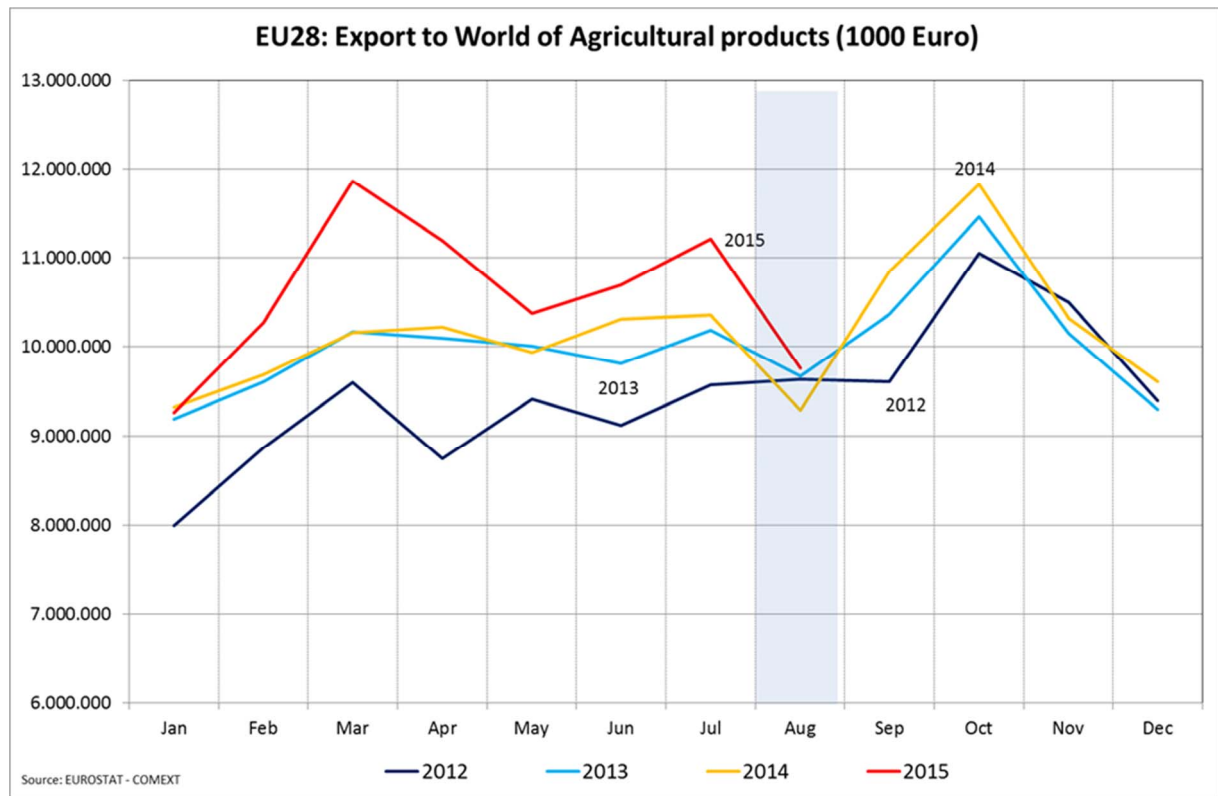


## Monitoring EU Agri-Food Trade: Development until August 2015



### Monthly EU Agri-Food Exports down in August 2015 but overall positive trend remains

After several months of outstanding export performance, the value of EU agri-food exports went down quite significantly in **August 2015** compared to July. This drop by EUR 1.45 billion (-13%) was even more pronounced than the drop in export values immediately after the announcement of the Russian embargo one year ago. However, after record sales in July 2015, the absolute value of exports in August 2015 was at a level similar to the same month in previous years.

Considering **annual data**, EU agri-food exports to third countries increased in value by 6.3% compared to the preceding 12-months period, confirming the **positive trend** since several months.

Most impressive reductions in monthly export values were witnessed for products **not** concerned by the **Russian ban**: wine (EUR -259 million; -26%), raw hides, skins and furskins (EUR -237 million; -70%),

food preparations not specified (EUR -108 million; -22%) and cereals other than wheat and rice (EUR -100 million; -31%).

For **monthly** agri-food exports, **China** accounted for the most significant reduction (EUR -226 million; -22%), followed by the **US** (EUR -192 million; -11%). Also exports to Saudi Arabia and Hong Kong went down quite significantly in August 2015 compared to July.

In August 2015, not only agri-food exports but also **imports** to the EU went down compared to the previous month (EUR -672 million; -7%). In particular, values of fruit and oilcake imports were at a lower level in August compared to July 2015, with EU imports from Brazil and the US going down, but imports from Ukraine going up in value terms.

The **trade balance** for all agri-food products in August 2015 still showed a surplus in exports by more than EUR 1 billion.

## 12-Month Period: Exports still at Record Level

In the 12 months period September 2014 to August 2015, EU agri-food exports to third countries attained the amount of almost EUR 128 billion, meaning an increase by 6.3% in value compared to the same period one year ago. Until the month of July, export performance in 2015 showed global outstanding results compared to the previous year.

Over the 12 months period, major gains in export values were achieved in the **USA** (+18%) and **China** (+37%), now second export destination gaining the place of Russia, as well as on other key Asian markets such as **Hong Kong** (+15%) and **South Korea** (+27%). Also, agri-food exports to **Turkey** increased significantly during the considered period (+27%). Exports to countries such as United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Saudi Arabia also increased in September 2014 to August 2015 compared to the same period one year ago. Due to the ban, **Russia** fell down to fourth position as the overall EU agri-food exports to Russia decreased from EUR 10.7 billion to EUR 6.1 billion (-43%) over the considered period.

Analysing export performance per product category, **milk powders, cheese, fruit and vegetables** lost in export values over the 12 months period, all of them products concerned by the Russian embargo. Also, **sheep and goat meat** suffered a loss of 15% in export values (although at minor absolute value compared to other products).

On the other hand, export values for **live animals** (including bovines; +18%) and **meat**, in particular beef (+8%) increased over the last 12 months compared to the year before. Concerning other products, particular high increases in export values were registered for cereals, infant food and other preparations, wine and spirits. High increases in percentage terms were also registered for raw tobacco and hides, skins and furskins.

## EU Agri-Food Imports

In the period September 2014 to August 2015 total agri-food imports from third countries amounted to €110 billion, corresponding to an increase by 8% compared to the same period one year ago. On a monthly base, imports went down in August 2015 compared to July 2015 by 7%.

Analysing the origin, imports from **Brazil**, the traditional first EU supplier, remained quite stable, with a slight increase by 3%, slowing down in August 2015 compared to July (-14%). Imports from the **USA**, which is already an important supplier, further increased (EUR +1.46 billion; +14.5%) over the last 12 months. Remarkable increase in imports was recorded from **Turkey** (EUR +948 million; +25%) and from **Vietnam** (EUR +449 million; +26%). On the other hand imports from **Ukraine** decreased (EUR -446 million; -11%), but this trend reverted in August (EUR +103 million; +43% compared to July).

Analysing 12-month-data per product category, total imports of commodities in value terms remained almost stable (+0.2%), but, in detail, imports of **cereals** other than wheat and rice decreased remarkably (EUR -1.1 billion; -38%), as well as for: **soybeans** (EUR -581 million; -10.6%), beet and cane **sugar** (EUR -407 million; -23%), oilcakes and palm oil. On the other hand, imports of unroasted **coffee**, tea and mate, increased sizeably (EUR +1.95 billion; +31%) as well as imports of **wheat**.

For other products than commodities, increases were registered in particular for tropical fruit, nuts and spices (EUR +2.5 billion; +26%), fruit and vegetable preparations (EUR +780 million; +27%), as well as fresh fruit, fresh vegetables (EUR +249 million; +9%), and citrus fruit (EUR +196 million; +22%).

It is worth also to underline the outstanding increase of **olive oil** (especially from **Tunisia**), which grew more than threefold (from EUR 153 million in the period September 2013 to August 2014 to EUR 647 million in the same period one year later).

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**Table 1: EU28 agri-food exports – most important destinations**

| EU28 agri-food exports to ....                     | cumulative data: 12 month period |                       |                       |                                                 |            | monthly data  |              |                                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2014/15                  | Sep 2013-<br>Aug 2014 | Sep 2014-<br>Aug 2015 | Difference<br>Sep 14-Aug 15 to<br>Sep 13-Aug 14 |            | Jul 2015      | Aug 2015     | Difference<br>Aug 15 to Jul 15 |              |
|                                                    |                                  | mio €                 | mio €                 | mio €                                           | %          | mio €         | mio €        | mio €                          | %            |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>                                  |                                  | <b>120 363</b>        | <b>127 901</b>        | <b>7 537</b>                                    | <b>6,3</b> | <b>11 211</b> | <b>9 759</b> | <b>-1 451</b>                  | <b>-12,9</b> |
| United States                                      | 1                                | 15 736                | 18 505                | 2 769                                           | 17,6       | 1 736         | 1 543        | -192                           | -11,1        |
| China                                              | 2                                | 7 054                 | 9 636                 | 2 582                                           | 36,6       | 1 025         | 799          | -226                           | -22,0        |
| Switzerland                                        | 3                                | 7 108                 | 7 527                 | 420                                             | 5,9        | 613           | 556          | -58                            | -9,4         |
| Russian Federation                                 | 4                                | 10 681                | 6 109                 | -4 572                                          | -42,8      | 480           | 430          | -50                            | -10,5        |
| Japan                                              | 5                                | 5 369                 | 5 201                 | -168                                            | -3,1       | 491           | 412          | -78                            | -15,9        |
| Hong Kong                                          | 6                                | 4 231                 | 4 861                 | 630                                             | 14,9       | 377           | 269          | -107                           | -28,5        |
| Saudi Arabia                                       | 7                                | 3 777                 | 4 344                 | 567                                             | 15,0       | 434           | 307          | -127                           | -29,3        |
| Norway                                             | 8                                | 3 961                 | 4 037                 | 76                                              | 1,9        | 311           | 326          | 15                             | 4,8          |
| Algeria                                            | 10                               | 3 525                 | 3 365                 | -161                                            | -4,6       | 261           | 206          | -56                            | -21,3        |
| Canada                                             | 11                               | 3 112                 | 3 312                 | 201                                             | 6,4        | 295           | 256          | -39                            | -13,2        |
| United Arab Emirates                               | 12                               | 2 574                 | 2 916                 | 341                                             | 13,3       | 282           | 268          | -14                            | -4,9         |
| Australia                                          | 13                               | 2 408                 | 2 712                 | 304                                             | 12,6       | 275           | 252          | -22                            | -8,2         |
| Korea, Republic of                                 | 14                               | 1 987                 | 2 515                 | 528                                             | 26,6       | 195           | 159          | -36                            | -18,4        |
| Egypt                                              | 15                               | 1 929                 | 2 365                 | 436                                             | 22,6       | 152           | 144          | -9                             | -5,6         |
| Singapore                                          | 16                               | 1 971                 | 1 967                 | -4                                              | -0,2       | 193           | 174          | -18                            | -9,5         |
| Brazil                                             | 17                               | 1 568                 | 1 694                 | 125                                             | 8,0        | 151           | 145          | -6                             | -4,1         |
| South Africa                                       | 18                               | 1 539                 | 1 660                 | 121                                             | 7,9        | 175           | 129          | -46                            | -26,1        |
| Morocco                                            | 19                               | 1 506                 | 1 543                 | 37                                              | 2,5        | 96            | 104          | 8                              | 8,0          |
| Ukraine                                            | 20                               | 1 950                 | 1 421                 | -529                                            | -27,1      | 110           | 84           | -26                            | -23,4        |
| other countries                                    |                                  | 35 698                | 38 818                | 3 120                                           | 8,7        | 3 296         | 2 956        | -340                           | -10,3        |

**Table 2: EU28 agri-food exports – most important changes in August 2015**

| EU28 agri-food exports to ....                     | cumulative data: 12 month period |                       |                       |                                                 |            | monthly data  |              |                                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2014/15                  | Sep 2013-<br>Aug 2014 | Sep 2014-<br>Aug 2015 | Difference<br>Sep 14-Aug 15 to<br>Sep 13-Aug 14 |            | Jul 2015      | Aug 2015     | Difference<br>Aug 15 to Jul 15 |              |
|                                                    |                                  | mio €                 | mio €                 | mio €                                           | %          | mio €         | mio €        | mio €                          | %            |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>                                  |                                  | <b>120 363</b>        | <b>127 901</b>        | <b>7 537</b>                                    | <b>6,3</b> | <b>11 211</b> | <b>9 759</b> | <b>-1 451</b>                  | <b>-12,9</b> |
| Norway                                             | 8                                | 3 961                 | 4 037                 | 76                                              | 1,9        | 311           | 326          | 15                             | 4,8          |
| Mexico                                             | 23                               | 1 067                 | 1 269                 | 202                                             | 19,0       | 132           | 147          | 14                             | 10,9         |
| Tunisia                                            | 39                               | 563                   | 704                   | 140                                             | 24,9       | 33            | 45           | 12                             | 37,0         |
| Senegal                                            | 45                               | 471                   | 458                   | -13                                             | -2,8       | 30            | 41           | 11                             | 36,6         |
| Philippines                                        | 33                               | 882                   | 937                   | 54                                              | 6,2        | 67            | 78           | 11                             | 16,3         |
| Dominican Republic                                 | 63                               | 236                   | 290                   | 54                                              | 23,1       | 23            | 31           | 9                              | 38,6         |
| India                                              | 40                               | 483                   | 699                   | 216                                             | 44,8       | 63            | 71           | 8                              | 13,3         |
| Morocco                                            | 19                               | 1 506                 | 1 543                 | 37                                              | 2,5        | 96            | 104          | 8                              | 8,0          |
| Djibouti                                           | 111                              | 68                    | 71                    | 3                                               | 4,2        | 5             | 11           | 6                              | 112,4        |
| Belarus                                            | 30                               | 898                   | 1 005                 | 107                                             | 11,9       | 92            | 49           | -43                            | -46,8        |
| South Africa                                       | 18                               | 1 539                 | 1 660                 | 121                                             | 7,9        | 175           | 129          | -46                            | -26,1        |
| Russian Federation                                 | 4                                | 10 681                | 6 109                 | -4 572                                          | -42,8      | 480           | 430          | -50                            | -10,5        |
| Algeria                                            | 10                               | 3 525                 | 3 365                 | -161                                            | -4,6       | 261           | 206          | -56                            | -21,3        |
| Switzerland                                        | 3                                | 7 108                 | 7 527                 | 420                                             | 5,9        | 613           | 556          | -58                            | -9,4         |
| Japan                                              | 5                                | 5 369                 | 5 201                 | -168                                            | -3,1       | 491           | 412          | -78                            | -15,9        |
| Hong Kong                                          | 6                                | 4 231                 | 4 861                 | 630                                             | 14,9       | 377           | 269          | -107                           | -28,5        |
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| United States                                      | 1                                | 15 736                | 18 505                | 2 769                                           | 17,6       | 1 736         | 1 543        | -192                           | -11,1        |
| China                                              | 2                                | 7 054                 | 9 636                 | 2 582                                           | 36,6       | 1 025         | 799          | -226                           | -22,0        |
| other countries                                    |                                  | 50 245                | 54 579                | 4 333                                           | 8,6        | 4 669         | 4 101        | -569                           | -12,2        |

**Table 3: EU28 agri-food exports by product category**

| PRODUCT/PERIOD                                             | EU28 EXPORT           |                       |                                                     |            |               |              |                                 |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
|                                                            | Sep 2013-<br>Aug 2014 | Sep 2014-<br>Aug 2015 | Difference<br>Sep 14 - Aug 15 to<br>Sep 13 - Aug 14 |            | Jul-15        | Aug-15       | Difference<br>Aug 15 to July 15 |              |
|                                                            | mio €                 |                       | %                                                   |            | mio €         |              | %                               |              |
|                                                            |                       |                       |                                                     |            |               |              |                                 |              |
| <b>All agri-food products</b>                              | <b>120 363</b>        | <b>127 901</b>        | <b>7 537</b>                                        | <b>6,3</b> | <b>11 211</b> | <b>9 759</b> | <b>-1 451</b>                   | <b>-12,9</b> |
| <b>Commodities</b>                                         | <b>24 163</b>         | <b>25 906</b>         | <b>1 742</b>                                        | <b>7,2</b> | <b>2 146</b>  | <b>1 819</b> | <b>-327</b>                     | <b>-15,3</b> |
| Other primary                                              | 19 854                | 20 135                | 281                                                 | 1,4        | 1 624         | 1 560        | -64                             | -4,0         |
| Processed                                                  | 21 805                | 22 830                | 1 025                                               | 4,7        | 2 136         | 1 702        | -433                            | -20,3        |
| Food preparations                                          | 24 560                | 26 502                | 1 943                                               | 7,9        | 2 340         | 2 112        | -229                            | -9,8         |
| Beverages                                                  | 15 622                | 17 015                | 1 393                                               | 8,9        | 1 565         | 1 503        | -62                             | -4,0         |
| Non-edible                                                 | 14 359                | 15 513                | 1 154                                               | 8,0        | 1 399         | 1 064        | -335                            | -24,0        |
| Wheat                                                      | 6 310                 | 6 706                 | 396                                                 | 6,3        | 391           | 352          | -39                             | -10,0        |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice                         | 1 955                 | 2 923                 | 968                                                 | 49,5       | 323           | 224          | -100                            | -30,8        |
| Rice                                                       | 180                   | 221                   | 40                                                  | 22,4       | 16            | 9            | -7                              | -42,8        |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry          | 685                   | 718                   | 33                                                  | 4,8        | 62            | 51           | -11                             | -17,4        |
| Malt                                                       | 1 036                 | 1 076                 | 39                                                  | 3,8        | 95            | 89           | -7                              | -7,0         |
| Starches, inulin & gluten                                  | 727                   | 820                   | 92                                                  | 12,7       | 74            | 67           | -7                              | -8,9         |
| Soyabeans                                                  | 30                    | 48                    | 18                                                  | 59,7       | 1             | 0            | -1                              | -75,1        |
| Oilseeds, other than soyabeans                             | 725                   | 684                   | -41                                                 | -5,7       | 64            | 40           | -24                             | -37,6        |
| Palm & palm kernel oil                                     | 145                   | 134                   | -11                                                 | -7,5       | 12            | 9            | -3                              | -22,7        |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil                 | 1 892                 | 2 257                 | 365                                                 | 19,3       | 211           | 173          | -38                             | -17,9        |
| Oilcakes                                                   | 288                   | 339                   | 51                                                  | 17,8       | 31            | 27           | -4                              | -12,4        |
| Other feed and feed ingredients                            | 985                   | 1 156                 | 171                                                 | 17,3       | 107           | 107          | 0                               | 0,0          |
| Beet and cane sugar                                        | 583                   | 573                   | -10                                                 | -1,6       | 40            | 46           | 6                               | 14,8         |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane                              | 460                   | 462                   | 2                                                   | 0,5        | 41            | 37           | -4                              | -10,5        |
| Milk powders and whey                                      | 4 992                 | 4 347                 | -645                                                | -12,9      | 354           | 315          | -39                             | -11,0        |
| Butter                                                     | 654                   | 687                   | 33                                                  | 5,0        | 67            | 59           | -9                              | -12,7        |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts                            | 922                   | 1 058                 | 137                                                 | 14,8       | 107           | 75           | -33                             | -30,5        |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate                       | 491                   | 514                   | 23                                                  | 4,8        | 46            | 36           | -10                             | -21,7        |
| Cocoa beans                                                | 12                    | 14                    | 2                                                   | 13,5       | 2             | 1            | -1                              | -44,5        |
| Cocoa paste and powder                                     | 1 033                 | 1 109                 | 76                                                  | 7,3        | 97            | 97           | 1                               | 0,5          |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified                    | 57                    | 60                    | 3                                                   | 5,2        | 5             | 5            | 0                               | -3,0         |
| Live animals                                               | 1 868                 | 2 209                 | 341                                                 | 18,2       | 206           | 215          | 9                               | 4,4          |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                     | 529                   | 571                   | 43                                                  | 8,1        | 56            | 50           | -5                              | -9,7         |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                       | 3 646                 | 3 784                 | 139                                                 | 3,8        | 326           | 311          | -15                             | -4,5         |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                    | 1 520                 | 1 613                 | 93                                                  | 6,1        | 133           | 114          | -20                             | -14,7        |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen             | 110                   | 93                    | -16                                                 | -15,0      | 11            | 9            | -2                              | -20,6        |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen   | 2 229                 | 2 341                 | 112                                                 | 5,0        | 195           | 189          | -6                              | -3,2         |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt               | 945                   | 936                   | -10                                                 | -1,0       | 82            | 79           | -2                              | -2,7         |
| Eggs and honey                                             | 565                   | 689                   | 125                                                 | 22,1       | 68            | 67           | -1                              | -1,1         |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried                       | 2 971                 | 2 713                 | -258                                                | -8,7       | 164           | 185          | 21                              | 13,1         |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit       | 2 937                 | 2 490                 | -447                                                | -15,2      | 205           | 174          | -31                             | -15,0        |
| Citrus fruit                                               | 575                   | 505                   | -70                                                 | -12,2      | 13            | 10           | -4                              | -27,9        |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices            | 757                   | 890                   | 132                                                 | 17,5       | 67            | 69           | 2                               | 2,9          |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones                          | 1 202                 | 1 301                 | 99                                                  | 8,2        | 100           | 89           | -11                             | -10,6        |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified               | 0                     | 0                     | 0                                                   |            | 0             | 0            |                                 |              |
| Meat preparations                                          | 1 260                 | 1 244                 | -16                                                 | -1,3       | 111           | 98           | -13                             | -11,3        |
| Cheese                                                     | 3 817                 | 3 384                 | -433                                                | -11,3      | 290           | 277          | -12                             | -4,3         |
| Olive oil                                                  | 2 071                 | 2 234                 | 163                                                 | 7,9        | 217           | 152          | -65                             | -30,0        |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts                  | 3 734                 | 4 103                 | 369                                                 | 9,9        | 346           | 297          | -49                             | -14,2        |
| Fruit juices                                               | 697                   | 799                   | 102                                                 | 14,6       | 70            | 50           | -20                             | -28,7        |
| Wine, cider and vinegar                                    | 9 292                 | 10 031                | 739                                                 | 8,0        | 1 007         | 747          | -259                            | -25,8        |
| Roasted coffee and tea                                     | 935                   | 1 036                 | 101                                                 | 10,8       | 95            | 81           | -15                             | -15,5        |
| Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream                     | 4 716                 | 5 086                 | 369                                                 | 7,8        | 445           | 468          | 22                              | 5,0          |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 5 595                 | 6 353                 | 757                                                 | 13,5       | 519           | 444          | -75                             | -14,4        |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread                          | 4 200                 | 4 513                 | 313                                                 | 7,5        | 402           | 391          | -11                             | -2,7         |
| Soups and sauces                                           | 1 144                 | 1 166                 | 22                                                  | 2,0        | 107           | 89           | -19                             | -17,4        |
| Coffee and tea extracts                                    | 757                   | 767                   | 10                                                  | 1,3        | 69            | 63           | -7                              | -9,8         |
| Food preparations, not specified                           | 5 181                 | 5 261                 | 80                                                  | 1,5        | 494           | 386          | -108                            | -21,8        |
| Pet food                                                   | 2 966                 | 3 357                 | 391                                                 | 13,2       | 303           | 271          | -32                             | -10,7        |
| Waters and soft drinks                                     | 2 896                 | 3 246                 | 350                                                 | 12,1       | 324           | 292          | -32                             | -9,8         |
| Beer                                                       | 2 818                 | 3 200                 | 382                                                 | 13,5       | 319           | 288          | -31                             | -9,7         |
| Spirits, liqueurs and vermouth                             | 9 675                 | 10 318                | 643                                                 | 6,6        | 898           | 900          | 1                               | 0,1          |
| Odoriferous substances                                     | 233                   | 251                   | 18                                                  | 7,7        | 25            | 24           | -1                              | -3,3         |
| Raw hides, skins and furskins                              | 2 347                 | 2 978                 | 631                                                 | 26,9       | 345           | 108          | -237                            | -68,8        |
| Non edible animal products                                 | 421                   | 426                   | 5                                                   | 1,3        | 37            | 31           | -5                              | -14,6        |
| Wool and silk                                              | 159                   | 182                   | 23                                                  | 14,4       | 20            | 13           | -7                              | -33,9        |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials              | 817                   | 807                   | -10                                                 | -1,3       | 48            | 23           | -26                             | -53,2        |
| Cut flowers and plants                                     | 662                   | 668                   | 6                                                   | 0,9        | 38            | 46           | 8                               | 21,4         |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants                               | 1 492                 | 1 524                 | 33                                                  | 2,2        | 111           | 142          | 31                              | 27,9         |
| Raw tobacco                                                | 709                   | 920                   | 211                                                 | 29,8       | 88            | 74           | -14                             | -16,1        |
| Cigars and cigarettes                                      | 3 205                 | 3 163                 | -42                                                 | -1,3       | 283           | 234          | -49                             | -17,2        |
| Fatty acids and waxes                                      | 479                   | 525                   | 46                                                  | 9,6        | 40            | 42           | 1                               | 3,4          |
| Sugar alcohols                                             | 161                   | 151                   | -10                                                 | -6,1       | 15            | 13           | -2                              | -10,2        |
| Essential oils                                             | 464                   | 556                   | 92                                                  | 19,8       | 52            | 46           | -6                              | -11,3        |
| Ethanol                                                    | 142                   | 167                   | 24                                                  | 17,2       | 16            | 11           | -5                              | -29,2        |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches            | 1 880                 | 1 939                 | 59                                                  | 3,2        | 168           | 142          | -26                             | -15,4        |
| Non-edible, not specified                                  | 1 253                 | 1 343                 | 90                                                  | 7,2        | 126           | 126          | 0                               | 0,0          |
| Products non-attributable                                  | 166                   | 161                   | -5                                                  | -3,3       | 13            | 14           | 0                               | 0,2          |

**Table 4: EU28 agri-food imports – most important origins**

| EU28 agri-food imports from ....                   | cumulative data: 12 month period |                       |                       |                                                 |             | monthly data |              |                                |             |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
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|                                                    |                                  | mio €                 | mio €                 | mio €                                           | %           | mio €        | mio €        | mio €                          | %           |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>                                  |                                  | <b>102 010</b>        | <b>110 306</b>        | <b>8 296</b>                                    | <b>8,1</b>  | <b>9 343</b> | <b>8 671</b> | <b>-672</b>                    | <b>-7,2</b> |
| Brazil                                             | 1                                | 12 962                | 13 372                | 410                                             | 3,2         | 1 170        | 1 009        | -161                           | -14         |
| United States                                      | 2                                | 10 084                | 11 545                | 1 462                                           | 14,5        | 878          | 778          | -101                           | -11         |
| Argentina                                          | 3                                | 5 382                 | 5 611                 | 228                                             | 4,2         | 621          | 617          | -4                             | -1          |
| China                                              | 4                                | 4 605                 | 5 032                 | 427                                             | 9,3         | 425          | 380          | -46                            | -11         |
| Turkey                                             | 5                                | 3 842                 | 4 790                 | 948                                             | 24,7        | 404          | 365          | -39                            | -10         |
| Switzerland                                        | 6                                | 4 363                 | 4 532                 | 168                                             | 3,9         | 372          | 351          | -22                            | -6          |
| Indonesia                                          | 7                                | 4 412                 | 4 451                 | 40                                              | 0,9         | 385          | 351          | -34                            | -9          |
| Ukraine                                            | 8                                | 4 035                 | 3 589                 | -446                                            | -11,0       | 238          | 341          | 103                            | 43          |
| India                                              | 9                                | 2 741                 | 2 893                 | 152                                             | 5,6         | 244          | 243          | -1                             | 0           |
| Côte d'Ivoire                                      | 10                               | 2 287                 | 2 563                 | 276                                             | 12,1        | 175          | 181          | 6                              | 3           |
| New Zealand                                        | 11                               | 2 333                 | 2 445                 | 111                                             | 4,8         | 272          | 193          | -79                            | -29         |
| South Africa                                       | 12                               | 2 098                 | 2 394                 | 296                                             | 14,1        | 238          | 247          | 9                              | 4           |
| Thailand                                           | 13                               | 2 172                 | 2 389                 | 217                                             | 10,0        | 199          | 192          | -7                             | -3          |
| Canada                                             | 14                               | 2 206                 | 2 244                 | 38                                              | 1,7         | 174          | 106          | -68                            | -39         |
| Chile                                              | 15                               | 2 113                 | 2 226                 | 113                                             | 5,3         | 202          | 175          | -27                            | -13         |
| Vietnam                                            | 16                               | 1 740                 | 2 189                 | 449                                             | 25,8        | 214          | 194          | -21                            | -10         |
| Malaysia                                           | 17                               | 2 196                 | 2 126                 | -70                                             | -3,2        | 197          | 156          | -42                            | -21         |
| Colombia                                           | 18                               | 1 583                 | 1 939                 | 356                                             | 22,5        | 140          | 175          | 34                             | 24          |
| Australia                                          | 19                               | 1 985                 | 1 856                 | -129                                            | -6,5        | 169          | 121          | -48                            | -28         |
| Peru                                               | 20                               | 1 585                 | 1 771                 | 186                                             | 11,8        | 133          | 170          | 37                             | 28          |
| <i>other countries</i>                             |                                  | <i>27 287</i>         | <i>30 349</i>         | <i>3 062</i>                                    | <i>11,2</i> | <i>2 490</i> | <i>2 327</i> | <i>-163</i>                    | <i>-7</i>   |

**Table 5: EU28 agri-food imports – most important changes in August 2015**

| EU28 agri-food imports from ....                   | cumulative data: 12 month period |                       |                       |                                                 |            | monthly data |              |                                |             |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| PARTNER/PERIOD<br>(million Euro)<br>source: COMEXT | Rank<br>2014/15                  | Sep 2013-<br>Aug 2014 | Sep 2014-<br>Aug 2015 | Difference<br>Sep 14-Aug 15 to<br>Sep 13-Aug 14 |            | Jul 2015     | Aug 2015     | Difference<br>Aug 15 to Jul 15 |             |
|                                                    |                                  | mio €                 | mio €                 | mio €                                           | %          | mio €        | mio €        | mio €                          | %           |
| <b>Extra-EU28</b>                                  |                                  | <b>102 010</b>        | <b>110 306</b>        | <b>8 296</b>                                    | <b>8,1</b> | <b>9 343</b> | <b>8 671</b> | <b>-672</b>                    | <b>-7,2</b> |
| Ukraine                                            | 8                                | 4 035                 | 3 589                 | -446                                            | -11,0      | 238          | 341          | 103                            | 43,2        |
| Peru                                               | 20                               | 1 585                 | 1 771                 | 186                                             | 11,8       | 133          | 170          | 37                             | 27,6        |
| Ghana                                              | 25                               | 1 248                 | 1 280                 | 32                                              | 2,5        | 86           | 123          | 37                             | 42,5        |
| Colombia                                           | 18                               | 1 583                 | 1 939                 | 356                                             | 22,5       | 140          | 175          | 34                             | 24,5        |
| Papua New Guinea                                   | 39                               | 467                   | 527                   | 60                                              | 12,9       | 37           | 54           | 18                             | 48,4        |
| Guatemala                                          | 38                               | 455                   | 580                   | 125                                             | 27,5       | 37           | 53           | 17                             | 45,7        |
| Israel                                             | 29                               | 903                   | 955                   | 52                                              | 5,7        | 37           | 50           | 13                             | 36,0        |
| Swaziland                                          | 70                               | 168                   | 141                   | -27                                             | -16,3      | 3            | 16           | 13                             | 395,0       |
| Cuba                                               | 59                               | 252                   | 200                   | -51                                             | -20,4      | 18           | 30           | 12                             | 70,6        |
| Morocco                                            | 21                               | 1 432                 | 1 705                 | 272                                             | 19,0       | 81           | 46           | -34                            | -42,6       |
| Turkey                                             | 5                                | 3 842                 | 4 790                 | 948                                             | 24,7       | 404          | 365          | -39                            | -9,5        |
| Malaysia                                           | 17                               | 2 196                 | 2 126                 | -70                                             | -3,2       | 197          | 156          | -42                            | -21,0       |
| Egypt                                              | 31                               | 765                   | 875                   | 110                                             | 14,4       | 72           | 28           | -44                            | -61,1       |
| China                                              | 4                                | 4 605                 | 5 032                 | 427                                             | 9,3        | 425          | 380          | -46                            | -10,7       |
| Australia                                          | 19                               | 1 985                 | 1 856                 | -129                                            | -6,5       | 169          | 121          | -48                            | -28,4       |
| Canada                                             | 14                               | 2 206                 | 2 244                 | 38                                              | 1,7        | 174          | 106          | -68                            | -39,1       |
| New Zealand                                        | 11                               | 2 333                 | 2 445                 | 111                                             | 4,8        | 272          | 193          | -79                            | -28,9       |
| United States                                      | 2                                | 10 084                | 11 545                | 1 462                                           | 14,5       | 878          | 778          | -101                           | -11,4       |
| Brazil                                             | 1                                | 12 962                | 13 372                | 410                                             | 3,2        | 1 170        | 1 009        | -161                           | -13,8       |
| <i>other countries</i>                             |                                  | <i>48 670</i>         | <i>52 398</i>         | <i>3 728</i>                                    | <i>7,7</i> | <i>4 642</i> | <i>4 330</i> | <i>-312</i>                    | <i>-6,7</i> |

**Table 6: EU28 agri-food imports by product category**

|                                                            | EU 28 IMPORT          |                       |                                                     |       |        |        |                                 |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|
| PRODUCT/PERIOD                                             | Sep 2013-<br>Aug 2014 | Sep 2014-<br>Aug 2015 | Difference<br>Sep 14 - Aug 15 to<br>Sep 13 - Aug 14 |       | Jul-15 | Aug-15 | Difference<br>Aug 15 to July 15 |       |
|                                                            | mio €                 |                       | %                                                   |       | mio €  |        | %                               |       |
| All agri-food products                                     | 102 010               | 110 306               | 9 343                                               | 8,1   | 9 343  | 8 671  | -672                            | -7,2  |
| Commodities                                                | 45 190                | 45 258                | 69                                                  | 0,2   | 3 792  | 3 524  | -268                            | -7,1  |
| Other primary                                              | 25 361                | 29 633                | 4 272                                               | 16,8  | 2 478  | 2 275  | -203                            | -8,2  |
| Processed                                                  | 12 053                | 13 697                | 1 644                                               | 13,6  | 1 186  | 1 109  | -77                             | -6,5  |
| Food preparations                                          | 5 628                 | 6 401                 | 774                                                 | 13,7  | 574    | 511    | -62                             | -10,9 |
| Beverages                                                  | 2 487                 | 2 661                 | 174                                                 | 7,0   | 245    | 250    | 5                               | 2,1   |
| Non-edible                                                 | 7 452                 | 8 648                 | 1 197                                               | 16,1  | 876    | 1 002  | 125                             | 14,3  |
| Wheat                                                      | 1 051                 | 1 657                 | 606                                                 | 57,7  | 130    | 140    | 10                              | 7,7   |
| Cereals, other than wheat and rice                         | 3 123                 | 1 938                 | -1 186                                              | -38,0 | 135    | 148    | 13                              | 9,7   |
| Rice                                                       | 1 028                 | 1 111                 | 83                                                  | 8,0   | 94     | 99     | 5                               | 5,0   |
| Flours and other products of the milling industry          | 133                   | 146                   | 13                                                  | 9,8   | 13     | 12     | -1                              | -5,8  |
| Malt                                                       | 2                     | 0                     | -1                                                  | -74,6 | 0      | 0      | 0                               | -36,2 |
| Starches, inulin & gluten                                  | 51                    | 57                    | 5                                                   | 10,4  | 5      | 4      | -1                              | -26,7 |
| Soyabeans                                                  | 5 481                 | 4 901                 | -581                                                | -10,6 | 441    | 366    | -75                             | -17,1 |
| Oilseeds, other than soyabeans                             | 3 154                 | 2 777                 | -377                                                | -11,9 | 213    | 218    | 5                               | 2,4   |
| Palm & palm kernel oil                                     | 5 638                 | 5 490                 | -148                                                | -2,6  | 492    | 450    | -42                             | -8,6  |
| Vegetable oils other than palm & olive oil                 | 1 857                 | 1 813                 | -44                                                 | -2,4  | 172    | 158    | -14                             | -8,1  |
| Oilcakes                                                   | 8 768                 | 8 554                 | -213                                                | -2,4  | 810    | 690    | -121                            | -14,9 |
| Other feed and feed ingredients                            | 829                   | 847                   | 18                                                  | 2,2   | 66     | 71     | 5                               | 8,0   |
| Beet and cane sugar                                        | 1 779                 | 1 371                 | -407                                                | -22,9 | 143    | 136    | -6                              | -4,4  |
| Sugar, other than beet & cane                              | 461                   | 438                   | -23                                                 | -4,9  | 37     | 33     | -3                              | -9,5  |
| Milk powders and whey                                      | 46                    | 44                    | -2                                                  | -4,0  | 3      | 3      | 0                               | -10,7 |
| Butter                                                     | 150                   | 82                    | -68                                                 | -45,2 | 3      | 7      | 4                               | 148,4 |
| Gums, resins and plant extracts                            | 798                   | 941                   | 143                                                 | 17,9  | 85     | 73     | -12                             | -14,6 |
| Unroasted coffee, tea in bulk & mate                       | 6 246                 | 8 197                 | 1 951                                               | 31,2  | 610    | 562    | -49                             | -8,0  |
| Cocoa beans                                                | 2 988                 | 3 149                 | 160                                                 | 5,4   | 203    | 218    | 15                              | 7,5   |
| Cocoa paste and powder                                     | 1 606                 | 1 729                 | 123                                                 | 7,6   | 136    | 137    | 0                               | 0,2   |
| Agricultural commodities, not specified                    | 0                     | 16                    | 16                                                  |       | 0      | 0      | 0                               |       |
| Live animals                                               | 202                   | 254                   | 53                                                  | 26,1  | 29     | 12     | -18                             | -60,7 |
| Bovine meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                     | 1 549                 | 1 778                 | 229                                                 | 14,8  | 141    | 145    | 3                               | 2,4   |
| Pork meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                       | 37                    | 36                    | -1                                                  | -2,0  | 3      | 3      | 0                               | 7,8   |
| Poultry meat, fresh, chilled and frozen                    | 309                   | 320                   | 11                                                  | 3,6   | 31     | 30     | -1                              | -2,3  |
| Sheep and goat meat, fresh, chilled and frozen             | 988                   | 1 051                 | 63                                                  | 6,4   | 92     | 68     | -24                             | -26,3 |
| Offal, animal fat & other meats, fresh, chilled & frozen   | 1 143                 | 1 129                 | -14                                                 | -1,2  | 99     | 94     | -5                              | -4,8  |
| Fresh milk and cream, buttermilk and yoghurt               | 31                    | 28                    | -4                                                  | -11,5 | 2      | 2      | 0                               | -22,4 |
| Eggs and honey                                             | 405                   | 532                   | 127                                                 | 31,4  | 54     | 50     | -4                              | -6,9  |
| Vegetables, fresh, chilled and dried                       | 3 779                 | 4 161                 | 383                                                 | 10,1  | 242    | 226    | -16                             | -6,5  |
| Fruit, fresh or dried, excl. citrus & tropical fruit       | 5 146                 | 5 694                 | 548                                                 | 10,7  | 485    | 297    | -187                            | -38,7 |
| Citrus fruit                                               | 1 438                 | 1 686                 | 248                                                 | 17,3  | 205    | 283    | 77                              | 37,5  |
| Tropical fruit, fresh or dried, nuts and spices            | 9 815                 | 12 339                | 2 524                                               | 25,7  | 1 035  | 1 026  | -8                              | -0,8  |
| Miscellaneous seeds and hop cones                          | 497                   | 623                   | 126                                                 | 25,4  | 61     | 40     | -21                             | -34,5 |
| Agricultural primary products, not specified               | 22                    | 1                     | -22                                                 | -96,1 | 0      | 0      | 0                               | -15,0 |
| Meat preparations                                          | 2 114                 | 2 240                 | 126                                                 | 5,9   | 153    | 166    | 13                              | 8,6   |
| Cheese                                                     | 479                   | 431                   | -47                                                 | -9,9  | 35     | 30     | -5                              | -15,1 |
| Olive oil                                                  | 153                   | 647                   | 493                                                 | 321,7 | 72     | 70     | -1                              | -2,1  |
| Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts                  | 2 895                 | 3 675                 | 780                                                 | 27,0  | 331    | 308    | -23                             | -7,0  |
| Fruit juices                                               | 2 419                 | 2 422                 | 2                                                   | 0,1   | 231    | 190    | -41                             | -17,8 |
| Wine, cider and vinegar                                    | 2 459                 | 2 692                 | 234                                                 | 9,5   | 244    | 228    | -17                             | -6,9  |
| Roasted coffee and tea                                     | 1 534                 | 1 589                 | 55                                                  | 3,6   | 120    | 118    | -2                              | -1,7  |
| Chocolate, confectionery and ice cream                     | 872                   | 1 113                 | 241                                                 | 27,6  | 98     | 99     | 1                               | 1,1   |
| Infant food & other prep of cereals, flour, starch or milk | 325                   | 365                   | 41                                                  | 12,5  | 31     | 34     | 3                               | 8,2   |
| Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread                          | 1 023                 | 1 171                 | 148                                                 | 14,5  | 107    | 95     | -13                             | -11,8 |
| Soups and sauces                                           | 605                   | 643                   | 38                                                  | 6,3   | 54     | 50     | -5                              | -8,3  |
| Coffee and tea extracts                                    | 439                   | 511                   | 71                                                  | 16,3  | 43     | 38     | -5                              | -11,8 |
| Food preparations, not specified                           | 1 532                 | 1 620                 | 88                                                  | 5,7   | 141    | 124    | -17                             | -12,1 |
| Pet food                                                   | 832                   | 978                   | 146                                                 | 17,6  | 99     | 72     | -27                             | -26,9 |
| Waters and soft drinks                                     | 863                   | 899                   | 36                                                  | 4,2   | 89     | 85     | -4                              | -4,5  |
| Beer                                                       | 232                   | 285                   | 53                                                  | 22,6  | 26     | 24     | -2                              | -8,6  |
| Spirits, liqueurs and vermouth                             | 1 384                 | 1 469                 | 84                                                  | 6,1   | 130    | 141    | 12                              | 8,9   |
| Odoriferous substances                                     | 8                     | 9                     | 1                                                   | 14,7  | 1      | 1      | 0                               | -20,2 |
| Raw hides, skins and furskins                              | 852                   | 778                   | -74                                                 | -8,7  | 52     | 27     | -25                             | -47,8 |
| Non edible animal products                                 | 359                   | 361                   | 2                                                   | 0,5   | 30     | 24     | -7                              | -22,6 |
| Wool and silk                                              | 818                   | 815                   | -3                                                  | -0,3  | 61     | 37     | -23                             | -38,4 |
| Cotton, flax and hemp, and plaiting materials              | 605                   | 575                   | -30                                                 | -4,9  | 49     | 41     | -8                              | -15,5 |
| Cut flowers and plants                                     | 1 217                 | 1 324                 | 107                                                 | 8,8   | 85     | 96     | 11                              | 12,5  |
| Bulbs, roots and live plants                               | 741                   | 804                   | 62                                                  | 8,4   | 64     | 61     | -3                              | -4,7  |
| Raw tobacco                                                | 2 322                 | 2 659                 | 337                                                 | 14,5  | 196    | 185    | -12                             | -5,9  |
| Cigars and cigarettes                                      | 254                   | 231                   | -23                                                 | -9,0  | 21     | 21     | 0                               | 1,5   |
| Fatty acids and waxes                                      | 1 697                 | 1 480                 | -216                                                | -12,8 | 131    | 124    | -7                              | -5,4  |
| Sugar alcohols                                             | 14                    | 14                    | 0                                                   | 0,1   | 2      | 2      | 0                               | -26,9 |
| Essential oils                                             | 648                   | 810                   | 162                                                 | 25,0  | 87     | 68     | -19                             | -21,5 |
| Ethanol                                                    | 387                   | 256                   | -131                                                | -33,9 | 19     | 23     | 4                               | 19,2  |
| Casein, other albuminoidal sub. & mod. starches            | 815                   | 843                   | 27                                                  | 3,3   | 66     | 63     | -3                              | -4,4  |
| Non-edible, not specified                                  | 11                    | 36                    | 25                                                  | 228,2 | 0      | 1      | 1                               | 458,5 |
| Products non-attributable                                  | 552                   | 1 671                 | 1 119                                               | 202,6 | 206    | 230    | 24                              | 11,6  |