China: Top Market for U.S. Ag Exports

- China (including mainland, Hong Kong, and Macau) is the largest export market for U.S. agricultural products.
- In 2017, U.S. agricultural exports to China reached $23.8 billion, over 17 percent of U.S. total agricultural exports.
- From 2000 to 2017, U.S. agricultural exports to China increased by 700%.
- Soybeans are China’s No. 1 agricultural import from the U.S., with a 52% market share.
- China is among the top export markets for U.S. major ag commodities:
  - No. 1 in soybeans, feed, animal hides, alfalfa;
  - No. 2 in hay;
  - No. 3 in dairy, poultry;
  - No. 4 in processed food, pork, beef;
  - No. 5 in wheat.
- Minnesota agricultural export to China is estimated at $1.5 billion annually.

(Billion $)

Source: USDA-FAS

U.S. Ag Exports: Top Markets
(Market share by value)

Source: USDA-FAS
U.S. Agricultural Imports from China

- The U.S. imported $4.6 billion in agricultural products from China in 2017.
- The top U.S. import commodities from China are fruits and vegetables (fresh/processed), snack food, spices, and tea – the combined which accounts for nearly one-half of the total U.S. agricultural imports from China.

U.S. Agricultural Trade with China – Export and Import
(Billion $)

U.S. Ag Imports from China by Commodity
(% share by value)

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