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List of most valuable crops and livestock products

The following list, derived from the statistics of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), lists the most valuable agricultural products produced by the countries of the world.^[1] The data in this article, unless otherwise noted, was reported for 2016. The value and production of individual crops varies substantially from year to year as prices fluctuate on the world and country markets and weather and other factors influence production.

List

This list includes the top 50 most valuable crops and livestock products but does not necessarily include the top 50 most heavily produced crops and livestock products. Indigenous meat values have been omitted from this table.



Rice was the most valuable agricultural crop in the world in 2016. It was third to sugarcane and maize (corn) in quantity produced. This is a rice field in Cambodia.

Global gross production of crops/livestock

Crop or Livestock	Value (billion US\$)	Amount (metric tons)	Value (US\$ per metric ton)	Country with highest total value (billion US\$)	
<u>Rice</u> , paddy	\$332	751,885,117	\$442	\$117	(Mainland China)
<u>Pig</u> , meat	\$280	118,956,327	\$2,354	\$167	(Mainland China)
<u>Cattle</u> , meat	\$269	64,568,004	\$4,166	\$52.8	(United States)
Cow's <u>milk</u> , whole fresh	\$238	665,596,536	\$358	\$34.7	(United States)
<u>Chicken</u> , meat	\$192	106,638,508	\$1,800	\$27.4	(United States)
<u>Maize</u> (corn)	\$191	1,126,990,585	\$169	\$61.2	(Mainland China)
<u>Wheat</u>	\$168	748,392,150	\$224	\$50.7	(Mainland China)
<u>Soybeans</u>	\$107	335,613,801	\$319	\$40.7	(United States)
<u>Eggs</u> , hen, in shell	\$93.6	74,180,272	\$1,262	\$26.1	(Mainland China)
<u>Potatoes</u>	\$92.7	356,952,488	\$260	\$32.2	(Mainland China)
<u>Vegetables</u> , not elsewhere specified	\$89.1	292,920,885	\$304	\$53.6	(Mainland China)
<u>Tomatoes</u>	\$87.9	178,158,747	\$493	\$28.9	(Mainland China)
<u>Sugarcane</u>	\$87.3	1,874,611,396	\$47	\$40.9	(Brazil)
<u>Grapes</u>	\$67.8	74,089,693	\$915	\$14.4	(France)
Seed <u>cotton</u>	\$56.7	67,622,193	\$838	\$21.4	(Mainland China)
<u>Buffalo</u> milk, whole fresh	\$56.4	115,204,379	\$490	\$43.1	(India)
<u>Cotton</u> lint	\$50.5	23,274,797	\$2,170	\$18.6	(Mainland China)
<u>Apples</u>	\$45.9	84,743,988	\$542	\$20.8	(Mainland China)
<u>Onions</u> , dry	\$42.1	94,838,690	\$444	\$23.9	(Mainland China)
<u>Sheep</u> , meat	\$40.4	9,567,978	\$4,222	\$13.8	(Mainland China)
<u>Cucumbers</u> and gherkins	\$40.2	79,844,838	\$503	\$29.6	(Mainland China)
<u>Garlic</u>	\$39.3	26,821,718	\$1,465	\$31.5	(Mainland China)
<u>Bananas</u>	\$38.5	112,627,980	\$342	\$8.13	(India)
<u>Goat</u> , meat	\$36.4	5,794,581	\$6,282	\$25.3	(Mainland China)
<u>Oil palm</u> fruit	\$35.7	255,567,218	\$140	\$17.7	(Indonesia)
<u>Cassava</u> (yuca)	\$34.3	288,497,460	\$119	\$4.11	(Indonesia)

Crop or Livestock	Value (billion US\$)	Amount (metric tons)	Value (US\$ per metric ton)	Country with highest total value (billion US\$)	
<u>Palm oil</u>	\$34.0	58,156,889	\$585	\$16.2	(Indonesia)
<u>Watermelons</u>	\$33.9	102,414,316	\$331	\$26.1	(Mainland China)
<u>Rapeseed</u>	\$31.7	68,113,132	\$465	\$10.4	(Mainland China)
<u>Mangos, mangosteens, guavas</u>	\$30.0	49,523,191	\$606	\$14.1	(India)
<u>Eggs, other bird, in shell</u>	\$27.9	6,108,690	\$4,567	\$25.6	(Mainland China)
<u>Groundnuts, with shell</u>	\$26.9	44,543,757	\$604	\$16.1	(Mainland China)
<u>Chilis and peppers, green</u>	\$26.3	34,567,250	\$761	\$9.95	(Mainland China)
<u>Sweet potatoes</u>	\$26.1	89,985,845	\$290	\$17.8	(Mainland China)
<u>Barley</u>	\$22.9	145,906,773	\$157	\$2.08	(Russia)
<u>Oranges</u>	\$22.6	72,771,146	\$311	\$5.62	(India)
<u>Eggplants (aubergines)</u>	\$21.6	51,302,856	\$421	\$16.8	(Mainland China)
<u>Olives</u>	\$19.9	19,650,821	\$1,013	\$5.5	(Greece)
<u>Sunflower seeds</u>	\$19.4	47,401,997	\$409	\$4.54	(Ukraine)
<u>Tangerines, mandarins, clementines, satsumas</u>	\$19.1	32,304,732	\$591	\$12.2	(Mainland China)
<u>Cabbages and other brassicas</u>	\$19.1	69,790,058	\$274	\$9.3	(Mainland China)
<u>Spinach</u>	\$18.0	26,763,044	\$673	\$15.4	(Mainland China)
<u>Strawberries</u>	\$17.7	7,901,882	\$2,240	\$6.49	(Mainland China)
<u>Peaches, nectarines</u>	\$17.1	24,040,295	\$711	\$9.98	(Mainland China)
<u>Tobacco, unmanufactured</u>	\$16.2	6,361,725	\$2,546	\$8.27	(Mainland China)
<u>Coffee, green</u>	\$16.1	9,353,937	\$1,721	\$6.75	(Brazil)
<u>Lettuce, chicory</u>	\$15.7	27,440,987	\$572	\$8.33	(Mainland China)
<u>Rubber, natural</u>	\$15.3	13,449,190	\$1,138	\$6.19	(Thailand)
<u>Tea</u>	\$15.2	5,859,841	\$2,594	\$11.3	(Mainland China)
<u>Peas, green</u>	\$14.7	19,854,943	\$740	\$9.68	(Mainland China)

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