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Liberalization of trade in agriculture: Implications for Asian and the Pacific developing countries

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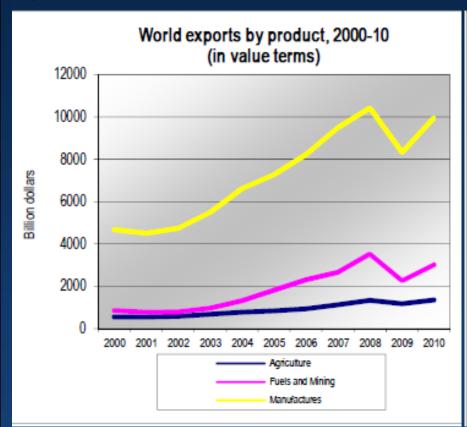
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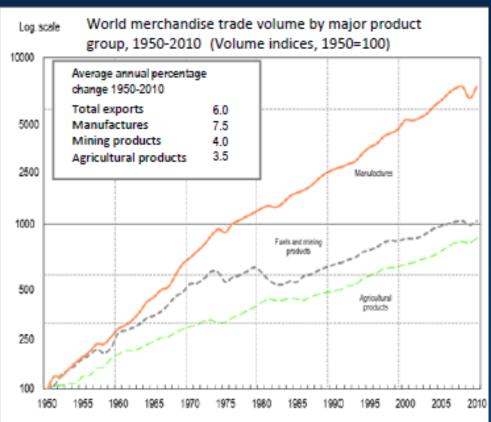


Trends and Developments In Agriculture Trade









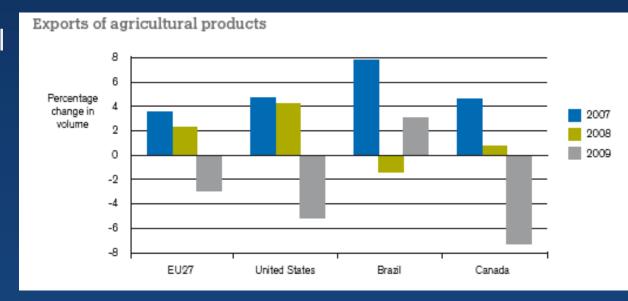
Share of agriculture in merchandise export and import is just below 10% for world and 6.3 and 8.4 % for Asia. Its share in primary commodities is three times as mu



Source: International Trade Statistics, WTO, 2010

Agricultural trade was the least effected in the latest crisis

- Agricultural exports
 of the EU and the US
 shrank by 3 % and 5
 % respectively in real
 terms in 2009.
- Canada's exports dropped by 7 %.
- Brazil increased its
 exports to Asia, the
 Middle East and
 Africa, posting 3 %
 growth in volume.





Leading traders in 2009

Leading exporters (share 2000 and 2010)

Exporters		
European Union (27)	41.8	39.1
extra-EU (27) exports	10.1	9.5
United States	12.9	10.5
Brazil	2.8	5.0
Canada	6.3	3.8
China	3.0	3.8
Indonesia	1.4	2.6
Thailand	2.2	2.6
Argentina	2.2	2.5
Malaysia	1.5	2.1
Australia	3.0	2.0
India	1.1	1.7
Russian Federation	1.4	1.5
New Zealand	1.4	1.4
Mexico	1.7	1.4
Chile	1.2	1.1
Above 15	83.7	81.3

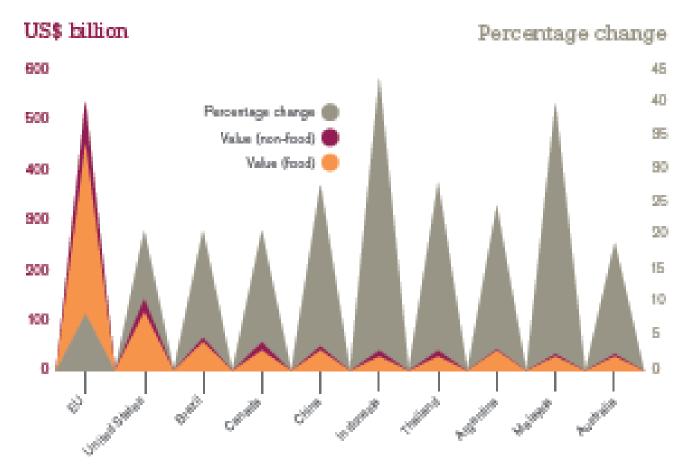
Leading importers (share 2000 and 2010)

Importers		
European Union (27)	42.6	39.1
extra-EU (27) imports	13.3	10.8
United States	11.6	8.2
China	3.3	7.6
Japan	10.4	5.4
Russian Federation a	1.6	2.6
Canada a	2.6	2.2
Korea, Republic of	2.2	1.9
Mexico a	1.8	1.7
Hong Kong, China		
retained imports	1.1	0.9
India	0.7	1.2
Malaysia	0.8	1.1
Indonesia	1.0	1.1
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of b	1.0	0.9
Taipei, Chinese	1.3	0.9
Turkey	0.7	0.9
Above 15	82.5	75.7

Source: International Trade Statistics, WTO, 2011



Major exporters of agricultural products 2010



Source: International Trade Statistics, WTO, 2011



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14.6 % drop in food prices contributed to an 11 % decline in the value of exports of food in 2009.

9, annual or food:

	Import
2	21.3
1	20.3
1	11.0

Food

• SITC sections 0, 1, 4 and division 22

Agricultural products

• SITC sections 0, 1, 2 and 4 minus divisions 27 and 28

Note that AoA - Annex 1 defines the agricultural products by reference to the HS of product classification

