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China's 2013 Agricultural Trade Report

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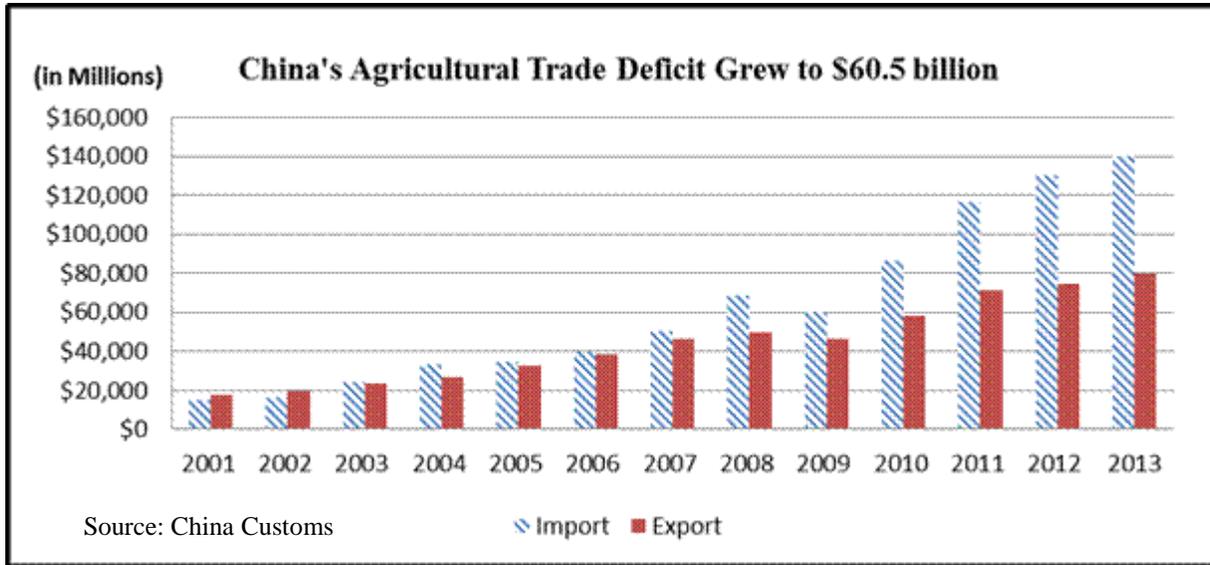
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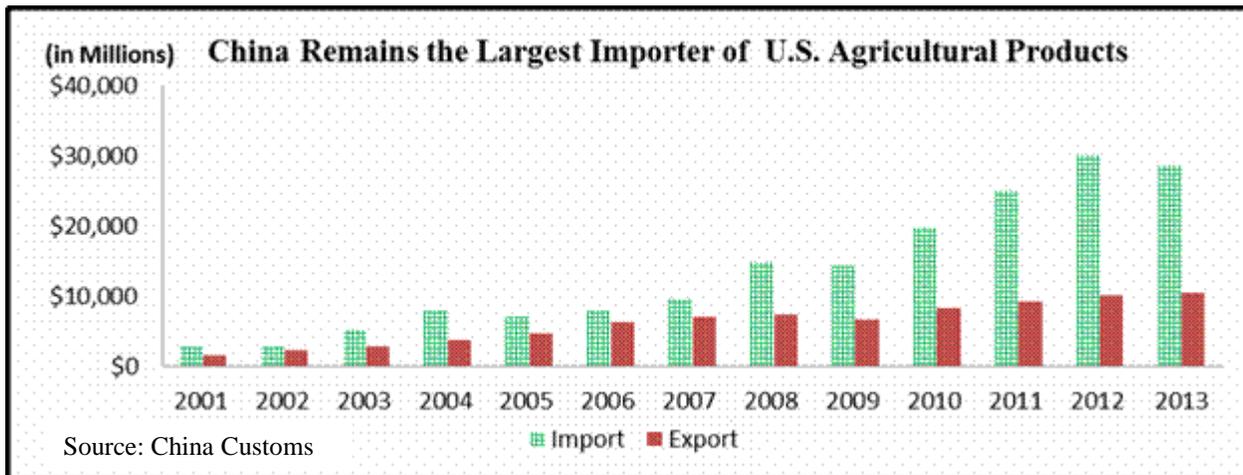
Report Highlights:

This report provides a snapshot of China's 2013 agricultural trade with key trading partners (the United States, Brazil, and Japan), based on 2013 China's Custom data. China's agricultural trade value (including fish and forestry) increased by more than six percent to \$220.2 billion, with both imports and exports expanding at similar levels. China's 2013 agricultural trade with the United States, its largest supplier, decreased in value by nearly three percent in 2012 to \$39.3 billion. U.S. exports to China fell four percent to \$28.8 billion, while China's exports to the United States rose more than three percent to \$10.5 billion.

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- China's 2013 agricultural trade value grew by 6.6 percent year on year to \$220.2 billion.
- China's 2013 agricultural import and export values expanded at an equal pace. Growth in imports of 6.2 percent y-o-y to \$140.4 billion and exports of 6.8 percent y-o-y to \$79.8 billion boosted China's agricultural trade deficit by 7.6 percent y-o-y to \$60.5 billion.
- The United States, Brazil, and Japan were China's key agricultural trading markets in 2013. Soybeans, cotton and wood products were China's highest value import commodities. Tables on China's agricultural trade are noted in the Appendix.



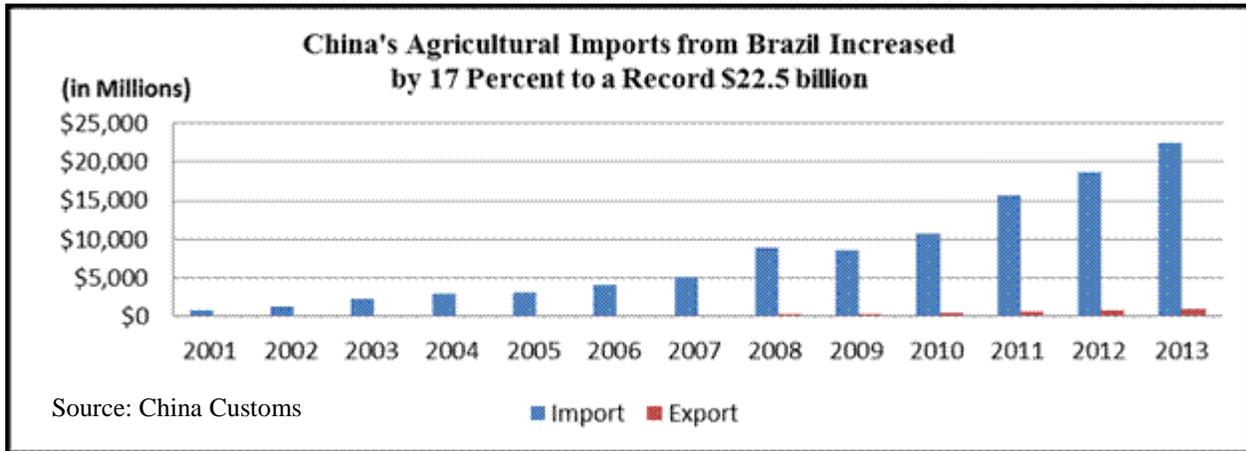
The U.S.-China bilateral agricultural trade is valued at \$39.3 billion in 2013, a decrease of 2.7 percent y-o-y.

- China remained the top market for U.S. agricultural products in 2013.
- China's imports of U.S. agricultural exports declined in value by 4.4 percent to \$28.8 billion in 2013. Soybeans, cotton, and hides & skins were the top three agricultural commodities imported

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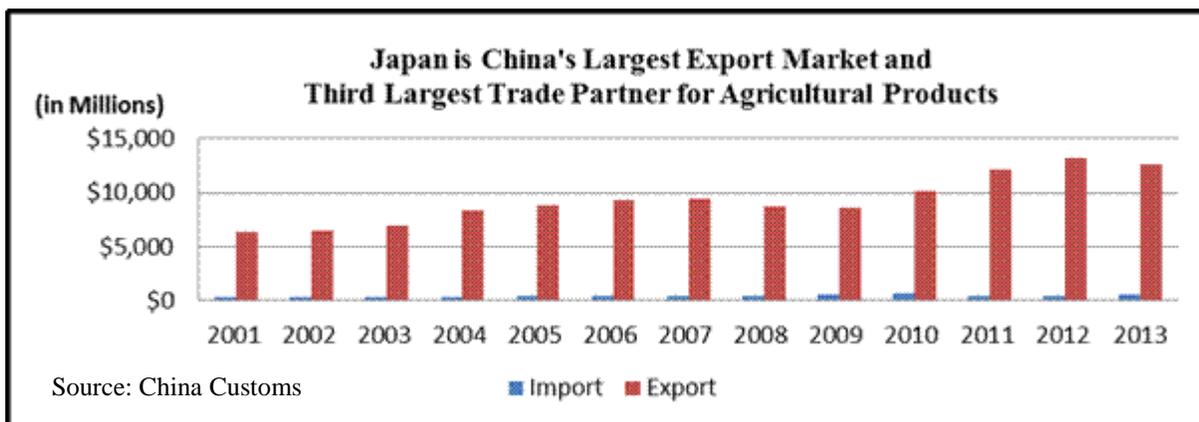
from the United States.

- The United States was the second largest market for Chinese agricultural commodities.
- China's exports to the United States rose by 2.2 percent to \$10.5 billion. Plywood, frozen tilapia fillets, and apple juice were the top three agricultural exports to the United States.



Brazil's rank as China's second largest agricultural trading partner continued in 2013 with a 17.4 percent y-o-y in value rise in bilateral agriculture trade to \$23.5 billion.

- China's imports of Brazil's agricultural products improved by nearly 17 percent y-o-y in value to \$22.5 billion. Top imported commodities were soybeans, sugar cane, frozen chicken cuts and edible offals.
- China's agricultural exports to Brazil increased in value by 24.9 percent to \$977 million. Top exported commodities to Brazil were kidney beans, white pea beans, frozen Alaska pollock fillets, and garlic.



The China-Japan agricultural trade was valued at \$13 billion in 2013, down 4.4 percent y-o-y.

- China's agricultural imports from Japan increased 5 percent by value over 2012 to nearly \$494 million. Key imported commodities included frozen/dried/salted scallops, food preparations,

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and vegetable seeds for cultivation.

- China's agricultural exports to Japan dropped 4.8 percent y-o-y by value to \$12.6 billion. Top export commodities included prepared/preserved chicken meat, frozen fish fillets, and prepared/preserved eels.

Appendix: Agriculture = Agriculture, Fish and Forestry Products

Table 1: China's Top 10 Agricultural Importers in 2013 (by value)

Rank	Country (region)	Import value (USD)	% share in 2013
1	United States	28,813,274,222	20.5
2	Brazil	22,529,891,826	16.1
3	Australia	9,104,356,839	6.5
4	Thailand	9,094,000,982	6.5
5	Canada	7,841,516,207	5.6
6	New Zealand	7,438,370,048	5.3
7	Indonesia	5,531,272,019	3.9
8	Malaysia	5,091,185,652	3.6
9	Argentina	5,008,977,454	3.6
10	Russia	4,138,527,818	3.0

Table 2: China's Top 10 Agricultural Export Destinations in 2013

Rank	Country (region)	Export value (USD)	% share in 2013
1	Japan	12,601,463,327	15.8
2	United States	10,454,329,204	13.1
3	Hong Kong	6,956,921,828	8.7
4	South Korea	4,773,749,873	6.0
5	Malaysia	2,827,963,893	3.5
6	Thailand	2,766,356,383	3.5
7	Russia	2,638,660,249	3.3
8	Vietnam	2,587,311,444	3.2
9	Germany	2,381,296,730	3.0
10	Taiwan	2,302,582,257	2.9

Table 3: China's Top 10 Agricultural Imports in 2013

Rank	Commodity	Tariff (MFN)	Value (USD)	% Share	Top supplier	% Share
1	Soybeans	3%	38,033,973,185	27.1	Brazil	50.3
2	Cotton	1% (TRQ), 40%(MFN)	8,444,838,942	6.0	United States	28.8
3	Coniferous wood, rough	0	5,068,784,692	3.6	New Zealand	32.3
4	Palm oil, refined	9%	4,822,680,909	3.4	Malaysia	58.9
5	Natural rubber (TSNR)	20%	4,782,782,969	3.4	Thailand	47.8
6	Coniferous wood, sawn/sliced	0	3,612,768,015	2.6	Canada	41.8
7	Non-coniferous wood, rough	0	3,160,747,001	2.3	Papua New Guinea	15.5
8	Whole hides and skins	5%-8.4%	2,725,991,533	1.9	United States	54.3
9	Milk/cream powder	10%	2,614,852,830	1.9	New Zealand	89.9

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10	Wool	1% (TRQ), 38% (MFN)	2,486,809,756	1.8	Australia	75.6
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Table 4: China's Top 10 Agricultural Exports in 2013

Rank	Commodity	Value (USD)	% share	Largest buyer	% share
1	Plywood	2,810,454,684	3.5	United States	18.2
2	Wood articles	1,693,152,047	2.1	United States	24.4
3	Prefabricated buildings	1,673,162,905	2.1	Australia	9.8
4	Cuttle fish & squid, frozen	1,459,129,168	1.8	Hong Kong	15.7
5	Garlic	1,397,533,375	1.8	Indonesia	24.5
6	Mushrooms and truffles, dried	1,273,157,400	1.6	Vietnam	31.0
7	Prepared/preserved chicken meat/offal	1,177,803,280	1.5	Japan	85.7
8	Frozen shrimps and prawns	1,158,468,872	1.5	Malaysia	17.0
9	Vegetable and mixtures, prepared/preserved	1,101,232,129	1.4	Japan	34.2
10	Plants and parts for medicaments	1,062,005,249	1.3	Hong Kong	47.4

Table 5: China's Top 10 Agricultural Imports from the U.S. in 2013

Rank	Commodity	Import value (USD)	% share in 2013
1	Soybeans	13,332,638,838	46.3
2	Cotton	2,432,982,778	8.4
3	Whole hides & skins	1,480,632,377	5.1
4	Brewing or distilling dregs and waste	1,404,167,669	4.9
5	Wheat	1,081,520,683	3.8
6	Coniferous wood in the rough	1,070,189,522	3.7
7	Corn	847,076,679	2.9
8	Offal of swine, frozen	522,284,022	1.8
9	Oak wood, sawn or sliced	406,373,406	1.4
10	Chicken cuts and edible offal, frozen	343,420,031	1.2

Table 6: China's Top 10 Agricultural Exports to the U.S. in 2013

Rank	Commodity	Export value (USD)	% share in 2013
1	Plywood	510,495,241	4.9
2	Tilapia fillets, frozen	471,000,655	4.5
3	Apple juice	470,829,257	4.5
4	Articles of wood	413,144,662	4.0
5	Plywood, veneer panels & similar lam wood	328,826,887	3.2
6	Dog and cat food	314,671,420	3.0
7	Fish, prepared/preserved	280,217,896	2.7
8	Pacific, Atlantic and Danube salmon fillets, frozen	212,627,612	2.0
9	Canned citrus	202,591,941	1.9
10	Wooden frames paintings, photographs, mirrors	193,850,119	1.9