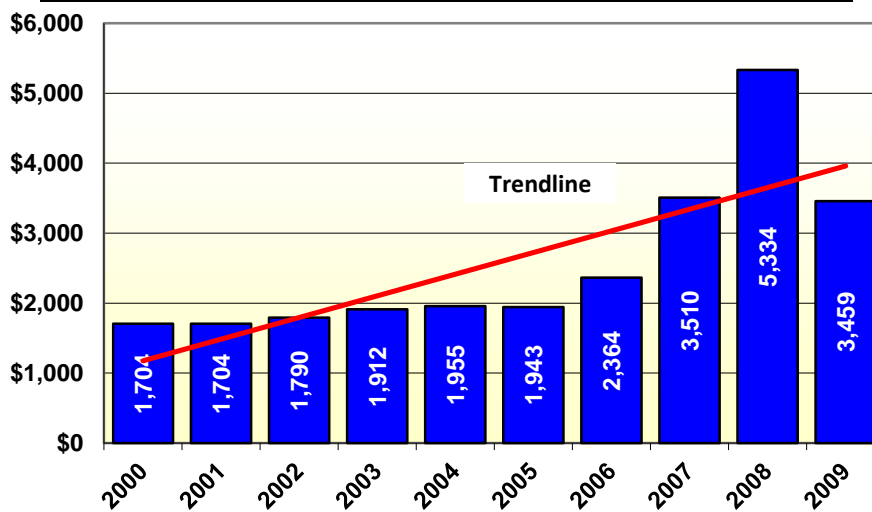


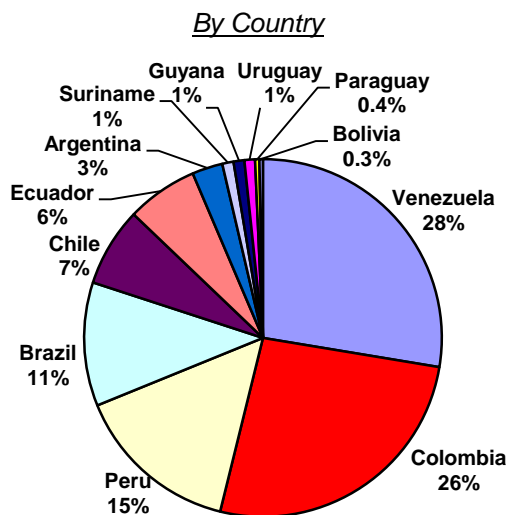
## WHY SOUTH AMERICA IS IMPORTANT FOR MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL EXPORTERS

- South America has a total population of 372 million. Major markets for U.S. agricultural products include Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, and Argentina.
- In 2009, U.S. agricultural exports to South America totaled **\$3.5 billion**, up from \$1.7 billion in 2000, a 103% growth.
- **Corn** is the **largest** U.S. agricultural export to South America, with an annual export value of **\$720 million** (including corn feed and oil), followed by **soybeans** at **\$574 million** (including meal and oil), and **wheat** at **\$483 million** (including flour). The combined market-share of the top three commodity groups is over 70%.
- Major U.S. imports from South America include fruit, vegetables, wine, and coffee. Brazil is also a major exporter of sugarcane-based ethanol to the U.S.
- South America's major exporters to the U.S. include Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Argentina, Ecuador, and Peru.

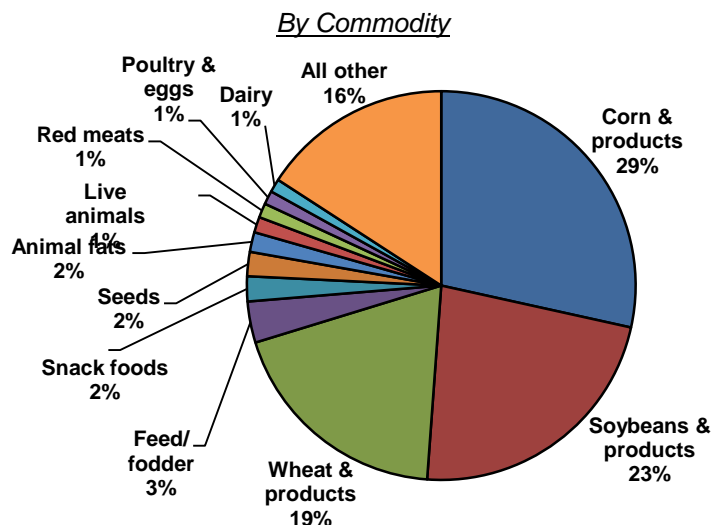
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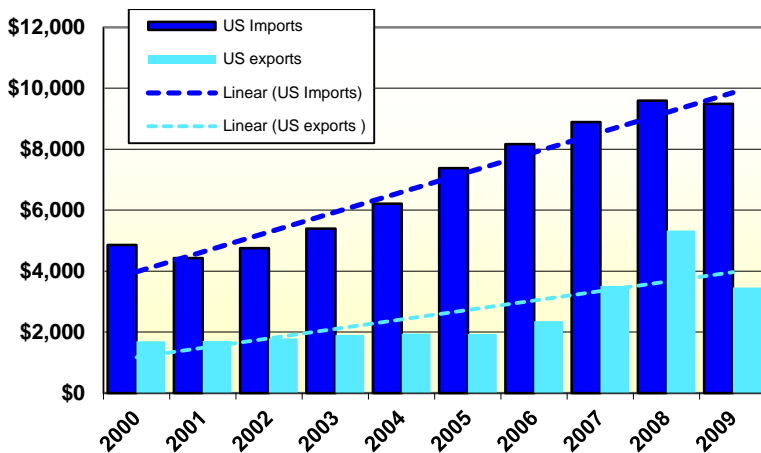
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## South American Countries



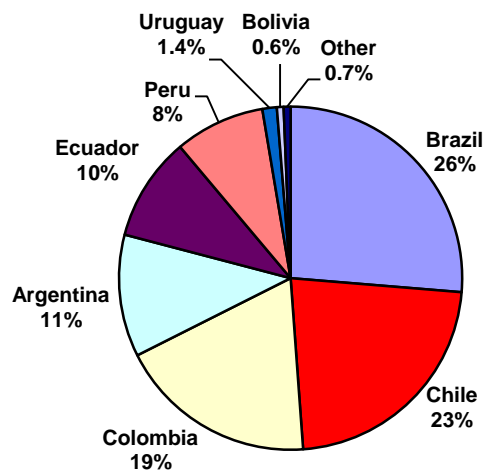
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2000-2009 Trends (Million \$)



### U.S. Ag Imports from South America (2009)

By Country



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