International Agribusiness Center

Export Highlights — Year to Date 3rd Quarter (Q3) 2023

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Highlights

Wisconsin food, forestry, and agriculture product exports year to date (YTD) at the end of the third quarter of 2023, were \$2.94 billion. This is the second-highest level in the past five years, and \$80 million higher than the YTD third quarter of 2021.

The post-COVID demand levels are steady, though lower than in 2022. The strong dollar in several export markets continues to be a headwind, while international conflicts, continued tariff barriers, and slowing economies in several countries are all slowing the growth pace off of the 2022 record high export levels.

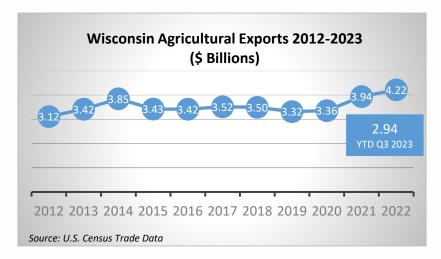
U.S. agricultural exports are \$145 billion, down -10.8% from 2022. Wisconsin is number 11 in the U.S. for agricultural exports by state nationally, up from number 13. The USDA Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade August 2023 report forecasts federal fiscal 2023 exports will be down nearly 9.5% from 2022. However, the forecast is 3.3% above 2021, the second highest year for the U.S.

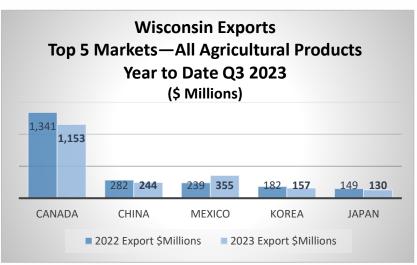
Top Markets: Wisconsin's top five agricultural markets are Canada, Mexico, China, Korea, and Japan—which combined represent 69% of total exports. Mexico's strong increases continue, up 48% from 2022. **Canada and Mexico are the number one and two markets, which is important for emerging and experienced exporters alike.**

Top Products: The top five agricultural exports by Harmonized System Code (HS) from Wisconsin make up 43% of all exports. The largest category, sauces and yeasts, is up nearly 7%.

The top 10 individual products by HS make up 68% of total exports. The remaining top exports are meat cuts, soybeans, flavorings from plants, bovine semen, and prepared cereals. Soybeans are up over 29% and meat preparations are up nearly 23%.

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 Q3 YTD exports of \$2.94 billion in agricultural products is tracked by three product groups:

- Dairy: cheese, whey, lactose, 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

