

# AGRI-FOOD TRADE STATISTICAL FACTSHEET

## European Union - South Korea

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"Agri-food products" refers to the WTO definition of agricultural products and includes the chapters 1-24 (excluding fish and fish products) of the Harmonised System, and a number of headings in chapters 29, 33, 35, 38, 41, 43 and 50-53. The aggregate of EU Agri-food trade does not contain tariff codes CN 3302.10.40 and CN 3302.10.90 (some odoriferous substances which are regarded as industrial products).

The details of the **product categories** referred to in this factsheet are available on: [Agri-food trade presentation \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/agri-food/trade-presentation)

More trade statistics including main economic indicators, GDP by sector, trade in goods and trade in commercial services are provided by the EU Commission Directorate-General for Trade on their website: [https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/data-and-analysis/markets/trade-data/trade-countryregion/trade-value\\_en](https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/data-and-analysis/markets/trade-data/trade-countryregion/trade-value_en)

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## EU Agri-Food trade with: South Korea

### 1. Selection of indicators

#### Agricultural indicators

	Unit	Period	World	Partner
1 Agriculture, value added	(% of GDP)	2021	4.3	1.8
2 Employment in agriculture	(% of total employment)	2019	26.7	5.1
3 Arable land	(ha)	2018	n.a.	1 374 000
4 Crop production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	105.6
5 Livestock production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	98.2
6 Food production index	(2004 2006 = 100)	2014	0.2	102.0
7 Rural population	(% of total population)	2021	43.4	18.6

Source: World Bank

#### Trade indicators

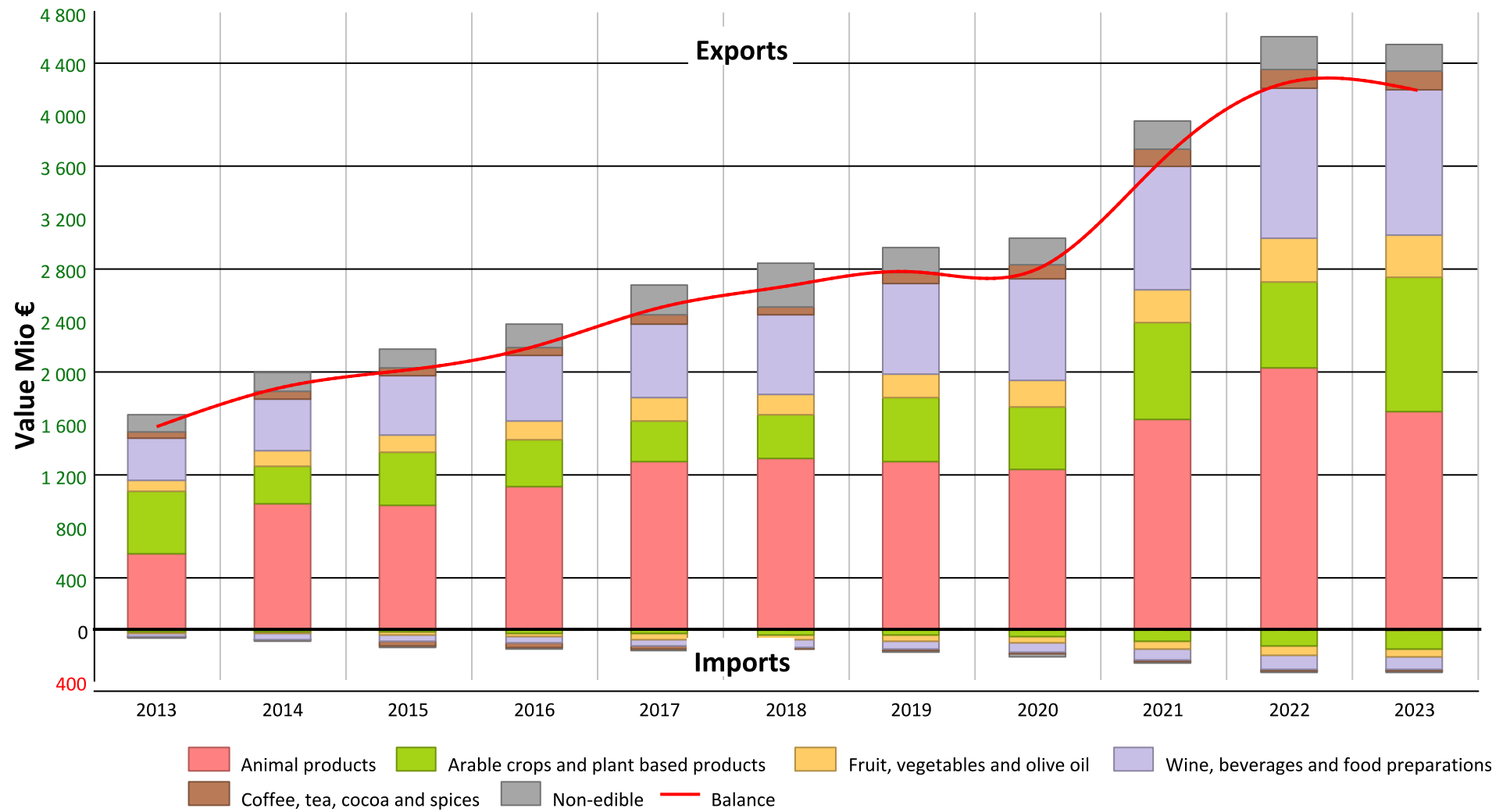
	Unit	Exports	Imports	Balance
<b>EU27 Agri-food trade with South Korea</b>				
Agri-food trade value	Mio €	4 538	341	4 197
- as share of EU27 total Agri-food trade	(%)	2.0	0.2	
- as share of EU27 total trade with South Korea	(%)	7.9	0.5	
% change 2022 - 2023		-1.4	0.2	
Annual rate of change from 2013 - 2023	(%)	10.6	15.7	
<b>EU27 total trade with South Korea</b>				
Total trade value	Mio €	57 818	73 048	-15 231
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	2.3	2.9	
<b>EU27 world trade</b>				
Total trade value	Mio €	2 556 755	2 518 822	37 933
Total Agri-food trade	Mio €	228 747	158 603	70 143
- as share of EU27 total trade	(%)	9.0	6.3	184.9

#### Ranking of EU main Agri-food trade partners and South Korea

Top Destinations: 2023				Top Origins: 2023			
		Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU			Value Mio €	% Share Extra-EU
1	United Kingdom	51 266	22.6	1	Brazil	17 229	10.9
2	USA	27 180	12.0	2	United Kingdom	15 454	9.8
3	China	14 588	6.4	3	Ukraine	11 830	7.5
4	Switzerland	11 528	5.1	4	USA	11 744	7.4
5	Japan	7 876	3.5	5	China	8 334	5.3
6	Russia	6 809	3.0	6	Türkiye	6 621	4.2
7	Norway	5 975	2.6	7	Indonesia	5 484	3.5
8	Türkiye	4 850	2.1	8	Switzerland	4 852	3.1
9	Saudi Arabia	4 628	2.0	9	Argentina	4 648	2.9
10	<b>South Korea</b>	4 538	2.0	10	Ivory Coast	4 040	2.5
11	Canada	4 466	2.0	11	India	3 297	2.1
12	Morocco	3 789	1.7	12	Vietnam	3 210	2.0
13	Australia	3 770	1.7	13	Morocco	3 177	2.0
14	Ukraine	3 458	1.5	14	Peru	3 094	2.0
15	United Arab Emirates	3 337	1.5	15	Malaysia	2 933	1.9
16	Algeria	2 799	1.2	16	South Africa	2 891	1.8
17	Israel	2 775	1.2	17	Canada	2 852	1.8
18	Brazil	2 574	1.1	18	Australia	2 547	1.6
19	Serbia	2 405	1.1	19	Colombia	2 283	1.4
20	Singapore	2 385	1.1	20	Ecuador	2 110	1.3
				52	<b>South Korea</b>	341	0.2
	Rest of the World	55 391	23.9		Rest of the World	39 856	24.6

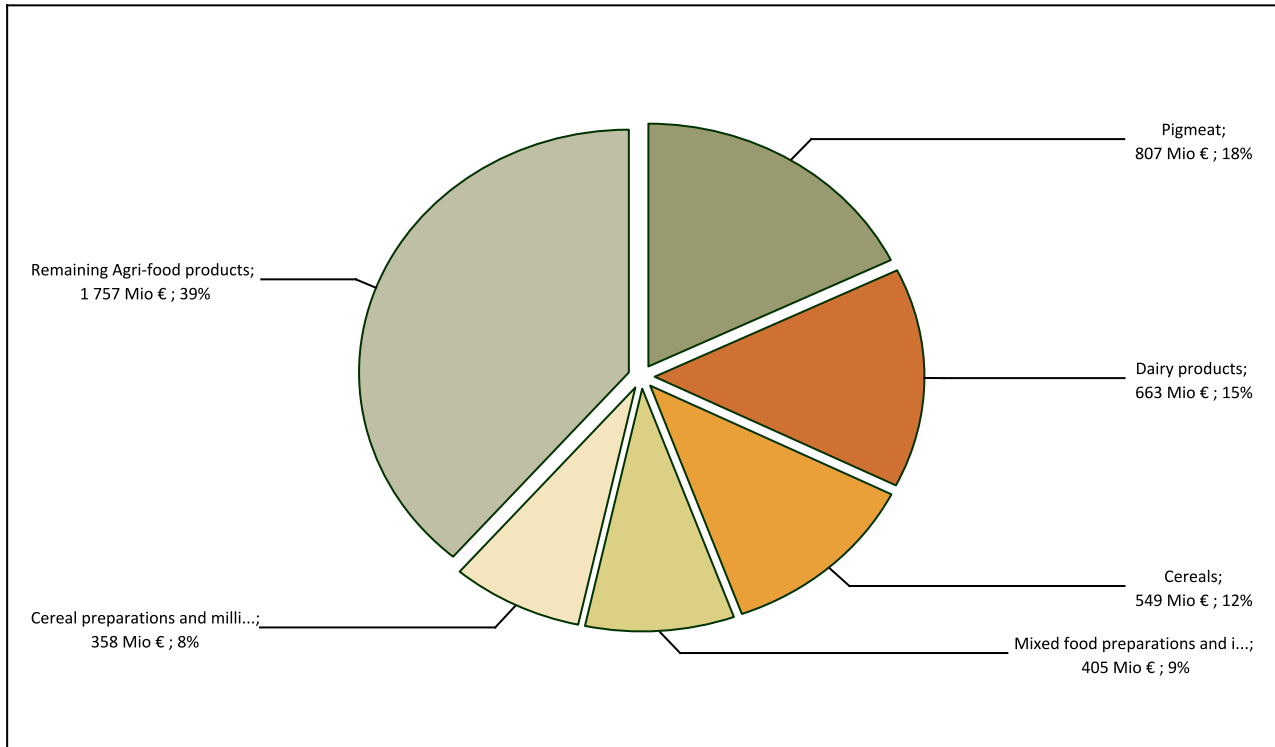
## EU Agri-Food trade with: South Korea

### 2. Structure of EU Agri-food trade with South Korea, 2013 - 2023



3. EU Agri-food EXPORTS to South Korea by product category

Top EU Agri-food exports to South Korea in 2023



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food exports to South Korea, 2019 - 2023

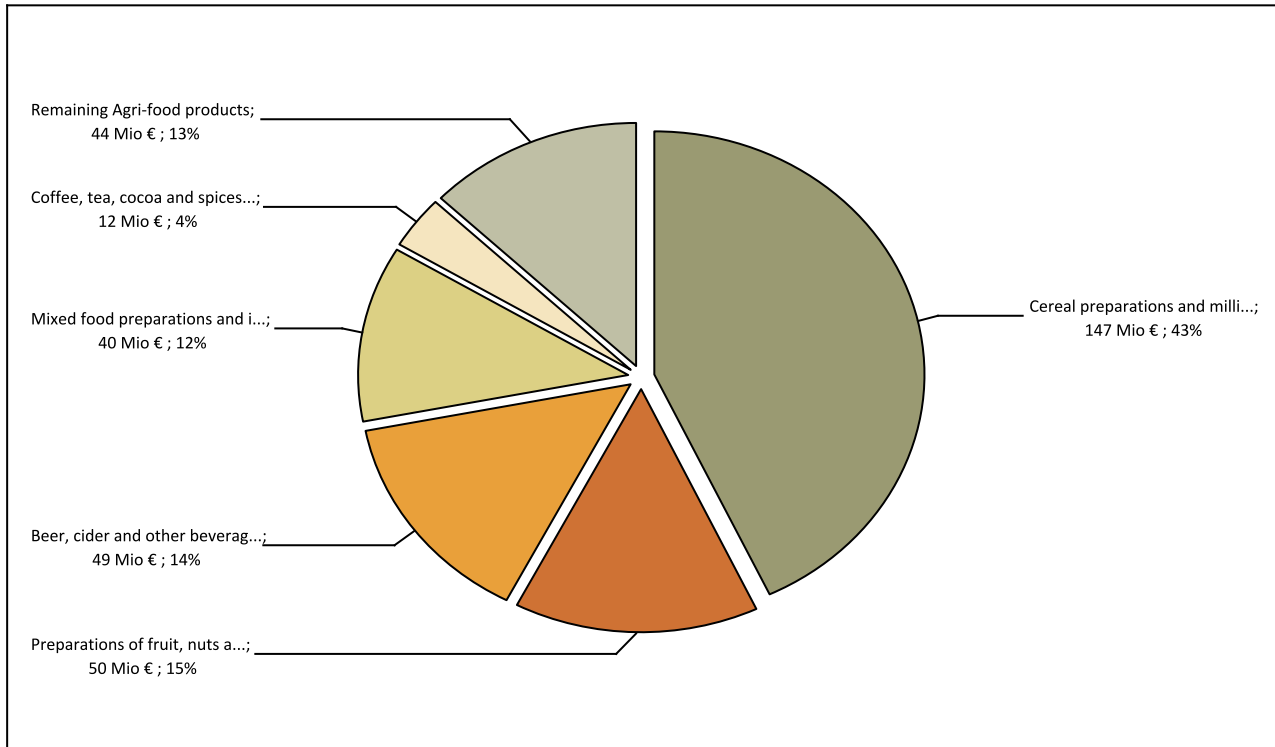
		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	2 966	3 029	3 939	4 601	4 538	100.0	-1.4
1	Pigmeat	707	595	917	973	807	17.8	-17.1
2	Dairy products	434	509	563	842	663	14.6	-21.3
3	Cereals	157	113	323	197	549	12.1	178.7
4	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	197	254	297	404	405	8.9	0.2
5	Cereal preparations and milling products	262	289	318	343	358	7.9	4.4
6	Wine and wine based products	142	182	294	343	310	6.8	-9.6
7	Confectionery and chocolate	152	155	144	174	204	4.5	17.2
8	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	91	119	118	159	178	3.9	11.9
9	Other animal products	129	106	130	180	176	3.9	-2.2
10	Beer, cider and other beverages	171	164	187	166	150	3.3	-9.6
11	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	79	109	131	146	141	3.1	-3.4
12	Olives and olive oil	65	66	109	150	113	2.5	-24.7
13	Pet food and forage crops	72	83	99	131	93	2.0	-29.0
14	Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	28	32	40	44	77	1.7	75.0
15	Spirits and liqueurs	49	29	37	76	71	1.6	-6.6
	Remaining Agri-food products	229	225	232	272	243	5.4	-10.7

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to South Korea, 2019 - 2023

	Exports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
<b>Agri-food</b>	2 966	3 029	3 939	4 601	4 538	100.0	-1.4
<b>Animal products</b>	1 300	1 238	1 630	2 030	1 684	37.1	-17.1
Beef and veal	2	2	6	6	3	0.1	-56.0
Pigmeat	707	595	917	973	807	17.8	-17.0
Poultry and eggs	26	26	13	29	34	0.7	18.5
Sheep and goat	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	-7.6
Dairy products	434	509	563	842	663	14.6	-21.3
Other animal products	129	106	130	180	176	3.9	-1.8
<b>Arable crops and plant based products</b>	492	485	745	666	1 044	23.0	56.8
Cereals	157	113	323	197	549	12.1	177.9
Cereal preparations and milling products	262	289	318	343	358	7.9	4.4
Oilseeds and protein crops	3	4	5	4	3	0.1	-21.3
Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	28	32	40	44	77	1.7	76.4
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	39	43	56	76	54	1.2	-28.5
Sugar and isoglucose	2	4	3	2	3	0.1	64.1
<b>Fruit, vegetables and olive oil</b>	184	211	257	342	324	7.1	-5.2
Vegetables	21	22	24	25	23	0.5	-5.9
Fruit and nuts	6	4	5	8	9	0.2	9.3
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	91	119	118	159	178	3.9	12.0
Olives and olive oil	65	66	109	150	113	2.5	-24.2
<b>Wine, beverages and food preparations</b>	711	784	959	1 164	1 140	25.1	-2.1
Wine and wine based products	142	182	294	343	310	6.8	-9.7
Spirits and liqueurs	49	29	37	76	71	1.6	-6.8
Beer, cider and other beverages	171	164	187	166	150	3.3	-10.0
Confectionery and chocolate	152	155	144	174	204	4.5	17.2
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	197	254	297	404	405	8.9	0.1
<b>Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices</b>	79	109	131	146	141	3.1	-3.8
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<b>Non-edible</b>	200	203	218	253	206	4.5	-18.4
Pet food and forage crops	72	83	99	131	93	2.0	-29.3
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	59	50	38	50	46	1.0	-8.5
Horticulture	23	22	26	29	27	0.6	-8.4
Non edible for technical use	28	29	39	38	37	0.8	-1.7
Unspecified	19	20	16	4	3	0.1	-15.3

4. EU Agri-food IMPORTS from South Korea by product category

Top EU Agri-food imports from South Korea in 2023



Evolution of 15 top EU Agri-food imports from South Korea, 2019 - 2023

		Imports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	181	218	270	341	341	100.0	0.0
1	Cereal preparations and milling products	49	62	91	128	147	43.1	14.8
2	Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	30	32	47	53	50	14.7	-5.7
3	Beer, cider and other beverages	39	38	50	60	49	14.4	-18.3
4	Mixed food preparations and ingredients	23	25	33	44	40	11.7	-9.1
5	Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	11	13	12	12	12	3.5	0.0
6	Vegetables	15	13	15	13	10	2.9	-23.1
7	Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	0	1	0	7	9	2.6	28.6
8	Non edible for technical use	3	22	6	3	5	1.5	66.7
9	Other animal products	3	2	4	3	5	1.5	66.7
10	Spirits and liqueurs	1	2	3	4	5	1.5	25.0
11	Dairy products	0	0	0	0	3	0.9	
12	Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	1	2	2	3	3	0.9	0.0
13	Confectionery and chocolate	2	1	1	3	2	0.6	-33.3
14	Pet food and forage crops	1	2	1	1	1	0.3	0.0
15	Cereals	0	0	0	1	1	0.3	0.0
	Remaining Agri-food products	3	2	5	4	2	0.6	-50.0

Evolution of EU Agri-food imports from South Korea, 2019 - 2023

	Imports						
	Value Mio €					%	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
<b>Agri-food</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Animal products</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>83.0</b>
Beef and veal	0		0	0	0	0.0	-95.4
Pigmeat	0	1	3	1	1	0.2	-54.8
Poultry and eggs	0		0	0	0	0.0	-77.4
Sheep and goat							
Dairy products	0	0	0	0	3	0.9	626.9
Other animal products	3	2	4	3	5	1.4	78.6
<b>Arable crops and plant based products</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Cereals	0	0	0	1	1	0.2	15.0
Cereal preparations and milling products	49	62	91	128	147	42.9	14.5
Oilseeds and protein crops	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-72.2
Vegetable oils (Oilseeds and Palm)	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-36.2
Margarine and other oils and fats (vegetable)	1	2	2	3	3	0.8	-2.1
Sugar and isoglucose	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	252.5
<b>Fruit, vegetables and olive oil</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>-9.5</b>
Vegetables	15	13	15	13	10	3.0	-23.5
Fruit and nuts	0	0	0	1	0	0.1	-51.5
Preparations of fruit, nuts and vegetables	30	32	47	53	50	14.8	-5.4
Olives and olive oil	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-62.9
<b>Wine, beverages and food preparations</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
Wine and wine based products	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	14.0
Spirits and liqueurs	1	2	3	4	5	1.3	4.2
Beer, cider and other beverages	39	38	50	60	49	14.3	-19.2
Confectionery and chocolate	2	1	1	3	2	0.5	-47.2
Mixed food preparations and ingredients	23	25	33	44	40	11.7	-9.7
<b>Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Coffee, tea, cocoa and spices	11	13	12	12	12	3.4	-0.6
<b>Non-edible</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>
Pet food and forage crops	1	2	1	1	1	0.2	-33.8
Tobacco, cigars and cigarettes	0	1	0	7	9	2.6	16.5
Horticulture	1	1	1	1	1	0.2	-40.3
Non edible for technical use	3	22	6	3	5	1.4	38.7
Unspecified							

5. EU Agri-food trade with South Korea by HS chapters

Evolution of EU Agri-food exports to South Korea, 2019 - 2023

		Exports						
		Value Mio €					%	
		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	2 966	3 029	3 939	4 601	4 538	100.0	-1.4
01	Live Animals	9	8	8	12	14	0.3	13.9
02	Meat and edible meat offal	729	613	926	994	828	18.2	-16.7
04	Dairy produce	403	485	534	805	620	13.7	-23.0
05	Products of animal origin	27	16	23	21	23	0.5	7.1
06	Live trees and other plants	22	21	25	29	26	0.6	-9.0
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	10	10	13	14	13	0.3	-5.2
08	Edible fruits & nuts	6	4	5	8	9	0.2	6.2
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	50	77	95	100	93	2.1	-7.1
10	Cereals	145	100	306	179	519	11.4	189.4
11	Products of the milling industry	81	84	89	99	119	2.6	19.8
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	31	40	44	65	35	0.8	-46.0
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	54	63	64	80	88	1.9	9.9
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	28.0
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	126	133	195	263	240	5.3	-8.8
16	Preparations of meat	12	10	11	14	16	0.3	10.9
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	88	86	67	86	116	2.6	35.5
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	100	100	108	125	137	3.0	9.9
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	172	195	221	235	235	5.2	0.0
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	98	128	131	173	192	4.2	11.1
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	184	227	273	353	356	7.9	1.1
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	363	376	521	588	532	11.7	-9.4
23	Residues and waste from food industry	66	70	79	92	80	1.8	-13.2
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	60	51	38	50	46	1.0	-8.5
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	131	130	161	214	200	4.4	-6.4

Evolution of Agri-food imports from South Korea, 2019 - 2023

		Imports						
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		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Share in all Agri 2023	Change 2022-2023
	Agri-food	181	218	270	341	341	100.0	0.2
01	Live Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	46.3
02	Meat and edible meat offal	0	1	3	1	1	0.2	-55.7
04	Dairy produce	0	0	0	0	3	0.9	632.7
05	Products of animal origin	0	0	1	1	1	0.2	44.5
06	Live trees and other plants	1	1	1	1	0	0.1	-48.9
07	Edible vegetables, roots & tubers	14	12	14	12	9	2.6	-24.2
08	Edible fruits & nuts	0	0	0	1	0	0.1	-51.5
09	Coffee, tea, mate & spices	2	2	3	3	3	0.7	-26.5
10	Cereals	0	0	0	1	1	0.2	13.2
11	Products of the milling industry	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	41.5
12	Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	2	3	3	4	4	1.0	-3.3
13	Lacs, gums, resins & other veg. saps	8	7	10	15	10	2.9	-33.8
14	Vegetable products n.e.s.	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-5.8
15	Animal or vegetable fats & oils	2	19	7	3	6	1.7	70.5
16	Preparations of meat	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-83.2
17	Sugars & sugar confectionery	2	1	1	3	2	0.5	-43.0
18	Cocoa & cocoa preparations	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	1.1
19	Preps. of cereals, flour, starch, etc.	49	62	91	128	146	42.9	14.5
20	Preps. of vegetables, fruits, nuts & plants	30	32	47	53	50	14.8	-5.4
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	22	28	31	37	39	11.3	5.0
22	Beverages, spirits & vinegar	40	40	53	65	54	15.8	-17.4
23	Residues and waste from food industry	1	2	1	1	1	0.2	-29.5
24	Tobacco & tobacco products	0	1	0	7	9	2.6	16.5
	Other WTO products outside chapters 1-24	4	5	3	4	4	1.1	-0.9