

## China's Agricultural Products Trade in the First Three Quarters 2018

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According to the latest data from Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China's agricultural products import and export in the period of January to September 2018 are as follows:

- The total value of import and export of agricultural products was 162.81 billion USD in the first three quarters 2018, a 10.6% increase comparing to the same period last year;
- Import was 105.23 billion USD, a 12.1% increase, and export was 57.58 billion USD, a 8.1% increase;
- There was a 12.5% decrease in cereal imports comparing to the same period last year, due to decreased imports of wheat, rice, barley and sorghum, although maize import increased by 27.7%;
- Cotton and sugar imports increased by 7.3% and 6.9% respectively;
- Edible oil seed import was 75 million ton, decreased by 2.0%, due to decrease in both rapeseed and soy import;
- Edible oil import was 5.72 million ton, a 7.9% increase. Palm oil remains the dominate import, there was a strong increase (by 50.5%) in rapeseed oil import;
- The value of livestock products import increased by 14.8% comparing to the same period last year;
- There was a minor increase in pork by 0.3% and a decrease in pig offal import, by 17.8%; but a strong increase in beef, lamb and milk powder import, by 46.8%, 32.0% and 6.6% comparing to the same period last year;
- There was a strong increase in import of aquatic products, by 29.7%, comparing to the same period last year.

For more details, see the table below.

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## China's import and export of agricultural products in Jan - Sept 2018

	Import	Comparing with same period 2017 (%)		Export	Comparing with same period 2017 (%)
Cereals (M ton)	17.77	12.5 ↓		1.71	46.6 ↑
Wheat	2.5	31.0 ↓		0.22	120 ↑
Maize	2.91	27.7 ↑			
Rice	2.24	24.9 ↓		1.38	55.1 ↑
Barley	6.24	10.3 ↓		0.69	12.3 ↑
Sorghum	3.62	14.7 ↓			
Cotton (M ton)	1.16	7.3 ↑			
Sugar (M ton)	1.96	6.9 ↑			
Edible oil seed (M ton)	75.00	2.0 ↓		0.85	11.8 ↑
Soy	70.00	2.0 ↓			
Rapeseed	3.62	1.0 ↓			
Edible oil (M ton)	5.72	7.9 ↑		0.22	66.5 ↑
Palm oil	3.73	6.9 ↑			
Rapeseed oil	0.92	50.5 ↑			
Soy oil	0.37	31.7 ↓			
Vegetables (Bln USD)	0.59	49.0 ↑		11.1	0.3 ↓
Fruits (Bln USD)	6.82	36.7 ↑		4.79	7.6 ↑
Livestock (Bln USD)	21.61	14.8 ↑		5.13	12.7 ↑
Pork (M ton)	0.92	0.3 ↑			
Pig offal (M ton)	0.76	17.8 ↓			
Beef (M ton)	0.74	46.8 ↑			
Lamb (M ton)	0.25	32.0 ↑			
Milk Powder (M ton)	0.88	6.6 ↑			
Aquatic products (Bln USD)	10.99	29.7 ↑		16.1	7.1 ↑

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