

India – Nepal Trade Brief

Agriculture & Allied Trade between India and Nepal

1. Exports: In the year 2021-22, India's total export of agricultural and allied commodities to Nepal was of the order of US \$ **1457.23** million, approximately 9 % higher than the previous year. (Table -1)

a) **Major Exports:** Rice (Other Than Basmati), Other Cereals, Fresh Vegetables, Spices, Oil Meals etc.

b) **Minor Exports:** Milled Products, Vegetable Oils, Floricltr Products, Tea, Shellac, Guergam Meal etc.

2. Potential Items of Export:

a. **Existing Items:** Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, "Rice in the husk, ""paddy"" or rough", Maize (excluding seed for sowing), Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ..., Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat) etc (Table - 3)

3. Imports: In the year 2021-22, India's total import of agricultural and allied commodities from Nepal was of the order of US \$ **1127.10** million, approximately 130% higher than the previous year. (Table -2)

a) **Major Imports:** Vegetable Oils, Spices, Misc Processed Items, Jute Hessian, Oil Meals etc.

b) **Minor Imports:** Processed Vegetables, Cashew Nut Shell Liquid, Dairy Products, Other Oil Seeds, Processed Fruits and Juices etc.

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

(Value in USD million)

S.No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	405.26	458.03	13.02%
2	OTHER CEREALS	125.86	159.07	26.38%
3	FRESH VEGETABLES	84.73	104.88	23.77%
4	SPICES	99.56	93.52	-6.07%
5	OIL MEALS	102.39	86.06	-15.95%
6	SUGAR	94.28	85.98	-8.81%

7	WHEAT	90.51	82.02	-9.37%
8	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	58.10	62.41	7.43%
9	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	52.17	57.96	11.08%
10	FRESH FRUITS	37.51	55.30	47.44%
	India's Agri and allied export to Nepal	1331.34	1457.23	9.46%

Source: Department of Commerce

Table 2- India's top Agri and Allied Imports from Nepal

(Value in USD million)

S.No.	Commodity	2020-21	2021-22	Growth (%)
1	VEGETABLE OILS	286.08	891.63	211.67%
2	SPICES	58.12	50.20	-13.63%
3	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	31.10	48.02	54.44%
4	JUTE HESSIAN	32.82	47.85	45.79%
5	OIL MEALS	16.70	30.09	80.14%
6	TEA	30.33	22.72	-25.07%
7	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	23.93	21.52	-10.08%
8	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	9.05	11.01	21.75%
9	FRESH FRUITS	0.09	1.49	1546.77%
10	FRESH VEGETABLES	0.66	1.07	62.39%
	India's Agri and allied import from Nepal	489.46	1127.10	130.27%

Source: Department of Commerce

Existing Items Methodology

- The global import of Nepal in these tariff lines and global exports of these commodities by India is over US \$ 5 million.
- Nepal 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 Nepal.
- To arrive at the potential items in existing agricultural items, share of India's exports in Nepal's import along with share of India's exports to Nepal viz-a viz world has been studied.

Table 3: India's potential in existing agricultural items for exports to Nepal

Unit: US\$ million

Product code	Product label	India's exports to Nepal		Nepal'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
'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	221.28	257.68	222.70	259.62	7484.14	8361.33
'100610	"Rice in the husk, ""paddy"" or rough"	97.86	160.51	112.43	161.14	136.32	209.72
'100590	Maize (excluding seed for sowing)	106.89	127.75	124.45	136.41	352.84	882.53
'230400	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	58.91	80.10	98.48	100.99	701.36	900.82
'100199	Wheat and meslin (excluding seed for sowing, and durum wheat)	75.83	59.58	72.57	59.58	241.89	1720.56
'070310	Fresh or chilled onions and shallots	13.47	37.12	19.35	37.12	346.64	449.46
'070190	Fresh or chilled potatoes (excluding seed)	36.03	34.04	59.68	34.04	70.75	70.57
'120750	Mustard seeds, whether or not broken	20.71	20.47	18.48	26.56	27.58	29.85
'090931	Cumin seeds, neither crushed nor ground	22.62	19.52	18.41	19.52	504.94	448.85
'071290	Dried vegetables and mixtures of vegetables, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not ...	12.86	12.87	5.26	12.90	37.21	48.59
'070999	Fresh or chilled vegetables n.e.s.	6.23	10.53	4.32	10.53	92.06	95.19
'090421	Fruits of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta, dried, neither crushed nor ground	6.31	9.47	12.70	9.47	900.52	974.91
'100640	Broken rice	8.42	9.14	19.10	9.14	348.67	1037.24
'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excluding plantains)	4.00	8.79	10.48	8.79	100.76	142.90
'100510	Maize seed for sowing	7.41	8.65	11.37	8.65	36.44	53.08
'071010	Potatoes, uncooked or cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, frozen	3.79	7.63	12.69	7.63	4.64	8.97
'081090	"Fresh tamarinds, cashew apples, jackfruit, lychees, sapodillo plums, passion fruit, carambola, ...	5.49	7.38	8.70	7.38	89.88	95.81
'071331	"Dried, shelled beans of species ""Vigna mungo [L.] Hepper or Vigna radiata [L.] Wilczek""", ...	3.61	7.19	21.07	9.34	33.82	74.79
'120242	Groundnuts, shelled, whether or not broken (excluding seed for sowing, roasted or otherwise ...	5.75	6.78	5.84	6.78	739.52	680.42
'090921	Coriander seeds, neither crushed nor ground	5.50	6.47	7.98	8.63	45.02	47.11

'230690	Oilcake and other solid residues, whether or not ground or in the form of pellets, resulting ...	7.01	6.28	0.53	6.28	154.65	189.45
'100821	Millet seed for sowing (excluding grain sorghum)	4.41	5.77	0.78	5.77	9.05	10.81
'080132	Fresh or dried cashew nuts, shelled	4.56	5.36	7.80	5.83	404.23	432.50
'080610	Fresh grapes	2.46	5.16	6.72	5.25	286.12	323.52
'080810	Fresh apples	5.26	5.01	34.13	96.17	14.07	14.35

Source: ITC Trade Map

Note: International Trade Centre, Trade Map did not identify any new potential agricultural item for seeking market access with Nepal.