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### **Internet Resources for Agricultural Trade with Cuba**

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**Report Highlights:**

Looking for trade and economic data, trade regulations, service providers, or general background information on Cuba? This report provides websites and links with useful information for companies seeking to export U.S. agricultural products to Cuba.

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**The website and link listings in this report provide useful information, which may be of interest to U.S. suppliers seeking information on Cuba. While it is impractical to provide a complete list of websites relating to Cuba, this partial list is offered with the understanding that no discrimination is intended. Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) does not assume responsibility for the reliability or accuracy of any information made available or views expressed on any non-USDA website.**

## I. U.S. Government Websites and Links

1. The USDA's [Foreign Agricultural Service \(FAS\)](#) provides general information related to Cuba on its [Cuba](#) website page, such as:

- USDA News Releases
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Status of agricultural commodity trade via the Global Agricultural Trade System ([GATS](#))
- General agricultural background via Global Agricultural Information Network ([GAIN](#))
- U.S. foreign policy and general background information
- Export & trade guidance (with links to other U.S. government websites)
- Eligible agricultural commodities under Section 902(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act (TSRA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-387)
- Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, Chapter 79, Section 7201 - Definitions

2. The USDA's [Caribbean Basin Agricultural Trade Office \(CBATO\) - Cuba page](#) provides U.S. agricultural trade and other relevant information related to Cuba on its website:

- Information on agricultural trade with Cuba  
For the Cuban BICO country report generated from GATS; (a) under Market Year “define target time period”, (b) under Country: select “Cuba”, then (c) select “Retrieve Country Report”
- List of [Agricultural Commodities Eligible for Export to Cuba](#)
- An overview of the Cuban purchasing and distribution system
- GAINS reports on Cuba, from agricultural import regulations to websites for Cuba

For [Recent GAIN](#) Cuban country reports published since July 4, 2009; (a) under Custom Date “define target time period”, (b) under Categories: select “All Categories”, (c) under Countries: select “Cuba”, then (d) select “Search”.

For [Legacy GAIN](#) Cuban country reports published between January 1, 2000 and July 3, 2009, (a) select Option 1, (b) define target time period, (c) under Commodities: select “All Commodities, (d) under Countries: select “Cuba”, then (e) select “Search”.

Since implementation of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act (TSRA) in 2000, the United States has exported nearly \$5 billion worth of agricultural products to Cuba.

### ***A. Recent Trade Related Reports***

3. The **International Agricultural Trade Report: [U.S. Agricultural Exports to Cuba Have Substantial Room for Growth](#)**, published June 22, 2015

4. The **Economic Research Service Report: [U.S.-Cuba Agricultural Trade: Past, Present, and Possible Future](#)**, published June 15, 2015

5. The **U.S. International Trade Commission Report (Publication 3932)** is a 180-page report

published in July 2007 titled "[U.S. Agricultural Sales to Cuba: Certain Economic Effects of U.S. Restrictions](#)" that provides estimates for the U.S. export of various agricultural commodities based on different policy scenarios.

### ***B. Food and Agricultural Regulatory Related Reports/Sites***

6. The [2014 Cuba Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards](#) report contains information on known Cuban import requirements for food and agricultural products. Published December 10, 2014

7. The **USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)** link for [Cuba](#) includes information on requirements for U.S. meat and poultry and/or their products exports and FSIS certification

8. The **USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)** link for [Cuba](#) includes information on export requirements and APHIS certification for live animals and animal products.

### ***C. Sanctions and U.S. Policy Related Sites***

9. The U.S. Department of Commerce (USDOC), Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) website provides U.S. exporters with information on export regulations and controls. On September 21, 2015, the Commerce and Treasury Departments took additional coordinated actions in support of the President's Cuba policy announcement of December 17, 2014. Information related to BIS regulations on license and trade to countries subject to the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 follow:

#### **[Exports and Re-exports to Cuba under the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act](#)**

##### **[Cuba Licensing Policy](#)**

10. The **U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)** administers the Cuban Assets Control Regulations that regulate travel to Cuba and use of dollars by travelers in Cuba. The OFAC [Cuba](#) webpage offers an overview of Cuban assets control regulations and guidelines and information on the Cuba sanctions program, including information on rules related to use of dollars by travelers and permitted travel. Answers to [Frequently Asked Questions Related to Cuba](#) were updated on September 18, 2015.

11. The **U.S. Department of State** provides general information on [Cuba](#) - on the U.S. policy towards Cuba, the U.S. Embassy, and details on travel and business, government structure, economic conditions, and trade relations. In addition, this link provides global access to official foreign policy information including daily press briefings, recent health advisories, travel warnings, and public announcements.

### ***D. General Cuban Country Information***

12. The **Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) World Factbook** provides general and current reference information on [Cuba](#) including maps, field listings, and Heads of State in the Cuban government, as well

as other countries around the world.

## II. Non-U.S. Government Websites and Links

1. The [U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council](#) provides an educational structure in which the U.S. business community may access accurate, consistent information and analysis on matters and issues of interest regarding the United States-Republic of Cuba commercial, economic and political relations. The U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council does not take positions with respect to United States-Republic of Cuba political relations.

*English only*

2. The **University of Florida's** website on [Cuban-Agriculture](#) features agricultural data, useful production and trade publications with updated information on the agricultural and fisheries sectors in Cuba.

*English only*

3. The [Federation of International Trade Association](#) website is a well-documented source for trade leads, news, events, and a link library of 4,000+ sites related to international trade such as a Buy/Sell Exchange, Global Trade Shop, and a Directory of US-based Export Management Companies. Applying "Cuba" to the search option can access information on web resources, trade, and events specific to Cuba.

*English & Spanish*

4. The [U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean](#) website promotes economic and social development in the region, provides advisory services to governments, organizes conferences, and assists in bringing regional perspective to global problems. For Cuba-specific information, the "Search" option will provide a multitude of information on Cuba's political, economic and social situation, past and present.

*English & Spanish*

5. The Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy ([ASCE](#)) is a non-profit, non-political organization incorporated in the state of Maryland in 1990. Its mission is to promote research, publications, and scholarly discussion on the Cuban economy in its broadest sense, including on the social, economic, legal, and environmental aspects of a transition to a free market economy and a democratic society in Cuba. ASCE is affiliated with the American Economic Association and the Allied Social Sciences Association of the United States, and maintains professional contacts with economists inside Cuba—whether independent or associated with the Cuban government—who are interested in engaging in scholarly discussion and research.

*English & Spanish*

6. The **Latin American Network Information Center** ([LANIC](#)) is part of the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies ([LLILAS](#)) and the [Benson Latin American Collection](#) at the University of Texas at Austin. Since 2011, LANIC has also been a part of the [University of Texas Libraries](#) as one of the initiatives that is under the [LLILAS Benson Collaboration](#). LANIC's **mission** is to facilitate access to Internet-based information to, from, or on Latin America. LANIC's editorially reviewed directories

contain over 10,000 unique URLs, one of the largest guides for Latin American content on the Internet.  
*English & Spanish*

7. Service provided through institutions with a current subscription.

The [Proquest Direct](#) website service provides newspaper articles, scholarly journals, and general interest magazines on a wide variety of topics with special emphasis on business and trade topics. A "search" of Cuba-specific topics provides a multitude of publications that will allow users to quickly familiarize themselves with Cuba's historical background and current issues

*English only*

8. An on-line version telephone directory for Cuba, the [Cuba White Pages](#) website searches by name, business, address, city, or specific province.

*English & Spanish*

9. The [Coface Group Rating](#) website showcases an international finance program that helps SME's (small to medium-sized enterprises) reduce credit risk. Currently, Coface provides credit reports on Cuban companies.

*English & Spanish*

### III. Cuban-Based Websites and Links

1. The [Cuban Chamber of Commerce](#) website is an all-encompassing interactive e-community that provides user-friendly access to Cuban based E-commerce sites. Categories of Chamber Businesses include:

- \* Cuba Business
- \* Cuban Culture
- \* Cuban Politics
- \* Individual/Personal
- \* Non-profit/Humanitarian
- \* Cuban American

*English*

2. The [Cuban Customs](#) website presents detailed information on Customs clearance legislation, requirements, procedures, and other information pertinent to personal travel, courier shipment, and commercial trade.

*English & Spanish*

3. The [Cuban Office of Intellectual Property](#) website offers information on patent/ trademark/ brand name registration including a list of legal firms offering registration services.

*Spanish only*

4. The [Prensa-Latina](#), an internationally recognized Cuban-based newspaper, hosts this website dedicated to general topics such as culture, sports, science, and world technology with special emphasis on international politics and economics. (updated daily)

*English & Spanish*

## IV. CBATO Contact Information

Caribbean Basin Agricultural Trade Office  
Foreign Agricultural Service  
United States Department of Agriculture

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Miami, FL 33131  
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## V. Select Cuban Government Agencies

For a full explanation on Cuban import procedures related to food and agriculture, and government contacts, please see the *2014 Cuba Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards*.

**For general purchasing, documentation and logistics issues related to the importation of bulk and intermediate U.S. agricultural products:**

ALIMPORT  
Infanta #16, 3er Piso  
Vedado, Plaza  
La Habana, Cuba  
Tel: 011 (537) 873-2014  
Fax: 011 (537) 873-3151  
E-mail: [alimport@alimport.com.cu](mailto:alimport@alimport.com.cu)

**For general purchasing, documentation and logistics issues related to the importation of processed U.S. agricultural products:**

ALIMPORT MID  
Calle 8 No. 508  
E/5ta y 5ta B Playa  
Tel: 011 (537) 204-1395/1274  
Fax: 011 (537) 204-1395

**For sanitary registration of food products and other food safety issues:**

Instituto de Nutrición e Higiene de los Alimentos (Institute of Nutrition and Food Safety)  
Ministerio de Salud Pública (Ministry of Public Health)  
Infanta No. 1158 entre Llinás y Clavel  
Centro Habana

Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba CP 10300  
Tel: 011 (537) 878-1429, 878-5919, 870-5531 to 34  
Fax: 011 (537) 833-8313  
E-mail: [dirinha@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:dirinha@infomed.sld.cu) & [dsi@sinha.sld.cu](mailto:dsi@sinha.sld.cu)

**For labeling and other standards:**

Oficina Nacional de Normalización (National Standards Office)  
Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente (Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment)  
Calle E No. 261 entre 11 y 13 Vedado  
Plaza, La Habana 10400  
Tel: 011 (537) 830-0803, 830-0732 ext. 12, 18 & 46 830-0825  
Fax: 011 (537) 836-8048  
E mail: [nc@ncnorma.cu](mailto:nc@ncnorma.cu)

**For live animals and animal product import requirements:**

Instituto de Medicina Veterinaria (Institute of Veterinary Medicine)  
Ministerio de Agricultura (Ministry of Agriculture)  
Calle 12 #355 E/ 15 y 17, Plaza de la Revolución  
Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba CP 10400  
Tel: 011 (537) 833-7077  
Fax: n/a  
E-mail: [rbescofet@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:rbescofet@infomed.sld.cu), [pssantos@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:pssantos@infomed.sld.cu), [egmerlo@infomed.sld.cu](mailto:egmerlo@infomed.sld.cu)

**For plant and plant product import requirements:**

Centro Nacional de Sanidad Vegetal (National Plant Health Center)  
Ministerio de Agricultura (Ministry of Agriculture)  
Ayuntamiento No. 231  
e/ Lombillo y San Pedro, Plaza de la Revolución  
Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba  
Tel: 011 (537) 879-1339, 870-0925, 881-5089  
Fax: 011 (537) 870-3277  
E-mail: [cnsv@ceniai.inf.cu](mailto:cnsv@ceniai.inf.cu), [director@sanidadvegetal.cu](mailto:director@sanidadvegetal.cu)

**Other:**

**For Intellectual Property Registration:**

Oficina Cubana de la Propiedad Industrial (Cuban Office of Industrial Property)  
Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología y Medio Ambiente (Ministry of Science, Technology & the Environment)  
Calle Picota No. 15, Entre Luz y Acosta

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Fax: 011 (537) 866-5610  
E-mail: [ocpi@ocpi.cu](mailto:ocpi@ocpi.cu) , info@ocpi.cu

**For Customs and Tariff Information:**

Aduana General de la República de Cuba (Cuban Customs Administration)  
Calle 6, Esquina a 39, Plaza Revolución  
Ciudad de la Habana, Cuba CP 10600  
Tel: 011 (537) 855-5466 to 71 ext. 227, 883-8282, 883-7575, 881-9732  
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