

USDA/Global Agricultural Information Network Reports

Below is a summary of export trade news highlights, compiled by the International Trade Office.

Mexico Food Processing Ingredients Annual

Mexico's GDP surpassed \$1.8 trillion in 2024. The economy continues to grow, and it is driven by population growth, consumer demand for convenience, premium, and health-conscious products. The U.S. remains Mexico's top supplier of food ingredients, with bilateral agricultural trade reaching \$79 billion in 2024. The food processing industry represented 4% of Mexico's GDP in 2024. Processed meat, dairy, and bakery goods dominate the sector, supported by strong consumer demand and ongoing product innovation. Leading companies like Grupo Bimbo, Coca Cola, Sigma Alimentos, and Gruma shape the market. – <u>More Info</u>

Exporting Market Potential for US Pork in Jamaica

Jamaica's pork market is valued at an estimated \$40 million per year. While domestic production meets household and retail demand, it falls short of supplying the total market. High-demand pork variety meats, such as tails and bellies—primarily imported from Canada and Ireland—highlight these supply gaps. Currently, U.S. pork exports to Jamaica are limited to hermetically sealed (canned) products. Expanding market access to include U.S. fresh and frozen pork would help alleviate persistent supply shortages on the island. – <u>More Info</u>

US Buyers Are Seeing Turkish Eggs

In response to elevated egg prices in the United States, Türkiye has ramped up its breaking egg shipments to the United States. U.S. imports of Turkish table/breaking chicken eggs (HS 040721) slightly more than doubled in 2024 to 6.2 million dozen eggs and Turkish industry reports that it has already contracted to ship about 460 million (38.3 million dozen) eggs to the U.S. during the first half of this year. Türkiye's current animal health status requires that the eggs only be imported for processing at a USDA-approved facility. – <u>More Info</u>

India Grain and Feed Annual Report

India is on course to hit its third record wheat crop in MY 2025/2026 forecast on higher planting and optimal growing conditions. Consumption is likely to recover from last year's drop, but export bans on wheat and wheat products are likely to continue due to inflation concerns. After consecutive record harvests over the last nine years, rice production in upcoming MY 2025/2026 is expected to steady at 143 MMT; exports are forecast up to 24 MMT (record) on sufficient supplies and competitive prices as the government liquidates excess rice stocks in the domestic market. Indian corn production in MY 2025/2026 is also forecast higher on growing demand for corn for the ethanol blending program. <u>– More Info</u>

Japan Livestock and Products Semi-Annual Report

In 2025, beginning inventories and beef production declined due to the increased pace of slaughter in 2024. Beef consumption remains weak due to inflation, with a shift toward less expensive proteins such as pork. Beef imports will remain stagnant amid the U.S. dollar vis-à-vis the Japanese yen. Pork production and

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International: +1.515.348.6200 Domestic: 1.800.245.4692 consumption will remain stable, favored over pricier proteins in 2025. Pork imports will decline slightly due to higher ending stocks in 2024, along with distribution challenges. Importers are diversifying their sourcing needs to overcome the challenging trade environment. – <u>More Info</u>

South Korea Grain and Feed Annual Report

While per capita grain consumption in Korea remains steady, or declining in the case of rice, increased manufacturing of K-food for exports drives total consumption, offsetting decreases in other sectors. Ramen exports hit a record high in CY 2024, boosting wheat use for food processing and encouraging expansion in ramen production capacity. Although total rice consumption is declining, rising demand for manufacturing rice products, such as frozen kimbap for export, partially offsets the decrease. Korea faces backlash over its mandatory rice acreage reduction plan. The U.S. is expected to regain around 30% of imported corn market share in MY 2024/25, though this is still below the 30-40% share seen until MY 2020/21. – <u>More Info</u>

Unleashing Opportunities in Taiwan's Booming Pet Food Market

In 2024, Taiwan's pet food market saw significant activity, with total imports reaching a record high of \$276.8 million. Thailand continued to be the largest supplier of pet food to Taiwan, followed by the U.S., South Korea, Canada, and Japan. Notably, the U.S. upheld its position as the largest supplier of premium dry pet food to Taiwan, highlighting its strong presence in the high-end segment of the market. As the pet food industry continues to evolve, Taiwan's reliance on a diverse array of suppliers ensures a steady supply of varied and high-quality pet food products for its expanding pet population. Key opportunities for U.S. suppliers include products for aging pets, specialized nutrition, preventive health care, and pet treats. – <u>More Info</u>

Thailand Oilseeds and Products Annual Report

MY 2025/26 soybean crushing demand is expected to grow at a slower pace of 2% due to slow economic recovery with uncertainties from the U.S. reciprocal tariff measures. Palm oil supplies are likely to remain tight in MY 2024/25 and MY 2025/26 due to strong demand for biodiesel production as the government maintained the high levels of mandatory blend rate. – <u>More Info</u>

Germany Food Processing Ingredients Annual Report

Food processing is the fifth-largest industry in Germany. According to the Federation of German Food and Drink Industries (BVE), Germany produced \$252.1 (€ 232.6) billion of processed food and drinks in 2023, an increase of 6% from 2022. However, the German food industry continues to struggle with subdued private consumer spending, inflation, and rising production costs. The following U.S. products have good sales potential on the German market: nuts, ready meals and food preparations, condiments and sauces, processed fruits, beef, bakery products, and organic products. – <u>More Info</u>

France Food Processing Ingredients Annual Report

The French food processing industry mobilizes more than 19,000 companies, of which nearly 98% are small- and medium-sized enterprises. The sector generates \$177 billion in annual revenue, and it indirectly contributes to nearly 2 million jobs in France. The French agri-food industry has significant political and economic influence. However, while market demand for processed food remains strong, the French industry continues to face challenges with the rising costs of "made in France." – More Info

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Spain Food Processing Ingredients Annual Report

In 2024, Spain imported \$2.2 billion worth of agricultural, seafood and forest products from the US. Following efforts to recover from the COVID-19 crisis, companies are once again facing a challenging environment that includes high production costs and economic and political uncertainties. Despite these challenges, Spain's food and beverage sector continues to show a constant and positive performance. With one of the most resilient and competitive food processing industries in Europe, Spain's demand for food ingredients continues to increase, as well as its demand for distilled spirits, tree nuts, and chocolate and cocoa products. – <u>More Info</u>

Argentina FAIRS Country Report Annual Report

This report is an overview and update of regulations and standards for importing U.S. food and beverage products to Argentina. – <u>More Info</u>

Saudi Arabia Grain and Feed Annual Report

Total Saudi wheat imports for 2025/26 are forecast to decline 10% to 3.2 MMT due to projected high local production. Saudi barley imports for MY 2025/26 are projected to increase by 10% to 3.3 MMT compared to last MY. Total corn imports in MY 2025/26 total corn imports are projected to decline by 500,000 MT from a record import level of approximately 5 MMT in MY 2023/24. Total rice exports to Saudi Arabia this MY are estimated at 1.5 MMT, a 14% reduction from last year. – <u>More Info</u>

Kenya Grain and Feed Annual Report

Kenya's MY 2025/26 corn production is expected to increase by 15.8% due to a return to normal weather, following an unusually dry year. Rice production is also anticipated to increase by 11% as more land is brought under irrigation and yields sustained. Wheat production will, however, decline by 5.6% due to a reduction in area harvested, as farmers respond to complications with the domestic support program. Kenya will remain a net importer of all the three commodities due to local supply deficits. Import sourcing for corn and corn products will remain severely constrained by Kenya's ban on importation of genetically engineered products, limiting any advances in poultry, dairy, and livestock production. – <u>More Info</u>

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