

PHILIPPINE EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP: MARCH, FEBRUARY 1998 AND MARCH 1997
(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity Group	1998		1997	Growth Rate (%)		Jan-Mar
	MARCH FOB Value	FEBRUARY FOB Value	MARCH FOB Value	Monthly	Annual	1998
Total Exports	2,472,613	2,227,203	2,001,018	11.02	23.57	6,814,628
Agro-Based Products	111,789	125,016	98,844	-10.58	13.10	380,136
Coconut Products	54,190	77,856	46,597	-30.40	16.29	228,079
Copra	700	a	a	-	-	744
Coconut Oil	42,403	66,293	34,092	-36.04	24.38	194,079
Desiccated Coconut	4,756	6,995	6,514	-32.00	-26.98	16,269
Copra Meal/Cake	5,006	2,888	4,225	73.36	18.49	13,002
Others	1,324	1,680	1,766	-21.20	-25.03	3,985
Sugar and Products	12,685	11,410	7,579	11.18	67.37	37,418
Centrifugal & Refined	8,771	8,840	5,112	-0.78	71.58	29,978
Molasses	3,838	2,503	2,327	53.30	64.92	7,279
Others	76	66	140	15.01	-45.43	161
Fruits and Vegetables	44,914	35,749	44,668	25.64	0.55	114,640
Canned Pineapple	4,631	5,762	6,680	-19.63	-30.67	17,866
Pineapple Juice	355	429	1,036	-17.17	-65.70	1,556
Pineapple Concentrates	2,283	2,139	1,746	6.74	30.75	6,194
Bananas	22,120	16,761	18,910	31.97	16.98	54,597
Mangoes	8,301	4,318	7,314	92.23	13.50	14,871
Others	7,223	6,340	8,983	13.94	-19.59	19,557
Other Agro-Based Products	41,207	40,593	49,272	1.51	-16.37	119,829
Fish, Fresh or Preserved						
Of Which: Shrimps & Prawns	27,361	25,443	23,479	7.54	16.53	75,582
Coffee, Raw, not Roasted	274	156	117	75.29	134.31	491
Abaca Fibers	1,461	1,678	1,964	-12.93	-25.59	4,974
Tobacco Unmanufactured	1,797	827	3,383	117.31	-46.87	5,262
Natural Rubber	1,186	1,598	2,743	-25.75	-56.75	4,444
Ramie Fibers, Raw or Roasted	11	a	a	-	-	11
Seaweeds, Dried	1,765	3,424	4,678	-48.46	-62.27	7,887
Rice	a	a	a	-	-	a
Others	7,351	7,467	12,908	-1.55	-43.05	21,179
Forest Products	2,822	1,788	8,133	57.84	-65.30	7,306
Logs	a	a	a	-	-	a
Lumber	165	1,325	7,825	-87.53	-97.89	1,808
Plywood	268	212	16	26.37	1,576.03	753
Veneer Sheets/Corestocks	2,352	249	292	843.70	705.62	4,707
Others	36	2	a	1,819.95	-	38
Mineral Products	59,101	62,102	58,292	-4.83	1.39	179,019
Copper Concentrates	2,198	1,959	3,815	12.18	-42.39	8,232
Copper Metal	29,642	27,431	20,806	8.06	42.47	69,118
Gold	2,142	2,559	6,315	-16.29	-66.07	9,993
Iron Ore Agglomerates	3,698	6,795	6,632	-45.57	-44.24	16,786
Chromium Ore	323	196	176	65.02	83.65	669
Nickel	a	a	a	-	-	a
Others	21,097	23,162	20,548	-8.92	2.67	74,221
Petroleum Products	8,414	7,394	16,135	13.81	-47.85	28,424
Manufactures	2,185,310	1,953,315	1,732,686	11.88	26.12	5,948,824
Electronic Eqpt. & Parts	1,474,661	1,285,847	1,036,051	14.68	42.33	3,967,122
Garments	195,574	186,639	193,146	4.79	1.26	529,061
Textile Yarns/Fabrics	26,221	26,049	31,053	0.66	-15.56	70,305
Footwear	14,049	13,039	13,800	7.74	1.80	39,516
Travel Goods and Handbags	15,693	14,352	11,714	9.35	33.97	41,352
Wood Manufactures	9,191	7,894	12,838	16.43	-28.41	25,679
Furniture & Fixtures	26,726	28,390	29,543	-5.86	-9.53	78,179
Chemicals	32,768	25,625	31,323	27.88	4.61	77,865
Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	10,280	8,034	8,749	27.95	17.50	25,216
Machinery & Transport Equipment	237,539	234,219	205,469	1.42	15.61	726,417
Processed food and Beverages	28,314	23,448	32,199	20.76	-12.06	74,553
Iron & Steel	549	1,373	3,306	-59.99	-83.38	3,741
Baby Carr., Toys, Games and sporting goods	11,131	12,500	13,545	-10.95	-17.82	31,261
Basketwork, Wickerwork & Other						
Articles of Plaiting Materials	8,267	8,830	8,394	-6.38	-1.51	24,165
Misc.Manufactured Articles, n.e.s.	18,707	15,662	16,714	19.44	11.93	47,793
Others	75,639	61,412	84,840	23.17	-10.85	186,600
Special Transactions	63,970	36,996	37,656	72.91	69.88	151,088
Re-Exports	67,987	50,836	32,683	33.74	108.02	169,889

a - no export data
b - less than \$1,000
- - no growth rate

Note: Component may not add up to total due to rounding

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