International Agribusiness Center

Export Highlights — Year to Date 2nd Quarter (Q2) 2023

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Highlights

Wisconsin food, forestry, and agriculture product exports year to date, second quarter of 2023, from January to June, are \$2.0 billon, the second-highest level in the past five years, \$30 million higher than the year to date second quarter of 2021.

The post-COVID demand levels are showing signs of weakening, coupled with concerns in several countries about rising prices in food and other products. That, along with a strong dollar in several export markets, are all factors affecting demand and slowing exports.

U.S. agricultural exports are \$101 billion, down -9.6% from 2022. Wisconsin moved to 10th in the U.S. for agricultural exports in the U.S., up from 13th previously. The USDA Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade May 2023 report forecasts 2023 to be down an additional 1.9% from the February agricultural exports forecast, with a 7.8% decline from 2022, which is also a record year for the U.S. The forecast is 5.4% above 2021, the second highest year for the U.S.

Top Markets: Wisconsin's top five markets are Canada, Mexico, China, Korea, and Japan comprising 70% of total exports. Mexico increased over 54%, with three of the four remaining markets down double digits. **Mexico continues as the number two market for Wisconsin agricultural exports**.

Top Products: The top five products by Harmonized System Code (HS) exported from Wisconsin make up 44% of all exports. The largest, sauces and yeasts, is up double digits. The other top four products dropped. The top 10 products make up 69% of the total exports. The remaining top exports are soybeans, meat cuts, bovine semen, flavorings from plants and prepared cereals. Soybeans are up over 43% and meat cuts are up over 24%.

Wisconsin is first in the U.S. for the export of specialty cheeses, ginseng roots, prepared/preserved cranberries, mink, bovine semen, prepared/preserved sweet corn and sausages.









Product Group Highlights

The 2023 Q2 year to date exports of \$2.0 billion in agricultural products is tracked by product group:

- Dairy: cheese, whey, latose, and milk proteins 13% of all agricultural exports
- Meat: livestock, genetics, hides, and furs 20% of all agricultural exports
- Crop: grains, forestry, processed foods, and beverages 67% of all agricultural exports











