

Canada-EU trade in agri-food, fish and seafood 2019-2021

Canada's agri-food, fish and seafood trade with the EU since the inception of CETA

Since the implementation of CETA in September 2017:

- Two way agri-food, fish and seafood trade between Canada and the EU has increased 29%.
- Canadian agri-food, fish and seafood exports to the EU have increased 60%.
- Canadian agri-food, fish and seafood imports from the EU have increased 15%.

Canada's agri-food, fish and seafood trade with the EU-27 in 2021

- The EU-27 was the 4th largest export market for Canada's agri-food, fish and seafood exports in 2021, while the EU-27 was the 2nd largest supplier of Canada's imported agri-food, fish and seafood.
- Canada-EU two-way agri-food, fish and seafood trade exceeded €7.2 billion in 2021, which was an increase of 3.3% from 2020.
- Canada's agri-food exports are focused on agriculture commodities, whereas Canada's imports from the EU-27 are more value-added processed products. In 2021, Canada exported nearly €2.8 billion of agri-food, fish and seafood to the EU-27, a decrease of 9.6% from 2020, while Canada imported €4.5 billion from the EU-27, an increase of 13.4% from 2020.

Canada's exports of agri-food, fish and seafood to the EU-27, 2019-2021 ('000 EUR¹)

Country	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Agri-food, fish and seafood total	2,325,025	3,056,768	2,764,785	100.0%	-9.6%
- Agri-food total	2,045,710	2,810,612	2,454,285	88.8%	-12.7%
Fish and seafood total	279,315	246,156	310,500	11.2%	26.1%
Breakdown by Top 10 Markets in the EU (based on value exports in 2021)					
Italy	423,532	640,522	552,439	20.0%	-13.8%
France	391,893	570,676	449,601	16.3%	-21.2%
Belgium	289,897	366,461	433,748	15.7%	18.4%
Netherlands	279,806	546,496	418,354	15.1%	-23.4%
Spain	179,005	181,063	265,089	9.6%	46.4%
Germany	280,234	320,798	182,954	6.6%	-43.0%
Ireland	115,978	106,481	154,836	5.6%	45.4%
Denmark	78,140	72,836	63,185	2.3%	-13.3%
Portugal	96,773	81,996	52,902	1.9%	-35.5%
Poland	33,600	31,928	39,155	1.4%	22.6%

Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)

Canada's imports of agri-food, fish and seafood from the EU-27, 2019-2021 ('000 EUR)

Country	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Agri-food, fish and seafood total	4,001,635	3,960,874	4,490,595	100.0%	13.4%

¹ Reporting currency is Canadian dollar and the exact value in Euro may be slightly different depending on when the data is accessed due to exchange rate applied at the time of accessing the data.

Country	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Agri-food total	3,881,392	3,842,418	4,343,647	96.7%	13.0%
Fish and seafood total	120,243	118,456	146,948	3.3%	24.1%
Breakdown by Top 10 Markets in the EU (based on value imports in 2021)					
Italy	954,627	999,684	1,138,592	25.4%	13.9%
France	858,177	849,564	981,879	21.9%	15.6%
Spain	428,738	440,327	486,914	10.8%	10.6%
Netherlands	338,732	340,445	396,038	8.8%	16.3%
Germany	330,577	314,785	382,010	8.5%	21.4%
Belgium	224,006	194,653	195,725	4.4%	0.6%
Ireland	167,739	180,254	184,768	4.1%	2.5%
Denmark	113,106	122,840	127,420	2.8%	3.7%
Greece	101,631	106,939	119,410	2.7%	11.7%
Poland	196,564	102,738	117,712	2.6%	14.6%

Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)

Canada's agri-food trade with the EU-27 in 2021

- Canada's agri-food exports to the EU-27 declined by 12.7%, while Canada's agri-food imports from the EU-27 increased by 13.0% in 2021.
- The drop in Canada's agri-food exports to the EU-27 is largely due to decrease in exports of low erucic acid rape seeds, durum wheat and soy beans. These three commodities were Canada's top three agri-food exports to the EU-27, despite the decreases.
- Canada's largest agri-food imports from the EU-27 were wine products, which accounted for 20.6% of Canada's total agri-food imports from the EU-27 in 2021.

Canada's exports of agri-food to the EU-27, 2019-2021 ('000 EUR)²

Product	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Agri-food total	2,045,710	2,810,612	2,454,285	100.0%	-12.7%
Breakdown by Product Category*					
Commodities	1,459,893	2,144,548	1,723,523	70.2%	-19.6%
Processed	353,110	405,025	425,528	17.3%	5.1%
Food preparations	154,579	157,120	204,100	8.3%	29.9%
Beverages	14,828	15,357	18,484	0.8%	20.4%
Non-edible	100,343	100,792	117,313	4.8%	16.4%
Top Five Export Products (HS06 level, based on value exports in 2021)					
Low erucic acid rape or colza seeds	435,040	849,201	410,667	16.7%	-51.6%
Soybeans	459,232	446,092	403,315	16.4%	-9.6%
Durum wheat (excl. seed for sowing)	209,652	428,434	323,462	13.2%	-24.5%
Maize (excl. seed for sowing)	101,110	88,998	216,011	8.8%	142.7%
Pet food (for dogs and cats)	82,058	83,256	107,262	4.4%	28.8%
Breakdown by Key Commodity/Product Group*					
Soybeans	459,232	446,092	403,315	16.4%	-9.6%
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	468,621	935,696	487,827	19.9%	-47.9%
Wheat	253,031	467,114	370,211	15.1%	-20.7%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	134,355	117,423	252,200	10.3%	114.8%

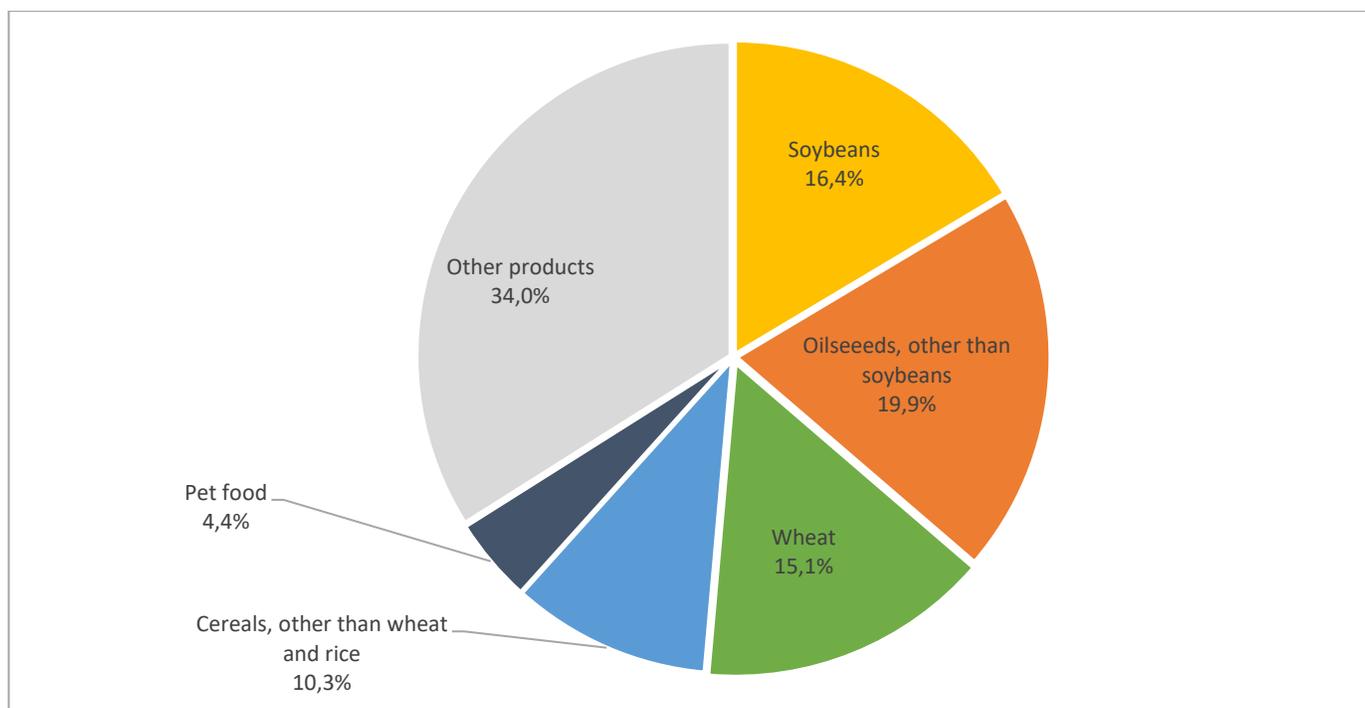
² For HS correspondences, see https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/farming/documents/agrifood-product-classes-details_en.pdf.

Product	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Vegetables fresh, chilled, dried	1,997	1,597	1,026	0.0%	-35.8%
Fruit fresh or dried, excluding citrus and tropical	3,016	5,164	3,783	0.2%	-26.7%
Pet food (for dogs and cats)	82,058	83,256	107,262	4.4%	28.8%
Sugar, other than beet and cane	209,139	56,813	69,270	2.8%	21.9%
Food preparations, not specified	43,973	48,717	59,997	2.4%	23.2%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	163,890	45,625	51,158	2.1%	12.1%
Raw hides, skins and furskins	55,613	29,103	11,891	0.5%	-59.1%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	4,955	3,322	6,138	0.3%	84.8%
Other feed and feed ingredients	19,780	24,354	31,290	1.3%	28.5%
Oilcakes	51,030	18,860	20,805	0.8%	10.3%
Non edible animal products	21,236	20,558	20,999	0.9%	2.1%
Bovine meat fresh, chilled, frozen	7,714	10,676	17,362	0.7%	62.6%
Fruit juices	12,472	18,145	17,128	0.7%	-5.6%
Spirits and liquor and vermouth	146,110	18,472	50,970	2.1%	175.9%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	168	57	64	0.0%	12.3%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	30,789	10,295	10,088	0.4%	-2.0%

Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)

*Note: Some HS codes are included in more than one product category or group. For example, chocolate/cocoa-based food preparation would be included in processed food as well as food preparations.

Canada's exports of agri-food to the EU-27 in 2021



Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)

Canada's imports of agri-food from the EU-27 in 2019–2021 ('000 EUR)

Product category	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Agri-food total	3,881,392	3,842,418	4,343,647	100.0%	13.0%
Breakdown by Product Category*					
Commodities	73,790	71,163	96,167	2.2%	35.1%
Processed	3,342,074	3,434,376	3,893,982	89.6%	13.4%

Product category	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Food preparations	703,226	734,105	851,761	19.6%	16.0%
Beverages	701,066	687,680	732,361	16.9%	6.5%
Non-edible	209,455	117,059	136,799	3.1%	16.9%
Top Five Import Products (HS06 level, based on value imports in 2021)					
Wine (excluding sparkling wine)	788,310	789,019	895,710	20.6%	13.5%
Beer	267,197	252,471	228,970	5.3%	-9.3%
Cheese (excluding fresh cheese)	161,756	170,326	186,423	4.3%	9.5%
Sparkling wine	142,758	131,695	184,717	4.3%	40.3%
Chocolate/ cocoa-based food preparation	114,602	117,216	140,095	3.2%	19.5%
Breakdown by Key Commodity/Product Group*					
Soybeans	7	72	165	0.0%	129.2%
Oilseeds, other than soybeans	8,719	9,513	12,850	0.3%	35.1%
Wheat	1	1	6	0.0%	500.0%
Cereals, other than wheat and rice	2,549	2,107	637	0.0%	-69.8%
Vegetables fresh, chilled, dried	48,821	33,834	25,576	0.6%	-24.4%
Fruit fresh or dried, excluding citrus and tropical	39,603	32,818	36,478	0.8%	11.2%
Pet food (for dogs and cats)	12,245	13,885	18,744	0.4%	35.0%
Sugar, other than beet and cane	9,438	10,177	12,521	0.3%	23.0%
Food preparations, not specified	79,060	81,507	109,111	2.5%	33.9%
Preparations of vegetables, fruit or nuts	172,661	185,963	198,838	4.6%	6.9%
Raw hides, skins and furskins	10	8	16	0.0%	100.0%
Pasta, pastry, biscuits and bread	219,762	231,082	250,798	5.8%	8.5%
Other feed and feed ingredients	44,660	52,698	52,319	1.2%	-0.7%
Oilcakes	491	444	311	0.0%	-30.0%
Non edible animal products	3,791	5,958	9,401	0.2%	57.8%
Bovine meat fresh, chilled, frozen	11,895	52,827	54,767	1.3%	3.7%
Fruit juices	23,688	18,205	22,701	0.5%	24.7%
Spirits and liquor and vermouth	302,071	293,194	329,721	7.6%	12.5%
Bulbs, roots and live plants	45,497	45,390	60,718	1.4%	33.8%
Gums, resins and plant extracts	45,806	46,361	45,307	1.0%	-2.3%

Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)

Canada's fish and seafood trade with the EU-27

- Canada's fish and seafood exports to the EU-27 expanded by 26.1%, while Canada's fish and seafood imports from the EU-27 increased by 24.1% in 2021.
- In 2021, almost all of Canada's fish and seafood exports to the EU-27 (93.3%) was live and lightly processed products (e.g. fresh and frozen products). Seaweed (for human consumption) was the fastest growing category, which expanded by 68.7% in 2021 from 2020.

Canada's exports of fish and seafood to the EU-27, 2019-2021 ('000 EUR)

Product category	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Total fish and seafood	279,315	246,156	310,500	-	26.1%
Top Five Export Products (HS06 level, based on value exports in 2021)					
Live/chilled lobster	50,902	61,155	85,785	27.6%	40.3%
Frozen lobster	56,898	45,487	84,985	27.4%	86.8%
Frozen cold-water shrimps and prawns	45,204	31,773	37,061	11.9%	16.6%
Scallops	24,093	29,006	34,977	11.3%	20.6%
Fish fat and oil	4,827	8,308	7,982	2.6%	-3.9%

Product category	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Breakdown by Commodity/Product Group					
Live/fresh/frozen fish and seafood	261,539	229,006	289,593	93.3%	26.5%
Products of fish, sea mammals and plants	1,125	973	1,048	0.3%	7.7%
Seaweed	214	67	113	0.0%	68.7%
Fish fat and oil	4,827	8,308	7,982	2.6%	-3.9%
Processed/preserved fish and seafood	10,827	7,293	11,218	3.6%	53.8%
Other products not for human consumption	783	506	544	0.2%	7.5%

Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)

Canada's imports of fish and sea-food from the EU in 2019–2021 ('000 EUR)

Product category	2019	2020	2021	2021 share	2020-2021 growth
Total fish and seafood	120,243	118,456	146,948	-	24.1%
Top Five Import Products (HS06 level, based on value imports in 2021)					
Prepared/preserved tunas (skipjack, Atlantic tuna)	15,400	19,057	23,677	16.1%	24.2%
Fish and seafood flours, meals and pellets (not for human consumption)	16,367	16,772	15,981	10.9%	-4.7%
Smoked pacific salmon	10,004	11,853	15,845	10.8%	33.7%
Fresh/chilled sea bass	6,549	4,124	7,432	5.1%	80.2%
Products of fish and seafood (not for human consumption)	7,734	6,014	6,294	4.3%	4.7%
Breakdown by Commodity/Product Group					
Live/fresh/frozen fish and seafood	60,571	53,860	68,429	46.6%	27.0%
Products of fish, sea mammals and plants	9,979	8,756	11,245	7.7%	28.4%
Seaweed	1,016	831	1,266	0.9%	52.3%
Fish fat and oil	1,400	2,256	6,343	4.3%	181.2%
Processed/ preserved fish and seafood	30,414	35,598	42,735	29.1%	20.0%
Others products not for human consumption	16,859	17,160	16,934	11.5%	-1.3%

Source: Global Trade Tracker (2022)