



# SPECIAL RELEASE

## Highlights of the Foreign Trade Statistics for Agricultural Commodities in the Philippines First Quarter 2022, Preliminary

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Table A. Summary of Philippine Agricultural Trade  
First Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup>, Fourth Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup>, and First Quarter 2022<sup>p</sup>

Indicator	First Quarter 2021 <sup>r</sup>		Fourth Quarter 2021 <sup>r</sup>		First Quarter 2022 <sup>p</sup>	
	FOB Value (in million USD)	Year-on-Year Growth (%)	FOB Value (in million USD)	Year-on-Year Growth (%)	FOB Value (in million USD)	Year-on-Year Growth (%)
Total Agricultural Trade	4,933.53	5.8	6,008.17	25.5	6,453.00	30.8
Agricultural Exports	1,556.30	-4.6	1,823.45	21.2	1,949.37	25.3
Agricultural Imports	3,377.23	11.4	4,184.72	27.4	4,503.63	33.4
Balance of Trade in Agricultural Goods	-1,820.93	29.9	-2,361.27	32.6	-2,554.26	40.3

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

### A. TOTAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE

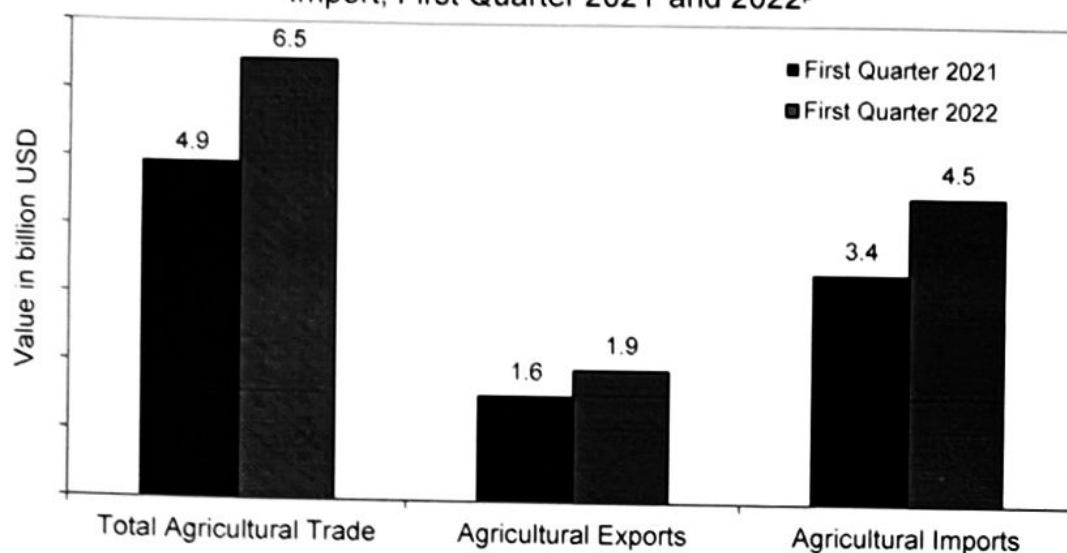
#### 1. Total agricultural trade expanded by 30.8 percent

The country's total agricultural trade in the first quarter of 2022, which amounted to USD 6.45 billion, grew at an annual rate of 30.8 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2021, total agricultural trade recorded an annual increment of 25.5 percent, while in the first quarter of 2021, total agricultural trade rose by 5.8 percent.



In the first quarter of 2022, agricultural exports and imports were recorded at USD 1.95 billion (30.2%) and USD 4.50 billion (69.8%), respectively. (Figure 1, Tables A and 1)

Figure 1. Total Agricultural Trade and Agricultural Export and Import, First Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup> and 2022<sup>p</sup>



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## 2. Agricultural trade balance increased by 40.3 percent

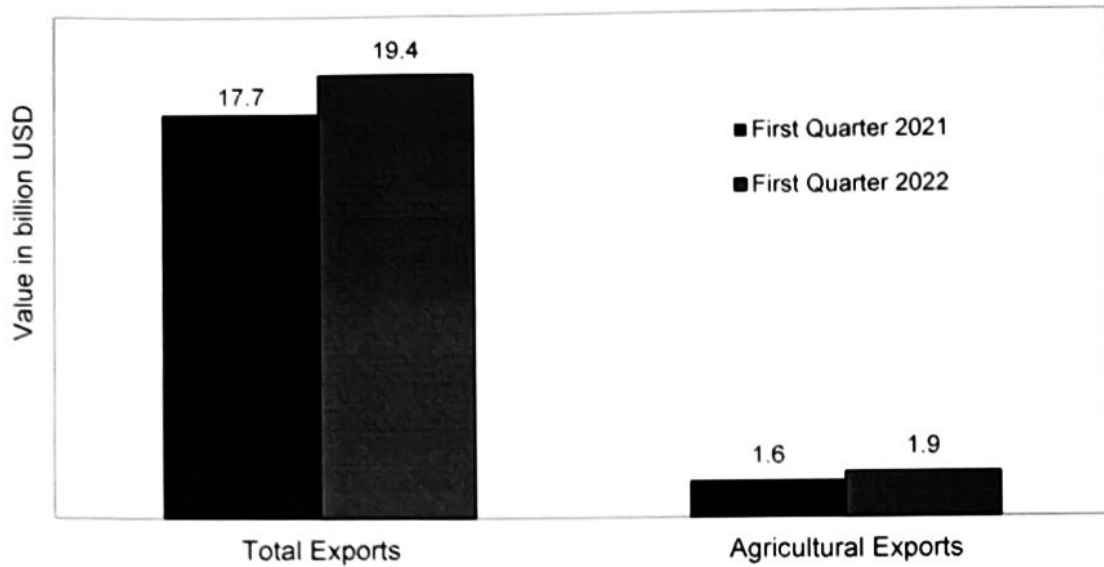
In the first quarter of 2022, the total balance of trade in agricultural goods was USD -2.55 billion. This reflects a deficit with an annual increment of 40.3 percent. In the fourth quarter of 2021, the annual increase in the trade deficit was posted at 32.6 percent, while in the first quarter of 2021, the trade deficit recorded an annual growth of 29.9 percent. (Tables A and 1)

## B. AGRICULTURAL EXPORT

### 1. Agricultural export rose by 25.3 percent

The country's agricultural export revenue went up to USD 1.95 billion or by 25.3 percent in the first quarter of 2022, from USD 1.56 billion agricultural export revenue in the first quarter of 2021. During the period, the value of agricultural exports accounted for 10.0 percent of the total exports of the country. (Figure 2, Tables A and 1)

Figure 2. Total Exports and Agricultural Exports  
First Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup> and 2022<sup>p</sup>



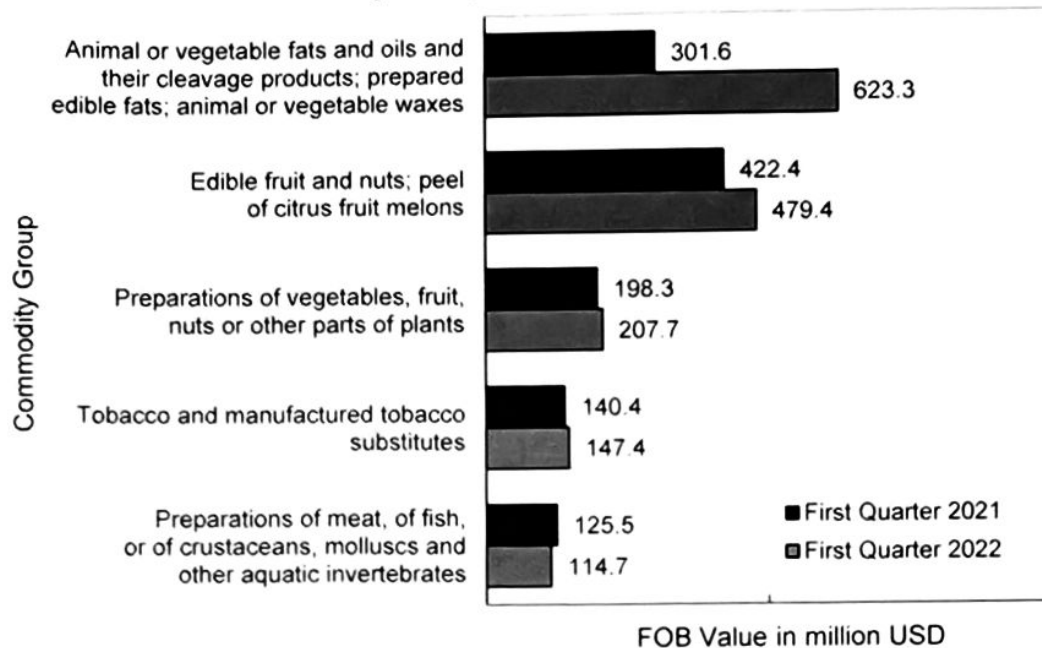
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## 2. Agricultural export of animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes commodity group contributed the largest share to total agricultural exports

The total value of agricultural exports of the top 10 commodity groups was USD 1.88 billion or 96.5 percent of the total agricultural exports' revenue in the first quarter of 2022. The combined export value of these top 10 commodity groups posted an annual increment of 28.8 percent during the year.

Among the commodity groups, animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes, which was valued at USD 623.32 million, comprised the largest share of 32.0 percent to the total agricultural exports. (Figure 3 and Table 3)

Figure 3. Value of Philippine Agricultural Exports of Top Five Commodity Groups, First Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup> and 2022<sup>p</sup>

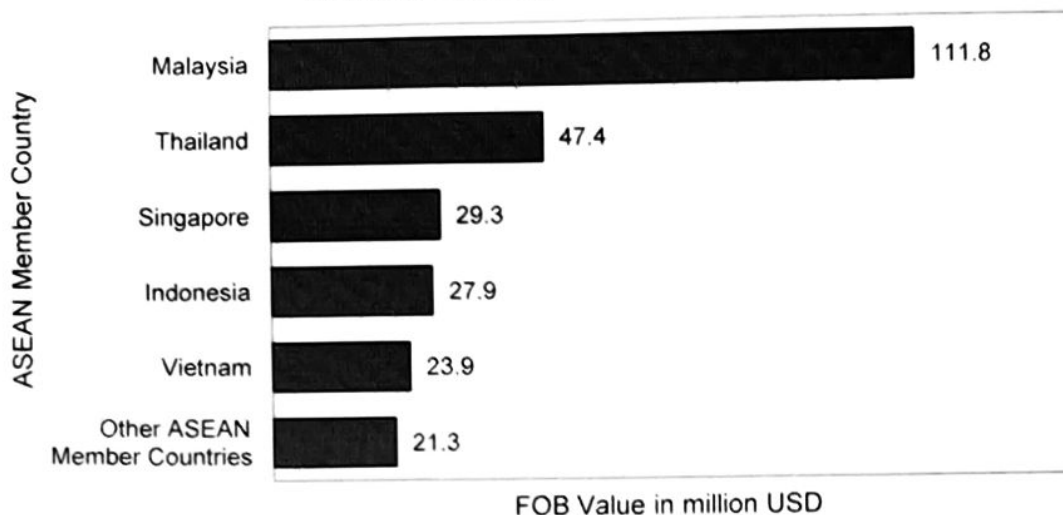


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### 3. Malaysia led as a trading partner in agricultural exports among ASEAN member countries

The country’s agricultural exports to ASEAN member countries in the first quarter of 2022 amounted to USD 261.69 million, which accounted for 7.5 percent of the total exports to ASEAN member countries. Among the ASEAN member countries, Malaysia was the top destination of agricultural exports worth USD 111.84 million or a share of 42.7 percent to the total agricultural exports to ASEAN member countries. (Figure 4 and Table 7)

Figure 4. Value of Philippine Agricultural Exports by ASEAN Member Country, First Quarter 2022<sup>p</sup>



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**4. Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes commodity group was the top agricultural export to ASEAN member countries**

The top three major agricultural commodities exported to ASEAN member countries in the first quarter of 2022 were:

- a. animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes, USD 91.00 million;
- b. tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes, USD 85.14 million; and
- c. dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere classified, USD 13.61 million. (Table 7)

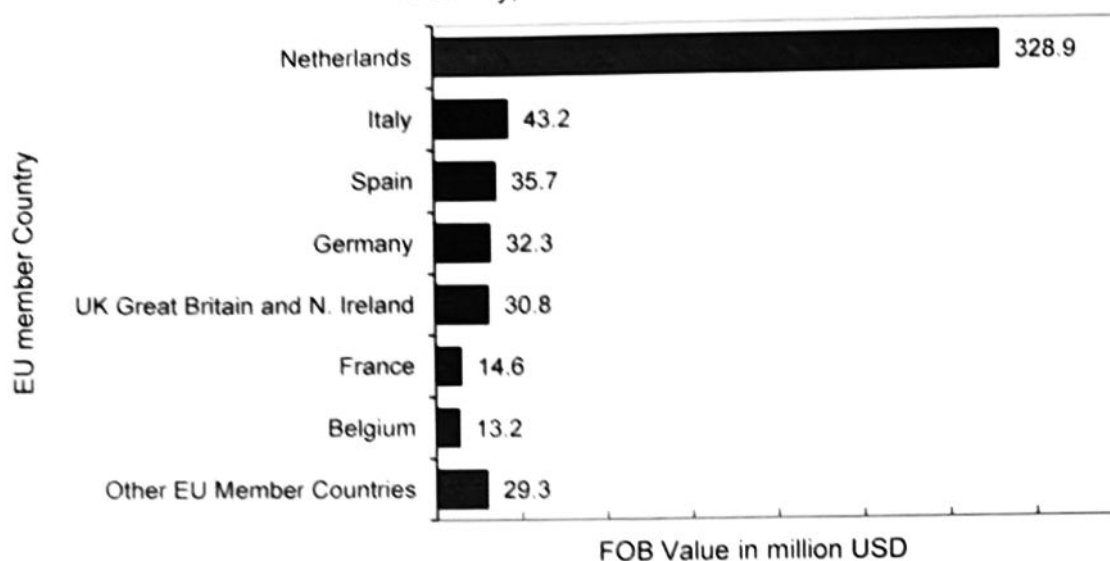
**5. Netherlands was the country's major trading partner in the export of agricultural goods among EU member countries**

Exports of agricultural goods to European Union member countries in the first quarter of 2022 was valued at USD 527.89 million which accounted for 23.0 percent of the country's total exports to EU member countries.

Among the EU member countries, Netherlands was the country's top buyer of agricultural commodities worth USD 328.86 million or

62.3 percent of the total agricultural exports to EU member countries. (Figure 5 and Table 9)

Figure 5. Value of Philippine Agricultural Exports by EU Member Country, First Quarter 2022<sup>p</sup>



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## 6. Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes commodity group was the top agricultural export to EU member countries

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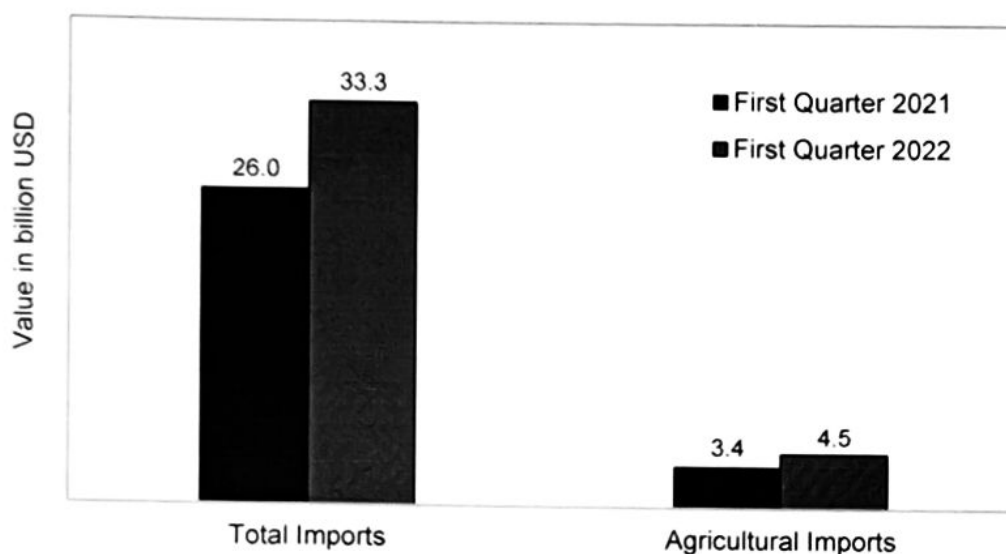
- a. animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes, USD 337.67 million;
- b. preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs, and other aquatic invertebrates, USD 47.08 million; and
- c. edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit melons, USD 47.00 million. (Table 9)

## C. AGRICULTURAL IMPORT

### 1. Agricultural import went up by 33.4 percent

The total agricultural import was valued at USD 4.50 billion or a share of 13.5 percent to the country's total imports in the first quarter of 2022. It increased by 33.4 percent compared with its value of USD 3.38 billion in the first quarter of 2021. (Figure 6, Tables A and 1).

Figure 6. Total Imports and Agricultural Imports  
First Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup> and 2022<sup>p</sup>



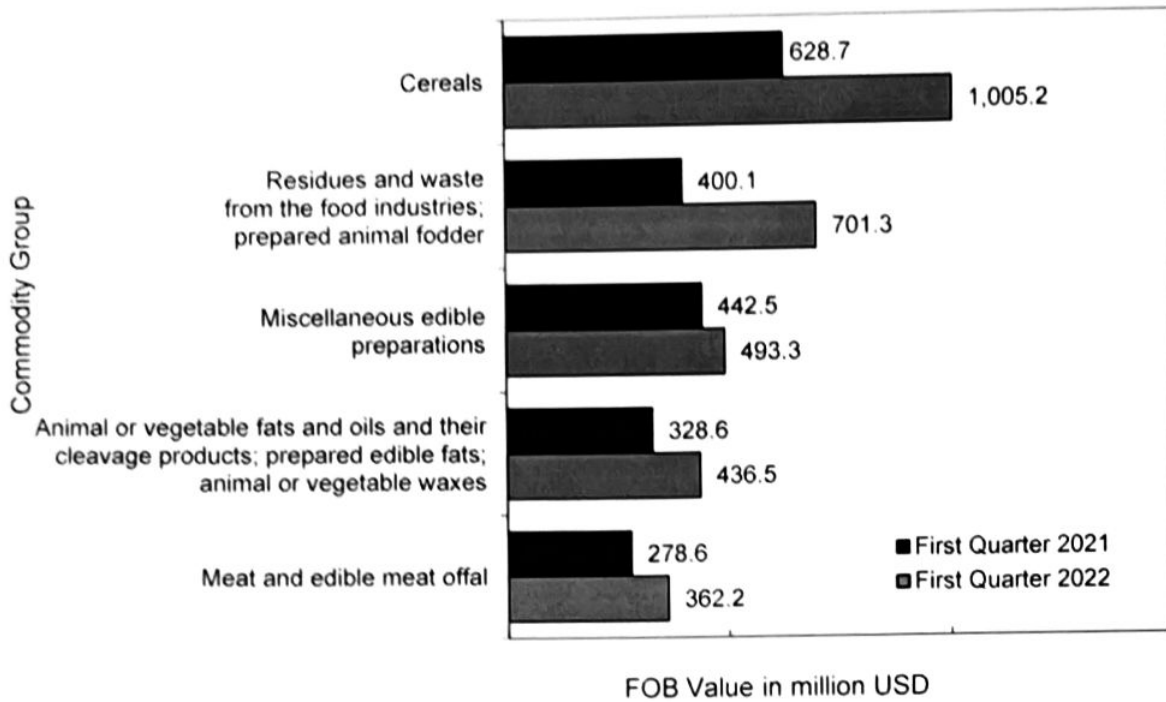
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### 2. Cereals commodity group contributed the highest value of agricultural imports

The total agricultural imports of the top 10 commodity groups was valued at USD 3.93 billion or 87.4 percent of the total agricultural imports' revenue in the first quarter of 2022. Moreover, the combined import value of these top 10 commodity groups posted an annual increment of 34.4 percent during the year.

Among the major commodity groups, cereals accounted for the largest share worth of USD 1.01 billion or 22.3 percent to the total agricultural imports in the first quarter of 2022. (Figure 7 and Table 5)

Figure 7. Value of Philippine Agricultural Imports of Top Five Commodity Groups, First Quarter 2021<sup>r</sup> and 2022<sup>p</sup>



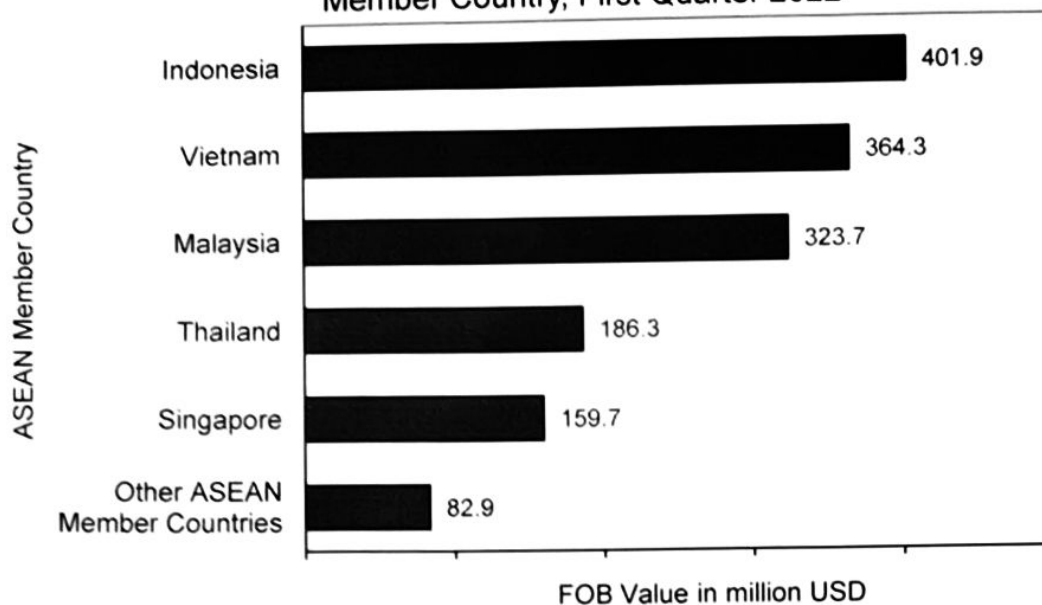
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### 3. Indonesia accounted for the highest import value among ASEAN member countries

The country's agricultural imports from ASEAN member countries in the first quarter of 2022 amounted to USD 1.52 billion or 17.5 percent of the total imports. Indonesia, which contributed USD 401.91 million or 26.5 percent of the total agricultural imports from ASEAN member countries, was the major supplier of agricultural products to the Philippines in the first quarter of 2022. (Figure 8 and Table 8)



Figure 8. Value of Philippine Agricultural Imports by ASEAN Member Country, First Quarter 2022<sup>p</sup>



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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

#### **4. Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes commodity group led import of agricultural commodities from ASEAN member countries**

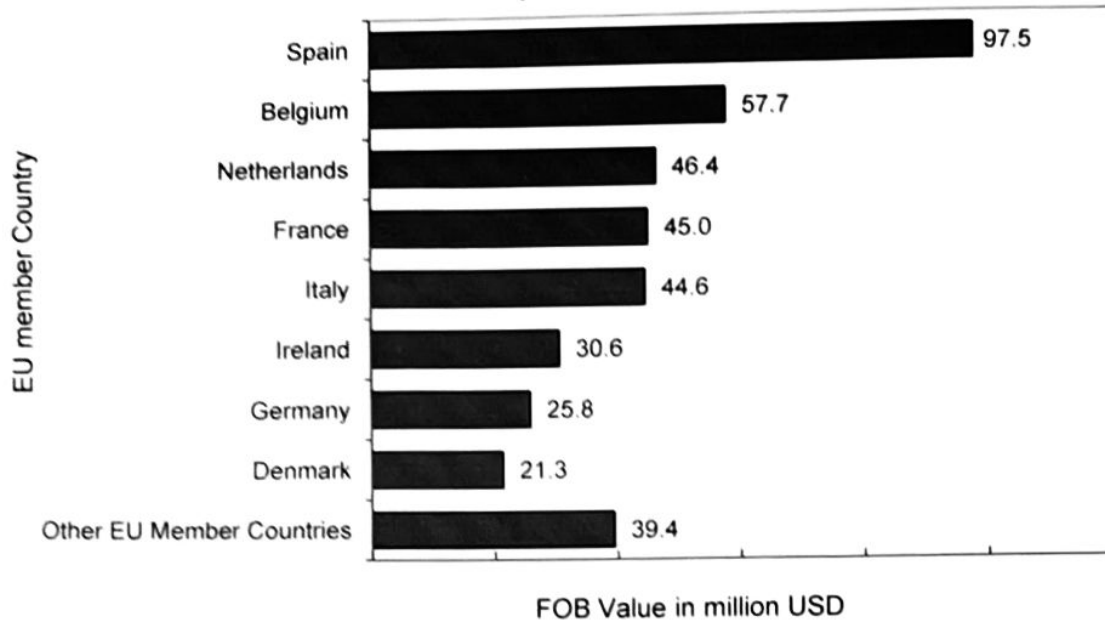
The top three imported agricultural goods from ASEAN member countries in the first quarter of 2022 were:

- a. animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes, USD 410.15 million;
- b. miscellaneous edible preparations, USD 362.64 million; and
- c. cereals, USD 329.07 million. (Table 8)

#### **5. Spain topped EU member countries in agricultural imports**

The country's agricultural imports from EU member countries amounted to USD 408.34 million or a share of 19.3 percent to the total imports in the first quarter of 2022. Among EU member countries, Spain was the country's top supplier of agricultural commodities with an import value of USD 97.48 million or a share of 23.9 percent to the total agricultural imports from EU member countries. (Figure 9 and Table 10)

Figure 9. Value of Philippine Agricultural Imports by EU Member Country, First Quarter 2022<sup>p</sup>



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 Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

## 6. Meat and edible meat offal commodity group topped agricultural imports from EU member countries

The top three agricultural commodities imported from EU member countries in the first quarter of 2022 were:

- a. meat and edible meat offal, USD 133.52 million;
- b. dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere classified, USD 84.17 million; and
- c. residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder, USD 61.60 million. (Table 10)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

This Special Release features the preliminary figures for the exports and imports statistics of agricultural commodities of the Philippines for the first quarter of 2022. The agricultural exports and imports presented in this report are based on the information in the administrative documents collected from the Bureau of Customs.

### Commodity Classification

The commodities are classified in accordance with the 10-digit 2019 Philippine Standard Commodity Classification (PSCC). The agricultural commodity groups are those in chapters 01 to 24 of the 2019 PSCC. These chapters pertain to commodity classifications for live animals, meat and edible meat offal, fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere classified, products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included, vegetables products, edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers, edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit melons, coffee, tea, mate and spices, cereals, malt, starches, inulin, wheat gluten, oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants, straw and fodder, lac, gums, resins, gum-resins and oleoresins, vegetable plaiting materials, animal or vegetable fats and oils, waxes, prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits, vinegar, and tobacco (manufactured and unmanufactured).

### Valuation

The valuation used for foreign trade of agricultural commodities adopts the World Trade Organization agreement on customs valuation and this applies to both imports and exports. Exports of agricultural commodities utilized the *free on board* (FOB) value, also known as the cost of goods. FOB is the value of the goods free on board the carrier at the frontier of the exporting country. It includes inland freight, export duty, and other expenses. Ocean freight, insurance, and consular fees, however, are excluded. Moreover, imports of agricultural commodities use the FOB values which include the transaction value of the goods, the value of services performed to deliver goods to the border of the exporting country, and the value of services performed to deliver the goods from the border of the exporting country to the border of the importing country.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Source: IMTS Concepts and Definitions 2010, page 40 chapter 4. The value of transaction is expressed in US dollar.

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