

Agricultural Exports, 1998

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Pennsylvania: Agricultural exports from the Keystone State during the fiscal year (FY) October 1997-September 1998 were valued at \$517.1 million. This represents a decrease of 3 percent from the \$531.0 million worth of commodities exported in FY 1997.

Pennsylvania exports ranked fifth in dairy products; and tenth in both animal fats and prepared fruits.

United States: The value of agricultural exports for the U.S. during FY 1998 totaled \$53.7 billion, down 6 percent from the \$57.4 billion in FY 1997.

California was the leading export state in FY 1998. The total value of their exports were \$7.6 billion. Other leading states and their value were: Iowa, \$3.5 billion; Illinois, \$3.1 billion; Texas, \$3.1 billion; and Nebraska, \$2.9 billion.

Methodology: The Economic Research Service estimates State export shares based primarily on production share of the commodity. The estimated export value for each State should not be interpreted as actual measurements of a State's exports. An agricultural commodity is likely to pass through several States before being exported, little data exists on shipments between States, and the State origin is lost as commodities move from farmgate to port.

United States & Pennsylvania Agricultural Exports: Estimated Value
By Commodity Group, Fiscal Years 1994-1998¹

Commodity	Pennsylvania					United States				
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
	<i>Million Dollars</i>									
Wheat & Products	2.3	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.4	4,282.9	5,264.1	7,097.4	4,331.1	3,964.3
Soybeans & Products	34.7	37.8	34.4	44.3	45.9	5,642.6	7,194.0	7,914.5	9,253.6	9,020.3
Tobacco - Unmanufactured	6.3	7.9	17.0	8.8	8.3	1,260.2	1,329.1	1,392.7	1,611.6	1,447.9
Fruits - Prepared	24.7	25.9	27.1	29.6	25.2	3,041.3	3,255.6	3,315.2	3,418.2	3,217.9
Vegetables - Prepared	9.7	11.2	3.1	4.7	13.6	3,229.2	3,875.8	3,733.3	4,081.0	4,167.9
Live Animals & Meat	131.3	152.9	164.9	157.4	154.4	4,274.3	5,135.6	5,588.2	5,319.3	5,421.7
Hides & Skins	43.4	51.7	47.3	48.8	35.9	1,438.8	1,738.4	1,677.2	1,693.2	1,358.3
Poultry & Products	50.3	59.2	70.9	71.8	71.9	1,728.4	2,216.0	2,735.7	2,882.9	2,720.6
Fats, Oils & Grease	16.8	25.0	19.6	16.2	18.5	514.9	841.5	674.3	542.9	655.2
Dairy Products	46.3	47.6	42.7	46.8	46.7	828.2	806.4	735.8	868.7	925.1
Feeds & Fodders	28.7	30.2	33.6	36.7	33.1	1,384.5	1,627.9	1,674.2	1,811.2	1,721.3
Seeds	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.4	604.8	665.8	713.9	912.9	827.3
Other	57.6	60.9	58.3	62.5	60.8	4,942.4 ²	5,426.5 ²	5,848.9 ²	6,576.4 ²	6,336.2 ²
TOTAL	452.5	514.1	522.1	531.0	517.1	43,959.9 ²	54,725.1 ²	59,890.5 ²	57,365.1 ²	53,730.2 ²

¹ Source: USDA, Economic Research Service. ² Includes value for some commodities not shown separately, which are not produced or exported from Pennsylvania.