

Agri-Trade

Agri- Exports

Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana (Special Agricultural Produce Scheme)

8.52 The objective of the scheme is to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce, dairy, poultry and their value added products produced and processed domestically, by incentivising exporters of such products. Exporters of such products shall be entitled for duty credit scrip equivalent to 5 per cent of the FOB value of exports for each licensing year commencing from 1st April, 2004. However, dairy, poultry and their value added products qualify for benefits in respect of exports made on or after 1st April 2005. The scrip and the items imported against it would be freely transferable. Under the scheme, export of

all items as given in Appendix-37-A of Handbook of Procedure (Vol.1) of Foreign Trade Policy shall qualify for export benefits under VKUY Scheme. Items that are restricted or prohibited for export under Schedule-II of the Export Policy in the ITC (HS) Classification of export and import items shall not be eligible for any benefits under the Scheme.

8.53 The proportion of agri exports to total exports came down from 11.9 per cent in 2003-04 to 10.2 per cent in 2004-05. The same for April-October 2005 is 9.6 per cent as against 9.9 per cent during April-October 2004. Major exports during April-October 2005 included marine products (US\$ 773.6 million), meat and meat products (US \$ 291.5 million), fruits and vegetables (US \$ 207.1 million) and processed food (US \$ 224.8 million) (Table 8.21).

Items	2003-04		2004-05		2004-05*		2005-06*	
	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-Exports	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-Exports	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-Exports	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-Exports
Tea	356.3	4.7	397.1	5.0	236.0	5.6	209.3	4.3
Coffee	236.3	3.1	224.3	2.8	125.0	3.0	173.1	3.5
Rice	907.1	12.0	1478.2	18.5	592.6	14.2	936.6	19.2
Wheat	520.4	6.9	322.3	4.0	243.5	5.8	116.0	2.4
Sugar & molasses	269.0	3.6	33.2	0.4	17.2	0.4	17.3	0.4
Tobacco	238.6	3.2	277.5	3.5	150.0	3.6	163.5	3.3
Spices	336.1	4.5	399.3	5.0	237.8	5.7	239.5	4.9
Cashew	370.0	4.9	520.0	6.5	282.2	6.7	308.3	6.3
Sesame	154.3	2.0	147.5	1.8	51.3	1.2	68.8	1.4
Niger seeds	9.9	0.1	13.5	0.2	7.0	0.2	6.5	0.1
Guargum meal	110.5	1.5	146.0	1.8	64.6	1.5	111.8	2.3
Oil meals	728.7	9.7	690.1	8.6	327.0	7.8	337.2	6.9
Fruits and vegetables	378.2	5.0	361.7	4.5	203.8	4.9	207.1	4.2
Processed foods (fruits and vegetables)	368.6	4.9	344.2	4.3	189.5	4.5	224.8	4.6
Meat and meat preparation	373.1	5.0	386.0	4.8	222.9	5.3	291.5	6.0
Marine products	1328.8	17.6	1267.6	15.8	676.8	16.2	773.6	15.8
Others	846.1	11.2	993.2	12.4	554.4	13.3	700.8	14.3
Agricultural Exports	7532.0	100.0	8001.7	100.0	4181.4	100.0	4885.5	100.0
Total Exports	63049.0		78205.3		42132.2		51114.4	
Agri-Exports as % of Total Exports		11.9		10.2		9.9		9.6

* April-October
Source : Department of Commerce (DGCI&S)

Agri-imports

8.54 The import of agricultural and allied products during 2004-05 was at US \$ 3811 million as compared to US\$ 3708.2 during 2003-04. The proportion of agri imports to total imports came down from 4.7 per cent in 2003-04 to 3.5 per cent in 2004-05. Major imports during April-October 2005 included vegetable oils (US \$1237.3 million), raw

cashew nut (US \$287.8 million), pulses (US \$ 281.8 million) and sugar (US \$ 138.7 million). Vegetable oils and pulses are largely imported to augment domestic supplies and raw cashew is imported for processing and re-exports as domestic production is not adequate to meet the demand of processing capacity installed in the country (Table 8.22).

Items	2003-04		2004-05		2004-05*		2005-06*	
	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-imports	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-imports	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-imports	Million US dollar	Percent share of Agri-imports
Cereals	19.4	0.5	24.9	0.7	14.3	0.6	15.1	0.7
Pulses	497.2	13.4	382.5	10.1	227.0	10.2	281.8	12.8
Milk and Cream	19.5	0.5	2.9	0.1	1.8	0.1	1.4	0.6
Cashew nuts (raw)	298.5	8.0	391.1	10.4	244.2	11.0	287.8	13.1
Fruits and nuts ex. Cashew nuts	174.6	4.7	235.3	6.2	109.2	4.9	144.4	6.6
Sugar	13.6	0.4	212.4	5.6	83.6	3.8	138.7	6.3
Oil seeds	3.0	0.1	5.7	0.2	2.6	0.1	4.0	0.2
Vegetable oils (fixed edible)	2542.6	68.6	2393.9	63.4	1456.3	65.5	1237.3	56.1
Others	139.8	3.8	162.4	3.4	84.6	3.8	93.2	4.2
Agricultural imports	3708.2	100.0	3811.1	100.0	2223.6	100.0	2203.6	100.0
Total Imports	78151.8		107069.7		56787.8		76473.9	
Agri-Imports as % of Total Imports		4.7		3.5		3.9		2.8
* April- October								
Source : Department of Commerce (DGCI&S).								