

USDA/Global Agricultural Information Network Reports

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

[COOL for Main Ingredient Requirements Now in Force for Japan](#)

Recently, processed food manufacturers in Japan must be in compliance with new country of origin labeling (COOL) requirements. The new rule requires Japanese food manufacturers to identify on the label of the product the country(ies) where the main ingredient, by weight, was harvested or produced. This requirement applies only to Japanese food processors and manufacturers. Imported processed foods are exempt (only the country of manufacture of the finished product will continue to be required). Japanese importers bear sole responsibility for the development of labels compliant with Japanese food labeling regulations. – [More Info](#)

[Canadian Livestock and Products Semi-Annual](#)

The ongoing contraction of the Canadian cattle herd is expected to continue in 2022. Canadian live cattle exports are forecast to decline on a smaller calf crop. High feed costs and limited availability will see live exports outpace 2021 through the first half of 2022. Imports of U.S. feeder cattle will decline in 2022 following five years of record imports. Feed availability in Western Canada and competition for feeder animals due to contraction in the U.S. cattle herd will drive this trend. Following significant processing disruptions due to labor issues in 2021, the Canadian swine sector will see slaughter levels recover somewhat in 2022. However, closure of the slaughter line at a Quebec facility will result in increased exports to the United States as market-ready hogs in Ontario and Quebec are displaced. Disease impacts will see a slightly smaller pig crop in 2022 amidst higher losses. The United States will remain the top trade partner for both imports and exports of beef and pork. – [More Info](#)

[Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Import Suspensions in the Philippines](#)

In 2016, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the Philippine Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) agreed on a county-based format for managing trade restrictions due to detections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the United States. This agreement limits the temporary export bans to the county level but allows for an escalation in scope to statewide restrictions should three or more counties have confirmed detections in commercial poultry flocks. – [More Info](#)

[Australia and India Sign Economic Deal](#)

Australia and India have signed a new trade agreement, the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI ECTA). More than 85% of Australian goods exports will have tariffs eliminated. Along with this agreement, Australia and India have agreed to promote agricultural trade and will work toward concluding an enhanced agricultural Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). – [More Info](#)

[Food Processing Ingredients in Indonesia](#)

Indonesia currently imports 60% of the raw materials needed for its growing food processing industry. In 2021, exports of U.S. agricultural products to Indonesia increased by 9% largely due to higher demand for soybean, beef and corn. Top U.S. agricultural exports include soybeans, feeds and fodders, cotton, dairy, corn, wheat, fresh fruits, and beef and beef products. – [More Info](#)

[Oilseeds and Products Annual for Vietnam](#)

As Vietnam looks to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic through economic recovery packages and loosening of restrictions, total animal feed demand is forecast to increase to meet animal production demands. Soybean meal consumption is forecast to increase due to projected higher total demand feed in both MY2021/22 and MY2022/23. Soybean imports are forecast to increase, driven by both demand for crush and food consumption. – [More Info](#)

[Grain and Feed Annual for Morocco](#)

The 2022 crop season in Morocco is progressing under difficult conditions. Dry and hot weather during January and February has driven production to record lows, especially in southern Morocco. USDA forecasts MY2022/23 production at 1.5 million metric ton (MMT) for common wheat, 0.7 MMT for durum wheat and 0.6 MMT for barley. Low production for MY 2022/23 is expected to result in higher import demand of 6 MMT total wheat and 0.5 MMT barley. – [More Info](#)

[TRQ Allocation Rates for FTAs in Japanese Fiscal Year 2021](#)

The U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement (USJTA), which entered into force on January 1, 2020, improved market access for U.S. products through the creation of tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) for food wheat, wheat products, malt, processed cheese, whey, glucose and fructose, potato starch, corn starch, and inulin. Fill rates for these TRQs, however, remained low throughout Japanese Fiscal Year (JFY) 2021. This report provides the latest data on TRQ allocation and fill rates as well as a brief overview of the TRQ application process. – [More Info](#)

Food Processing Ingredients in Australia

Australia has proven to be an appealing and profitable market for U.S. companies for many years. Apart from an extremely strict quarantine regime, it offers few barriers to entry, a familiar legal and corporate framework, and a sophisticated, straightforward business culture. While it is important to understand and appreciate Australia's cultural differences, the long and successful history of U.S. firms in Australia suggests the potential of this market. Australia's food, beverage and grocery sectors account for one-third of the country's total manufacturing industry. In 2021, food industry turnover totaled A\$116 billion (US\$77.6 billion) a rise of 1% over the previous year. The industry is comprised of over 16,000 enterprises. – [More Info](#)

Venezuelan Agricultural Imports Grew 85 percent since 2019

Venezuelan agricultural imports grew by 33.1% in 2021 due to a stabilization of the economy and a recovery in consumer demand. Nevertheless, agricultural imports fell by 5.1% in volume due to significant commodity price increases. Agricultural imports from the United States totaled \$634 million last year, up 44.8% compared to 2020. The market has grown by more than 85% since 2019, and the products with the greatest growth potential for U.S. exporters include consumer-oriented products, corn, rice, wheat, soybean meal, soybean oil and sugar. – [More Info](#)

China's FNGO Law - Operational Compliance for Representative Offices

The purpose of this report is to provide U.S. agricultural trade associations with information on compliance with the “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Administration of Activities of Overseas Nongovernmental Organizations in the Mainland of China” (FNGO Law). The report includes guidance on the administration, operation and financial management of a Foreign Nongovernmental Organization (FNGO) Representative Office (RO) following registration in China and answers to frequently asked questions. The appendix consists of templates and forms to facilitate USDA Cooperators’ compliance with operational requirements. This report is primarily intended for readers who are affiliated with entities registered as FNGOs in the People's Republic of China (PRC) or otherwise already familiar with the FNGO Law. – [More Info](#)

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