Swazi. Exports	1,665.0	2,446.0	1,820.5
% of total Swazi. Exports	40%	44%	50%
Agricultural imports	96.8	340.0	308.4
Total Swazi. Imports	514.5	2,000.3	1,575.2
% of total Swazi. imports	19%	17%	20%

Trends in Swaziland's Agricultural Trade:

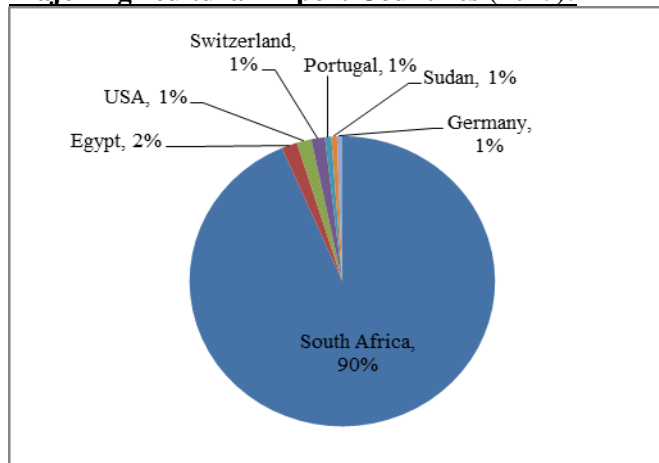


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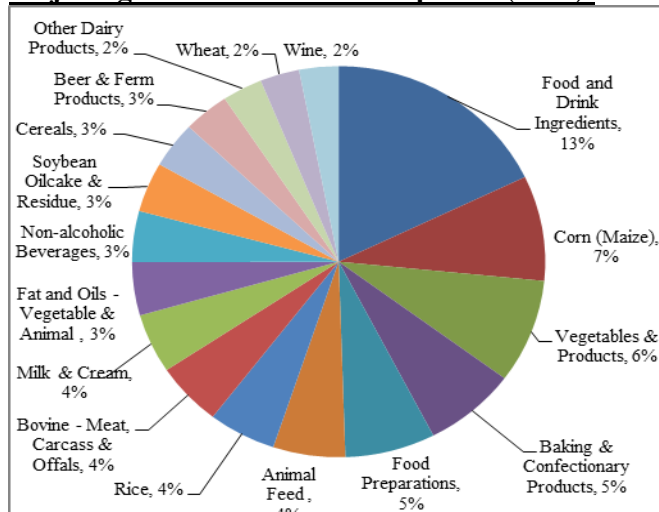


Major Agricultural Products Exported (2015):

Major Agricultural Import Countries (2015):



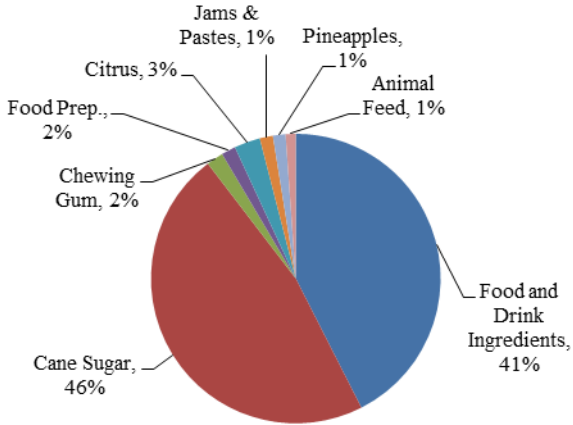
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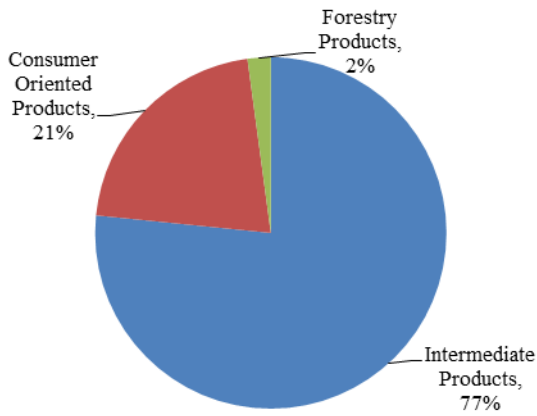
US - Swaziland Agricultural Trade

(US\$ millions)	2013	2014	2015
Swaz ag. exports to US	5.02	22.5	14.5
% of Total Swazi Ag. Exports	1%	3%	2%
Swaz ag. Imports from US	6.63	8.87	4.60
% of Total Swazi Ag. Imports	7%	3%	1%

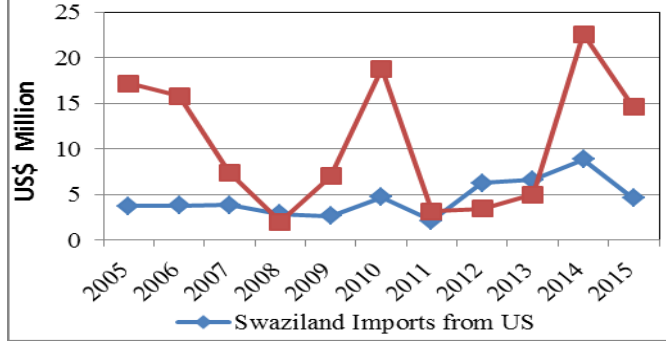
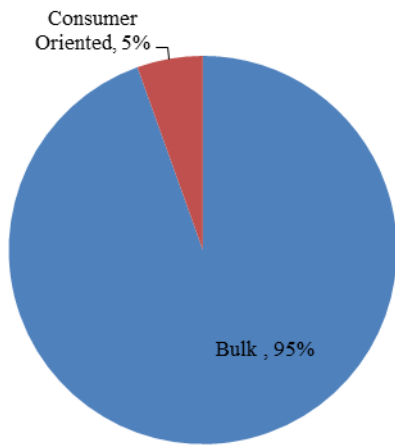
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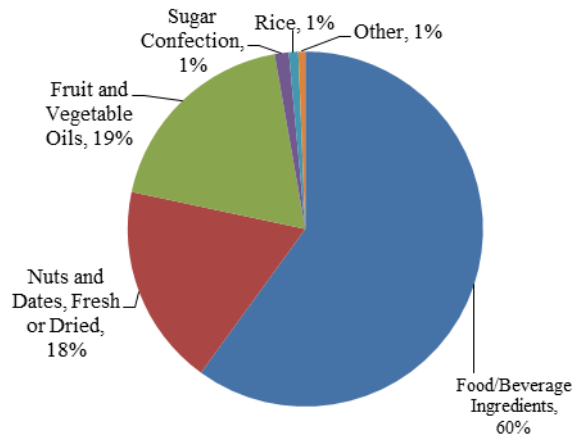
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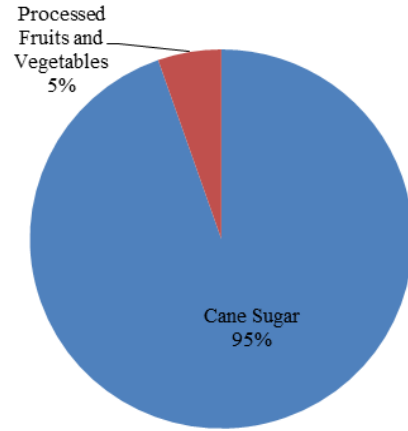
Categories of Ag Products Exported to the US :



Major Ag Products Imported from the US:



Major Agricultural Products Exported to the US:



Map of Swaziland:

