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Report Highlights:

China's imports of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products nearly reached \$21 billion through the first seven months of the year. China's Customs data indicates the largest supplier of goods was the U.S. with nearly \$5.6 billion and the largest export destination was Japan at nearly \$4.5 billion. Soybeans, cotton, and animal hides and skins are the primary goods imported from the U.S. while primary imports from the world are soybeans, cotton, palm and soybean oil, and wool. Export data does not account for many goods made from agricultural products that are processed into other consumer goods.

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Executive Summary

China Customs data indicates agricultural, fishery, and forestry product imports reached nearly \$21 billion in the first seven months of the year while exports reached nearly \$15 billion. To call this a trade deficit is misleading, however, as many export goods are made from agricultural imports but become classified as other non-ag. consumer oriented goods upon export (e.g. furniture and textiles) while some other goods remain in the agricultural, fishery, and forestry classification (e.g. fish fillets) upon export. An additional caveat is that many goods re-exported to China from other countries via Hong Kong may not be accounted for in the data. Furthermore, readers should be aware that data might not match other countries export statistics due to timing of exports (e.g. data departing a country in December may show up in China's January import statistics) while values may vary due to shipping costs (F.O.B. from a country while landing in China C.I.F.).

Imports

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

Rank	Country	Jan - July	Jan - July	Jan - July
		2002	2003	2004
All	--World--	8,992	13,917	20,904
1	United States	1,683	3,361	5,578
2	Brazil	274	1,166	1,656
3	Australia	757	774	1,421
4	Argentina	225	846	1,415
5	Malaysia	672	1,091	1,407
6	Russia	1,067	1,034	1,270
7	Thailand	550	802	1,162
8	Indonesia	477	652	917
9	Canada	358	307	880
10	New Zealand	281	422	576

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Entering Port

Rank	Port	Jan - July	Jan - July	Jan - July
		2002	2003	2004
All	All Ports	8,992	13,917	20,904
1	Qingdao	1,333	2,743	3,909
2	Shanghai	1,305	1,832	3,061
3	Nanjing	983	1,956	3,059
4	Tianjin	619	932	1,886
5	Shenzhen	1,123	1,307	1,486
6	Huangpu	617	699	1,366
7	Dalian	523	763	1,080
8	Guangzhou	446	691	638
9	Ningbo	187	368	628
10	Xiamen	144	320	461

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Harmonized System Code

China's Top-Ten Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports at HS Code 6 digits from the World (\$ Million)					
Rank	HS Code	Description	Jan - July	Jan - July	Jan - July
			2002	2003	2004
		Worldwide Ag., Fish, and Forestry	8,992	13,917	20,904
		Agricultural Products	5,859	10,355	16,838
		Fishery Products	867	956	1,191
		Forestry Products	2,266	2,606	2,875
1	120100	Soybeans	984	3,099	4,047
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	62	724	2,738
3	151190	Palm Oil, not chemically modified	382	750	1,025
4	150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	26	336	986
5	510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	323	346	554
6	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine greater than 16 kg	189	275	477
7	030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	340	355	450
8	100110	Wheat, Durum	75	29	449
9	400122	Rubber, natural, technically specified (TSNR)	118	262	446
10	440399	Nonconiferous wood, in the rough, other	359	442	439

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports from the United States by Harmonized System Code

China's Top-Ten Ag., Fish, and Forestry Imports at HS Code 6 digits from the U.S. (\$ Million)					
Rank	HS Code	Description	Jan - July	Jan - July	Jan - July
			2002	2003	2004
		U.S. Ag., Fish, and Forestry	1,683	3,361	5,578
		Agricultural Products	1,484	3,123	5,211
		Fishery Products	61	66	146
		Forestry Products	138	172	222
1	120100	Soybeans	593	1,579	2,279
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	29	425	1,602
3	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine heavier than 16 kg	149	202	318
4	100110	Wheat, Durum	16	7	151
5	100190	Wheat, Non-Durum, Meslin	5	0	138
6	210690	Miscellaneous edible preparations, other	21	83	123
7	440799	Wood, nonconiferous, not elsewhere specified	83	91	106
8	020714	Chicken, frozen cuts and edible offal	197	206	56
9	030332	Plaice, frozen, excluding fillets	13	22	43
10	030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	10	13	43

Source: China Customs

Exports**China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World**

		Jan - July	Jan - July	Jan - July
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
	--World--	10,985	13,098	14,853
1	Japan	3,776	3,841	4,583
2	United States	1,199	1,558	2,012
3	Hong Kong	1,236	1,275	1,537
4	Korea, South	1,044	1,315	1,167
5	Germany	276	402	456
6	Russia	231	341	335
7	Malaysia	313	366	291
8	United Kingdom	156	222	280
9	Netherlands	203	246	274
10	Taiwan	195	219	251

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports by Departure Port

		Jan - July	Jan - July	Jan - July
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	10,985	13,098	14,853
1	Qingdao	2,335	2,916	3,434
2	Dalian	1,563	2,106	1,975
3	Shanghai	1,363	1,510	1,949
4	Shenzhen	1,036	1,168	1,381
5	Tianjin	822	982	1,125
6	Ningbo	523	648	802
7	Xiamen	523	568	754
8	Nanjing	385	593	620
9	Fuzhou	400	380	469
10	Huangpu	369	360	428

Source: China Customs

China's Ag., Fish, and Forestry Worldwide Exports by Harmonized System Code

China's Top-Ten Ag., Fish, and Forestry Exports at HS Code 6 digits to the World (\$ Million)					
	HS	Description	Jan - July 2002	Jan - July 2003	Jan - July 2004
All		--World--	10,985	13,098	14,853
		Agricultural Products	7,255	8,592	9,046
		Fishery Products	2,205	2,594	3,088
		Forestry Products	1,525	1,912	2,719
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	401	600	749
2	160419	Fish, prepared and preserved other	509	448	592
3	442190	Wood articles, not elsewhere specified	334	383	467
4	050400	Animal casings, bladders, stomachs	150	215	300
5	441219	Wood, plywood less than 6mm thick, not elsewhere specified	66	120	299
6	160590	Mollusks, prepared and preserved	161	200	270
7	100590	Corn, not for seed use	464	857	249
8	070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	187	187	228
9	220190	Water, other	165	145	227
10	020329	Pork, boneless cuts, frozen	105	115	211

Source: China Customs