

India-China Trade Brief

Agriculture & Allied Trade between India and China

Exports: In the year 2021-22, India's total export of agricultural and allied commodities to China was of the order of US \$ **3843.56** million, approximately 3% higher than the previous year. (Table -1)

- a) **Major Exports:** Marine Products, Spices, Castor Oil, Rice (Other Than Basmati), Cotton Raw Incl. Waste etc.
- b) **Minor Exports:** Ayush and Herbal Products, Guergam Meal, Processed Fruits and Juices, Oil Meals, Tea etc.

Potential Items of Export:

- a) **New Items:** Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat), Maize (excluding seed for sowing), Fresh or dried cashew nuts, shelled, Fresh or dried oranges, Fresh or dried bananas (excluding plantains) etc. (Table -3)
- b) **Existing Items:** Cotton, neither carded nor combed, Broken rice, Sesamum seeds, whether or not broken, Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, Groundnuts, shelled, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing, roasted or otherwise etc. (Table – 4)

Imports: In the year 2021-22, India's total import of agricultural and allied commodities from China was of the order of US \$ **284.56** million, approximately 8% higher than the previous year. (Table -2)

- a) **Major Imports:** Spices, Misc Processed Items, Marine Products, Pulses, Processed Fruits and Juices etc.
- b) **Minor Imports:** Fruits / Vegetable Seeds, Sugar, Ayush and Herbal Products, Other Oil Seeds, Cocoa Product etc.

Table 1- India's top Agri and Allied Export to China

(Value in USD million)

S. No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	MARINE PRODUCTS	869.93	1124.91	29.31
2	SPICES	970.44	891.43	-8.14

3	CASTOR OIL	424.04	515.97	21.68
4	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	103.70	496.65	378.92
5	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	604.38	470.49	-22.15
6	SUGAR	52.25	85.48	63.61
7	PULSES	20.27	72.87	259.40
8	VEGETABLE OILS	451.00	35.67	-92.09
9	SESAME SEEDS	14.00	34.61	147.26
10	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	24.40	25.93	6.29
	India's Agri and allied export to China	3729.70	3843.56	3.05

Source: Department of Commerce

Table 2- India's top Agri and Allied Imports to China

(Value in USD million)

S.No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	SPICES	106.86	109.82	2.76
2	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	22.83	36.23	58.70
3	MARINE PRODUCTS	11.58	25.42	119.61
4	PULSES	46.36	24.77	-46.57
5	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	18.63	20.16	8.23
6	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	11.58	17.73	53.13
7	FRESH FRUITS	10.29	10.03	-2.48
8	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS	3.54	8.95	152.42
9	PROCESSED VEGETABLES	7.76	7.66	-1.24
10	TEA	8.69	5.89	-32.29
	India's Agri and allied import from China	263.74	284.56	7.90

Source: Department of Commerce

Potential agriculture items of India's export to China

a. New Items Methodology

- Items in which China's imports of agricultural items from India were negligible during 2021.
- The global import of China in these tariff lines and global exports of these commodities by India is over US \$ 50 million
- China may explore the possibility of sourcing these agricultural items from India. Sanitary Phyto-sanitary (SPS) and other requirements in respect of these products may be sought from China.

b. Existing Items Methodology

- To arrive at the potential items in existing agricultural items, share of India's exports in China's import along with share of India's exports to China viz-a viz world has been studied.

Table 3: India's potential in new agriculture items of exports to China

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to China		China's imports from world		India's exports to world	
		Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021
'081090	"Fresh tamarinds, cashew apples, jackfruit, lychees, sapodillo plums, passion fruit, carambola	0.00	0.00	1177.19	1438.11	89.88	95.81
'100199	Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	0.00	0.00	1071.28	1460.49	241.89	1720.56
'100590	Maize (excluding seed for sowing)	0.00	0.00	2477.67	8019.59	352.84	882.53
'080132	Fresh or dried cashew nuts, shelled	0.00	0.00	151.09	190.92	404.23	432.50
'080510	Fresh or dried oranges	0.00	0.00	313.51	264.90	53.38	51.47
'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excluding plantains)	0.00	0.00	952.12	1039.68	100.76	142.90
'040900	Natural honey	0.00	0.00	88.91	105.23	83.41	136.66

Source: ITC Trade Map

Table 4: India's potential in existing agricultural items for exports to China

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to China		China's imports from world		India's exports to world	
		Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2020	Value in 2021
'520100	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	460.63	724.75	3562.74	4104.93	1448.52	2682.05
'090421	Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta, dried, neither crushed nor ground	384.63	469.34	385.62	511.38	900.52	974.91
'100640	Broken rice	8.93	335.52	424.31	934.26	348.67	1037.24
'090931	Cumin seeds, neither crushed nor ground	172.10	119.85	151.18	143.78	504.94	448.85
'071390	Dried, shelled leguminous vegetables, whether or not skinned or split (excluding peas, chickpeas, ...	3.88	42.82	35.17	61.63	13.73	68.64
'120740	Sesamum seeds, whether or not broken	12.85	33.95	1272.44	1541.15	447.84	421.54
'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	1.68	33.87	1022.47	1247.50	7484.14	8361.33
'121190	Plants, parts of plants, incl. seeds and fruits, used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy	22.93	27.12	96.46	111.16	347.31	414.43
'230400	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets	10.31	18.88	37.14	59.29	701.36	900.82

'090240	Black fermented tea and partly fermented tea, whether or not flavoured, in immediate packings	26.75	16.39	124.99	133.81	580.75	565.53
'120242	Groundnuts, shelled, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing, roasted or otherwise	74.07	13.59	652.78	918.01	739.52	680.42
'071331	"Dried, shelled beans of species ""Vigna mungo [L.] Hepper or Vigna radiata [L.] Wilczek"	0.00	12.71	183.33	282.23	33.82	74.79
'080450	Fresh or dried guavas, mangoes and mangosteens	4.96	5.57	754.66	789.64	137.46	185.24
'080610	Fresh grapes	4.76	3.80	642.79	535.40	286.12	323.52
'090831	Cardamoms, neither crushed nor ground	0.50	1.78	50.69	87.20	114.64	193.50
'090111	Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)	0.22	0.74	157.65	346.02	461.43	622.91
'120991	Vegetable seeds, for sowing	0.88	0.43	238.17	242.73	97.49	92.76

Source: ITC Trade Map