

USDA/Global Agricultural Information Network Reports

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

[ASF Outbreak Creates Increased Opportunities for US Swine Meat Exports to the Dominican Republic](#)

In July 2021, authorities detected African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Dominican Republic (DR). The disease crippled local swine production but boosted export opportunities for U.S. swine meat producers to the Dominican market. With a nationwide control and eradication effort underway, DR will face a nearly 30% fall in swine production in CY 2023. Imports are expected to supply the shortfall. With free market access, the United States will continue as the principal provider of swine meat imports into the DR. – [More Info](#)

[Costa Rica to Join Pacific Alliance](#)

The members of the Pacific trade bloc Alliance advanced Costa Rica's bid for full membership, charting a course for Costa Rica to formally join Mexico, Colombia, Peru and Chile in 2023. While Costa Rica expects membership will expand trade with Asian markets, FAS/San José expects near-term market access effects would be limited as Costa Rica has existing bilateral agreements with Pacific Alliance members. FAS/San José does not anticipate discernible changes to U.S. competitive positions in the Costa Rican following accession to the bloc. – [More info](#)

[United States-Mexico Agricultural Trade Logistics Review](#)

U.S.-Mexico bilateral agricultural trade is increasingly complex in the diversity of products traded, modes of transport used, periods of the year that witness the highest volumes, and the commercial crossings or Ports of Entry (POEs) through which the trade funnels. Given the interdependent nature of bilateral agricultural trade with Mexico, this report covers north and southbound trade by both land and maritime channels but focuses most on southbound trade along the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border. – [More info](#)

[Third Quarter 2022 US Agricultural Trade Data Highlights – Hong Kong](#)

From January-September 2022, U.S. agricultural and food exports to Hong Kong declined 16% to \$1 billion compared to the same period last year. During this same period, Hong Kong's ranking as a U.S. agricultural and food export market slid from 15th in 2021 to 25th in 2022. However, the city held its rank as the 7th largest export market for U.S. consumer-ready food products. The recent easing of pandemic-related measures in mainland China has sparked anticipation about the return of cross border travel and the city's potential economic recovery. – [More info](#)

[Peru Biofuels Annual Report](#)

Peruvian ethanol production in 2022 is forecast at 220 million liters, a slight increase compared to the previous year. Ethanol consumption for 2022 is forecast at 260 million liters. Peru is forecast to produce 208 million liters of biodiesel in 2022. Owing to supply chain interruptions, Peru temporarily suspended the biodiesel mandate resulting in significantly lower imports. – [More info](#)

[Ukraine Grain Update December 2022](#)

This report is intended to capture the estimated changes in the trade of major grains for marketing year (MY) 2022/23 resulting from the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative for the next 120 days at the end of November 2022. MY2022/23 corn production estimates were updated as well. – [More info](#)

[Korea Livestock and Products Annual Report](#)

The ongoing revival of South Korea's food service sector strengthened consumer demand for beef and pork in 2022. Korean cattle producers will aim to capitalize on high meat prices and strong demand for domestic beef and will increase slaughter rates into 2023. Swine production will wane over the first half of 2023 on high input costs. Large import volumes for beef and pork that were witnessed in 2022 are expected to remain elevated in 2023. – [More info](#)

[Mexico Agricultural Biotechnology Annual Report](#)

Mexico has not officially reported any approvals for genetically engineered (GE) agricultural products for food and feed use since May 2018. Additionally, Mexico has not approved any permit applications for cultivation of GE crop (cotton and alfalfa) since 2019, citing the precautionary principle. On January 1, 2021, a Mexican presidential decree entered into force under which existing authorizations for biotech corn will be revoked and new authorizations prohibited until biotech corn is completely phased out by January 31, 2024. In 2021, Mexico's imports of GE corn and soybeans were valued at approximately \$5 billion and \$3 billion, respectively, with supplies mainly from the United States. – [More info](#)

[Japan Exporter Guide Annual Report](#)

The Japanese food market was valued at \$698 billion in 2021 with retail sales accounting for \$467 billion (67%) and food service sales accounting for \$231 billion (33%). Japan relies on imports from other countries for the bulk of its food supply. The United States is the leading agricultural product supplier with a 23% market share in 2021. This report serves as an all-in-one resource for prospective U.S. exporters to Japan with information on the food and beverage market, business culture, consumer preferences, import regulations, trends and the U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement. – [More info](#)

[EU Grain and Feed Fall Update](#)

Warm and dry summer conditions have taken a toll on EU grain production projections, especially in the case of corn. On a positive note, a surge in corn imports originating from Brazil and Ukraine, with the recent four-month extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, have increased predictability of the EU grain market balance. EU grain export expectations have improved based on projected lower internal demand and increased competitiveness of EU wheat in third country markets. – [More info](#)

[Mexico Exporter Guide](#)

Mexico was the second largest food and agricultural export market for U.S. exporters in 2021 with exports valued at \$26.5 billion. Mexico's economy grew by 4.8% in 2021, following a dramatic 8.1% contraction in 2020 due to the pandemic. Mexico's food processing industry is the 12th largest globally, and the third largest in the Americas following the United States and Brazil. – [More info](#)

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