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Change in Definition of Agricultural Products

With this release of the FT-900, the Census Bureau, in coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has adopted the World Trade Organization's internationally recognized definition of agricultural products as its standard definition for the statistical reporting of U.S. agricultural trade. More information on this change is available from USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. (https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/index_ita.cfm)

This change affects the composition of the series "Agricultural Commodities" in exhibit 15 of the FT-900, in the Census Bureau's API, and in exhibit 14 of the FT-900 Annual Revision to be released on June 8, 2021. This change is also reflected in the 2021 export and import classification concordances (<https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/reference/codes/index.html#concordance>) that are released with this FT-900.

For questions regarding goods trade statistics, please contact the Census Bureau, Economic Indicators Division, International Trade Macro Analysis Branch, on (800) 549-0595, option 4, or at eid.international.trade.data@census.gov. For questions regarding the definition of agricultural products, please contact Jason Carver, Trade and Economic Analysis, Global Market Analysis, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, on (202) 720-1063 or at jason.carver@usda.gov

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