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China's Agricultural Products Trade in the First Quarter 2020

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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 March 2020 are as follows:

- The total value of import and export of agricultural products was 53.68 billion USD in the first quarter 2020, a 3.9% increase comparing to the same period last year;
- Import was 37.31 billion USD, a 8.8% increase, and export was 16.37 billion USD, a 5.7% decrease:
- There was a 4.0% increase in cereal imports comparing to the same period last year;
- Cotton import decreased by 7.4% and sugar increased by 99.2% respectively;
- Edible oil seed import was 19.24 million ton, increased by 4.0%, due to increase in soy import;
- Edible oil import was 2.06 million ton, a 15.3% decrease. Palm oil remains the dominate import, but decreased by 31.0%, there was a strong increase in rapeseed oil (by 10.0%), sunflower and safflower oil (42.4%) and soy oil (11.1%) import;
- The value of livestock products import increased by 58.3% comparing to the same period last year;
- There was a sharp increase in pork import, by 180%, and a strong increase in pig offal import, by 25.6%; a strong increase in beef import, by 64.8%, minor increase in lamb import, by 1.3%, and a decrease in milk powder import, by 6.0%, comparing to the same period last year;
- There was a moderate decrease in import of aquatic products, by 8.7%, comparing to the same period last year.

For more details, see the table below.

China's import and export of agricultural products in Q1 2019

	Import	Comparing with same period 2019 (%)	Export	Comparing with same period 2019 (%)
Cereals (M ton)	4.78	4.0	0.61	1.8
Wheat	1.27	22.6	0.06	20.8
Maize	1.25	27.3	0.001	23.2
Rice	0.56	3.9	0.52	8.8
Barley	1.02	47.5		
Sorghum	0.63	295.1 fold (
Cotton (M ton)	0.64	7.4		
Sugar (M ton)	0.41	99.2		
Edible oil seed (M ton)	19.24	4.0	0.31	13.7
Soy	17.79	6.2		
Rapeseed	0.65	47.2		
Edible oil (M ton)	2.06	15.3	0.04	30.0
Palm oil	1.19	31.0		
Rapeseed oil	0.35	10.0		
Sunflower & Safflower oils	0.29	42.4		
Soy oil	0.15	11.1		
Vegetables (Bln USD)	0.22	12.4	3.23	0.8
Fruits (Bln USD)	3.16	5.0	1.64	14.7
Livestock (Bln USD)	12.04	58.3	1.23	18.9
Pork (M ton)	0.93	180		
Pig offal (M ton)	0.29	25.6		
Beef (M ton)	0.51	64.8		
Lamb (M ton)	0.10	1.3		
Milk Powder (M ton)	0.44	6.0		
Aquatic products (Bln USD)	3.78	8.7	3.90	17.8

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