How U.S. Grain Was Exported In 2019/2020

The U.S. Grain Council’s feed grains in all forms calculation offers a holistic view of feed grain sold to overseas customers in both unprocessed and value-added forms. This calculation includes corn-equivalent exports of U.S. corn, sorghum, barley, distiller’s dried grains with solubles (DDGS), ethanol, corn gluten meal (CGM), meat and poultry.


- **CORN** 45,105,224 metric tons (44.5%)
- **PORK & PORK PRODUCTS** 13,481,571 metric tons (13.3%)
- **ETHANOL (NON-BEV.)** 12,209,295 metric tons (12.1%)
- **DISTILLERS GRAINS** 10,531,129 metric tons (10.4%)
- **POULTRY MEAT & PRODUCTS (EXCLUDES EGGS)** 8,226,903 metric tons (8.1%)
- **BARLEY & BARLEY PRODUCTS** 493,025 metric tons (0.5%)
- **COARSE GRAIN PRODUCTS** 999,589 metric tons (1%)
- **CORN Gluten FEED & MEAL** 1,503,856 metric tons (1.5%)
- **BEEF & BEEF PRODUCTS** 3,569,849 metric tons (3.5%)
- **SORGHUM** 5,153,710 metric tons (5.1%)

**TOTAL** 101,274,151 metric tons
Engaging World Customers Keeps U.S. Ag Growing

95.7% of the world’s population lives outside the U.S., and more than 97% of the anticipated population growth over the next 35 years will take place outside U.S. borders.

FTA partner countries accounted for 45 percent of total U.S. agricultural exports in 2020. FTA partners accounted for half of exports of U.S. coarse grains and co-products in the 2019/20 marketing year.

The United States has negotiated trade agreements with 20 countries since the end of World War II, including the one that established the World Trade Organization. By comparison, there are more than 400 trade agreements in place globally.

Agriculture contributes positively to the U.S. economy. U.S. ag exports in 2018, the last year for which analysis is available, were valued at $139.6 billion, produced $302.5 billion in total economic output and supported over a million jobs, including 691,000 non-farm jobs.