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Report Highlights:

In 2025, the United States remained the largest export market for Taiwan’s agricultural and related products for the fourth consecutive year, accounting for 18 percent (\$877 million) of total exports. Taiwan’s top exports to the United States were seafood products (\$171 million), bakery goods (\$160 million), food preparations (\$148 million), nursery products and cut flowers (\$58 million), and forest products (\$54 million). Taiwan imported \$4.47 billion in U.S. agricultural and related products, resulting in a U.S. agricultural trade surplus of \$3.59 billion. This report uses Taiwan Customs statistics via Trade Data Monitor.

Taiwan Agricultural Trade Overview

In 2025, Taiwan's agricultural and related exports totaled \$4.90 billion, down 8.9 percent year-over-year. Imports declined 8.1 percent to \$13.07 billion, narrowing Taiwan's agricultural trade deficit to \$8.17 billion. The decline in exports reflects several factors such as:

- Extreme weather, including multiple typhoons, reduced production volumes by an estimated 10–15 percent for key crops.
- Appreciation of the Taiwan dollar, which reduced export competitiveness.
- Elevated logistics costs, which continued to compress exporter margins.

Major Market Performance

The United States remained Taiwan's largest export market at \$877 million (-6 percent), showing relative resilience compared to other markets:

- Japan: \$636 million (-4 percent), affected by continued yen weakness
- China: \$564 million (-29 percent), the largest decline among major markets
- Hong Kong: \$415 million (-6 percent)
- Vietnam: \$347 million (+10 percent)
- South Korea: \$245 million (+8 percent)

China's decline reflects a continued structural shift, with the market falling from Taiwan's largest export destination to third place.

Table 1: 2025 Taiwan Agricultural and Related Products Exports, by Country

Country	2024 (\$ million)	2025 (\$ million)	YoY % Change
Total	5,371	4,896	-8.9
United States	934	877	-6.1
Japan	664	636	-4.2
China	793	564	-28.9
Hong Kong	440	415	-5.7
Vietnam	317	347	+9.5
South Korea	226	245	+8.4
Thailand	287	219	-23.7
Malaysia	214	157	-26.6
Australia	152	152	0.0
Singapore	146	151	+3.4

Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC (Taiwan Customs)

Taiwan-U.S. Agricultural Trade

Taiwan exported \$877 million in agricultural and related products to the United States in 2025, while importing \$4.47 billion from the United States. The resulting U.S. trade surplus reached \$3.59 billion. Taiwan's exports to the United States are concentrated in consumer-oriented products, reflecting strong bilateral trade ties and well-established distribution channels.

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Export Performance by Category

Most export categories declined in 2025 due to weather disruptions, currency appreciation, logistics costs, and shifting trade dynamics.

- Seafood products remained stable at \$171 million, with mahi-mahi exports increasing 90 percent to \$21 million
- Bakery goods declined 15 percent, driven in part by weaker tapioca product exports
- Nursery products continued to face structural challenges as buyers shifted to lower-tariff suppliers in Canada and Latin America
- Forest products increased 18 percent to \$54 million, one of the few growth categories
- Processed vegetables declined overall, but frozen edamame increased 17 percent to \$16 million

These trends suggest continued competitiveness in niche and value-added segments despite broader market pressures.

Table 2: Top Taiwan Agricultural Exports to the United States by BICO Category, 2024-2025

Category	2024 (\$ million)	2025 (\$ million)	YoY % Change	Component Highlights (Selected)
Total	934	877	-6.1	
Seafood Products	171	171	+0.2	Frozen Tilapia & fillets (\$29 mil), Fish fillets (\$34 mil), Squid (\$32 mil)
Bakery Goods, Cereals, & Pasta	187	160	-14.5	Baked pastries (\$59 mil), Tapioca (\$36 mil), Prepared pasta (\$29 mil)
Soup & Other Food Preparations	167	148	-11.7	Various food preparations
Nursery Products/Cut Flowers	64	58	-10.2	Phalaenopsis (orchid), live (\$57 mil)
Non-Alcoholic Bev. (ex. Juices, coffee, tea)	61	55	-9.3	Various beverages
Forest Products	46	54	+18.4	Wood and forest products
Processed Vegetables	32	30	-4.8	Frozen edamame (\$16 mil)
Tea	27	25	-7.0	Black tea, green tea

Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC (Taiwan Customs)

Note: The United States is Taiwan's largest export market for bakery goods, food preparations, nursery products, non-alcoholic beverages, forest products, and tea. The United States ranks third for seafood products and second for processed vegetables.

U.S. Agricultural Exports to Taiwan

According to Taiwan Customs in 2025, U.S. agricultural exports and related products exports to Taiwan totaled \$4.47 billion, maintaining a 24 percent market share. Exports were led by bulk commodities with corn (\$782 million), soybeans (\$683 million), and wheat (\$292 million). Together, these accounted for 41 percent of total exports, with the United States supplying nearly 70 percent of Taiwan's demand for these commodities.

Consumer-oriented products (including beef, poultry, and fresh fruit) represented the second-largest category and continued to benefit from strong demand for high-quality imports.

The United States maintained a \$3.59 billion agricultural trade surplus, underscoring Taiwan’s reliance on U.S. supply for both staple commodities and premium food products.

Table 3: 2025 Taiwan-U.S. Trade in Agricultural and Related Products

Category	Taiwan Exports (\$ million)	U.S. Exports (\$ million)
Consumer Oriented	595	2,176
Bulk	3	1,961
Intermediate	54	270
Ag Related	225	60
Total	877	4,467

Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC (Taiwan Customs)

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