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Report Highlights:

China's Imports of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products climbed an additional \$2.9 billion during November 2004 to a total of \$32.3 billion for the first eleven months of the year. China Customs data indicates U.S. origin imports reached \$7.3 billion. Worldwide imports consist primarily of soybeans, cotton, palm and soybean oils. Exports, \$24.8 billion, for the first eleven months of the year, consist primarily of processed forestry and aquatic products. Japan remains China's largest export destination for ag, fish, and forestry goods, but U.S. destination exports climbed nearly 30 percent from the same period in 2003.

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Executive Summary

This report provides greater insight and information concerning the kind and value of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products China imports, exports, and processes. This report updates information from GAIN report CH4064. Readers should be aware data will not exactly match other countries' export statistics due to timing of exports (e.g. trade recorded in an exporting country at the end of one month or year might not be recorded in China's records until the following month or year). Furthermore, values from one country to another may vary due to disparity in recording methods (e.g. FOB vs. CIF/landed price). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to or from China.

Quick facts and observations from China Customs data:

- China's January through November 2004 imports of all items from the world equaled \$508 billion. Imports of world ag, fish, and forestry goods accounted for 6.4 percent.
- China's January through November 2004 imports of all items from the US equaled \$40.6 billion. U.S. ag, fish, and forestry goods accounted for 13.5 percent
- Soybeans imports from the U.S. were \$800 million greater than imports of airplanes.
- Ag, fish, and forestry imports from the U.S. were greater than the total imports of any of the following countries: France, Italy, Canada, India, Saudi Arabia and the U.K.

China's January to November 2004 agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodity imports reached \$32.3 billion while exports reached nearly \$24.9 billion. November 2004 imports equaled \$2.9 billion while exports were also \$2.9 billion. China's trade expansion with nearly all of its trading partners comes as no surprise as the country holds enormous demand along with strategic low-cost labor for a rapidly expanding agricultural, fishery, and forestry product processing sector that can import product under bond for processing and re-export.

The United States supplies the greatest share, 23 percent and \$7.3 billion, of China's agricultural, fishery, and forestry product year-to-date imports. The commodities consist primarily of bulk and intermediate goods; including, soybeans, cotton, wheat, hides and skins. Raw or unfinished aquatic products (e.g. frozen fish) and wood/lumber (e.g. untreated hardwoods) also comprise a large share of what China buys from the United States.

The United States is the second largest export destination, \$3.4 billion, for Chinese agricultural, fishery, and forestry product exports. Exports consist primarily of added value forestry products, like wooden boards and small wooden articles, along with aquatic products, like fish fillets or processed shrimp and prawn.

(Note: China's imports of raw agricultural materials like cotton, hides and skins, and lumber are included in the import portion of this trade data. However, the processed materials like apparel and furniture are not included in the agricultural export statistics. Therefore determining whether China carries an agricultural, fishery, and forest product trade deficit is not a useful analytic exercise. Additional items to point out: HTS is the abbreviation for "Harmonized Tariff System." NESOI is the abbreviation for "Not Elsewhere Specified or Indicated).

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China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Country

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Country (\$ Million) Jan.-Nov.				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	15,620	22,275	32,262
1	United States	2,560	4,515	7,289
2	Brazil	1,132	2,095	2,838
3	Argentina	814	2,100	2,654
4	Malaysia	1,220	1,875	2,345
5	Australia	1,309	1,156	2,312
6	Russia	1,587	1,626	2,081
7	Thailand	904	1,226	1,784
8	Indonesia	865	1,127	1,543
9	Canada	520	560	1,422
10	New Zealand	483	668	862
11	Peru	400	276	504
12	France	225	374	350
13	Uzbekistan	18	152	336
14	Japan	266	311	330
15	India	98	143	325
16	Korea, North	139	184	281
17	Vietnam	196	254	252
18	Korea, South	150	181	237
19	Germany	281	235	233
20	Denmark	97	182	220
21	Chile	176	180	215
22	Netherlands	126	131	210
23	Myanmar	102	130	162
24	Gabon	167	200	159
25	Belgium	104	138	158

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Entering Port

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Country (\$ Million) Jan.-Nov.				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	15,620	22,275	32,262
1	Qingdao	2,339	4,172	5,933
2	Nanjing	1,894	3,109	4,742
3	Shanghai	2,199	2,898	4,419
4	Tianjin	1,116	1,595	2,718
5	Huangpu	1,008	1,240	2,288
6	Shenzhen	1,791	2,111	2,197
7	Dalian	845	1,306	1,835
8	Guangzhou	813	1,041	1,054
9	Ningbo	343	582	982
10	Xiamen	270	500	701
11	Nanning	367	468	701
12	Zhanjiang	180	304	604
13	Hangzhou	249	319	540
14	Manzhouli	360	375	526
15	Harbin	370	402	524
16	Fuzhou	200	225	437
17	Shijiazhuang	262	364	383
18	Gongbei	184	241	306
19	Beijing	121	162	186
20	Hohhot	156	132	178
21	Kunming	107	135	156
22	Jiangmen	94	103	146
23	Urumqi	28	70	118
24	Zhengzhou	49	85	109
25	Shantou	105	91	95

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the World (\$ Million) Jan. - Nov.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Imports of Worldwide Ag, Fish, and Forestry	15,620	22,275	32,262
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	10,615	16,511	25,510
		All Aquatic (edible)	1,387	1,661	2,143
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	3,618	4,103	4,609
1	120100	Soybeans	2,225	4,906	6,341
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	138	909	3,083
3	151190	Palm Oil, refined, not chemically modified	758	1,297	1,711
4	150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	298	797	1,430
5	440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	911	873	1,065
6	510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	583	539	857
7	100110	Wheat, Durum	89	61	779
8	400122	Rubber, technically specified natural (TSNR)	245	481	773
9	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine > 16 kg	345	468	764
10	100190	Wheat, non-Durum, Meslin	14	1	720
11	230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	614	482	709
12	440399	Wood, non-coniferous, in the rough, not treated	588	677	690
13	030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	482	541	676
14	440349	Wood, other tropical, in the rough, not treated	283	563	627
15	440799	Wood, non-coniferous, sawn, sliced, over 6 meters	497	503	571
16	400121	Rubber, natural in smoked sheets	238	389	360
17	071410	Cassava (Manioc), fresh or dried, w/nt pellet	137	177	314
18	100300	Barley	245	257	304
19	210690	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	66	184	303
20	440729	Wood, other tropical, sawn, chipped lengthwise	249	254	299

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag, Fish and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the US (\$ Million) Jan.-Nov.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Imports of US Ag, Fish, and Forestry	2,560	4,515	7,289
		All Agricultural Imports (BICO)	2,242	4,127	6,726
		All Aquatic (edible)	94	124	229
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	224	264	335
1	120100	Soybeans	756	1,772	2,793
2	520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	68	524	1,721
3	410150	Hides and Skins, bovine or equine > 16 kg	271	346	499
4	100190	Wheat, non-Durum, Meslin	5	1	312
5	100110	Wheat, Durum	23	24	298
6	210690	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	37	142	179
7	440799	Wood, non-coniferous, sawn, sliced, over 6 meters	132	137	157
8	020649	Swine, edible offal except livers, frozen	28	52	91
9	030360	Fish, Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	14	25	62
10	230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	52	56	61
11	020714	Chicken, cuts and edible offal incl. Livers, frozen	314	346	59
12	030332	Fish, Plaice, frozen excluding fillets	25	42	52
13	050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	61	69	42
14	350400	Peptones, other proteins and derivatives	7	21	42
15	440399	Wood, non-coniferous, in the rough, not treated	19	27	40
16	230990	Animal Feed, excluding dog or cat, retail packages	26	40	40
17	200410	Potatoes, prepared, frozen	30	29	38
18	410190	Hides and Skins, butts, bends, bellies, bovine or equine	84	89	34
19	030380	Fish, livers and roes, frozen	8	12	34
20	440791	Wood, Oak, sawn, sliced, > 6mm thick	14	20	31

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Country

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Country (\$ Million) Jan.-Nov.				
Rank	Country	2002	2003	2004
0	--World--	18,446	21,557	24,803
1	Japan	5,960	6,216	7,513
2	United States	2,085	2,641	3,387
3	Hong Kong	2,009	2,121	2,529
4	Korea, South	1,907	2,212	1,985
5	Germany	489	616	728
6	Russia	397	516	556
7	United Kingdom	268	350	479
8	Malaysia	528	590	477
9	Canada	202	273	436
10	Netherlands	318	383	435
11	Indonesia	462	457	419
12	Taiwan	343	337	405
13	Singapore	242	249	310
14	Spain	128	174	276
15	Australia	141	199	270
16	Philippines	180	264	256
17	Italy	221	242	255
18	Thailand	157	206	245
19	Vietnam	162	291	226
20	Korea, North	92	159	208
21	France	137	171	200
22	Belgium	82	147	198
23	India	194	185	197
24	Mexico	44	79	191
25	United Arab Emirates	81	107	181

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Departure Port

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exporting Ports in China (\$ Million) Jan.-Nov.				
Rank	District	2002	2003	2004
0	-All Districts-	18,446	21,557	24,803
1	Qingdao	4,011	4,784	5,860
2	Dalian	2,736	3,514	3,199
3	Shanghai	2,259	2,478	3,174
4	Shenzhen	1,740	1,961	2,326
5	Tianjin	1,399	1,664	1,876
6	Ningbo	863	1,069	1,351
7	Xiamen	776	846	1,224
8	Nanjing	676	976	1,003
9	Fuzhou	570	563	785
10	Huangpu	567	581	686
11	Guangzhou	461	416	528
12	Shantou	342	256	328
13	Zhanjiang	147	258	315
14	Gongbei	184	215	261
15	Nanning	146	190	187
16	Harbin	181	227	187
17	Jiangmen	97	151	171
18	Wuhan	78	126	150
19	Chongqing	84	95	142
20	Haikou	98	103	134
21	Shijiazhuang	259	176	132
22	Kunming	102	108	122
23	Changchun	99	107	84
24	Nanchang	37	30	80
25	Manzhouli	44	52	67

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits (\$ Million) Jan.-Nov.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Exports of Ag, Fish, and Forestry to the World	18,446	21,557	24,803
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	12,027	14,003	14,584
		All Aquatic (edible)	3,855	4,426	5,635
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	2,564	3,128	4,583
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	756	967	1,239
2	160419	Fish, whole or in pieces, prepared or preserved	653	565	827
3	442190	Wood, artlices, not elsewhere specified (nesoi)	535	599	748
4	441219	Wood, plywood, coniferous, < 6 mm	122	184	534
5	160520	Fish, shrimp and prawns, prepared or preserved	275	402	527
6	160590	Fish, molluscs, prepared or preserved	269	334	465
7	050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	259	354	462
8	160232	Chicken, meat or offal nesoi, prepared or preserved	395	395	394
9	200590	Vegetables, incl. Mixtures nesoi, prepared or preserved	245	274	384
10	020329	Swine, meat nesoi, frozen	168	210	380
11	030613	Fish, shrimp and prawns, incl. In-Shell, frozen	238	352	379
12	070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	319	323	373
13	030379	Fish, nes, with bones, frozen	352	313	359
14	220190	Water, not sweetened or flavored, nesoi	275	225	352
15	050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected, treated or preserved	234	213	313
16	441229	Wood, plywood at least one side non-coniferous, nesoi	118	112	303
17	071290	Vegetables, nesoi and mixtures, dried	267	273	297
18	442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	176	208	291
19	210690	Food preparations not elsewhere specified	244	264	284
20	100590	Corn, Maize	974	1,397	279

Source: China Customs

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 20 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the US at HTS 6 Digits (\$ Millions) Jan.-Nov.					
Rank	HS	Description	2002	2003	2004
		China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the US	2,085	2,641	3,387
		All Agricultural Products (BICO)	755	943	1,229
		All Aquatic (edible)	699	883	830
		All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	631	815	1,328
1	030420	Fish, fillets, frozen	230	269	352
2	442190	Wood, articles nesoi	182	209	259
3	441219	Wood, plywood, coniferous < 6 mm	14	37	177
4	050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected, treated or preserved	111	93	139
5	200979	Apple Juice, nesoi not fortified, unfermented	49	82	135
6	442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	84	101	132
7	441229	Wood, plywood at least one side non-coniferous, nesoi	41	44	113
8	441400	Wood, frames for paintings, photographs, mirrors	82	97	109
9	030613	Fish, shrimp and prawn, incl. In-shell, frozen	66	139	100
10	441830	Wood, parquet panels	31	60	90
11	050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	50	72	83
12	160520	Fish, shrimp and prawn, prepared or preserved	195	216	76
13	200830	Citrus, incl. Mixtures, prepared	48	68	75
14	441213	Wood, plywood at least one side tropical wood	8	16	67
15	441820	Wood, doors and frames	13	24	67
16	440920	Wood, non-coniferous, tongued, grooved, molded	14	31	66
17	160510	Fish, Crab, prepared or preserved	31	31	55
18	442090	Wood, Marquetry, caskets and cases	38	44	52
19	071290	Vegetables, nesoi and mixtures, dried	33	52	46
20	200310	Vegetables, Mushrooms, prepared or preserved	10	22	41

Source: China Customs