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Zimbabwe Agricultural Economic Fact Sheet

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Report Highlights:

In 2014 Agriculture contributed about 10% to the Gross Domestic Product in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe's main trading partner is South Africa, which accounted for about 77% (US\$ 877M) and about 56% (US\$543M) of Zimbabwe's agricultural exports and imports, respectively. The total agricultural trade between the United States and Zimbabwe amounted to US\$26 Million (2% of total agricultural trade) in 2014. Exports to the United States amounted to US\$21 million, with sugar exports (64%) under the Sugar Tariff Rate Quota Allocations and tobacco (21%) being the main export products. The key products imported by Zimbabwe from the United States are coarse grains excluding corn (24%), vegetable oils excluding soybean (24%) and intermediate products (54%).



Zimbabwe

Agricultural Economic Fact Sheet

Foreign Agricultural Service
United States Embassy in South Africa
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General

- About 70% of the population lives in the rural areas.
- Total land area is about 40 million hectares (ha).
- About 11% (4.3 million ha) of the total land area is arable.
- Zimbabwe has a sub-tropical climate and its Agro Ecological Zones are divided into 5 regions:
 - Region 1: Low temperatures, high altitude and receive rainfall above 1,000mm/annum. Production is mainly plantation forestry, fruit, livestock, tea, coffee and macadamia nuts. Land area is about 613,000 ha.
 - Region 2: High Altitude and receives rainfall between 750-1,000mm. Suitable for intensive crop or livestock production. Land area is about 7.3 million ha.
 - Region 3: High temperatures, mid altitude and receives rainfall between 500 – 750 mm. Suitable for maize, tobacco, cotton, and livestock production. Land area is about 6.9 million ha.
 - Region 4: High temperatures, low-lying areas and rainfall between 450-650 mm with severe dry spells. The area is suitable for cattle ranching and irrigated crops. Land area is about 13.2 million ha.
 - Region 5: High temperatures, and receives rainfall of less than 450 mm. Suitable for extensive cattle or game ranching. Land area is about 10.3 million ha.
- In the year 2000, Zimbabwe embarked on a Fast Track Land Reform Program (FTLRP) which resulted in the expropriation of land from almost all the 4,000 commercial white farmers.
- The agricultural sector post FTLRP consists of about 300 large scale farmers (farms averaging 2,200 ha or more); 16,386 resettled A2 farmers (~318 ha); 145,775 resettled A1 farmers (~37 ha); 76,000 old-resettled farmers (~46 ha); and about 1,300,000 communal farmers (~4 ha).
- From 2009, Zimbabwe officially suspended the Zim. \$ and now uses the US\$ and ZAR as its main currencies.

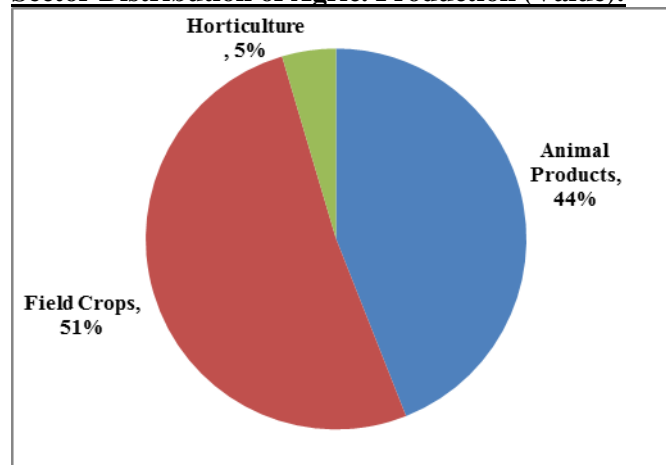
Economic Facts:

	2012	2013	2014
Population (Million)	13.7	14.1	14.6
Nominal GDP (US\$ Billion)	12.4	13.5	13.9
GDP/Capita (US\$)	902	953	951
Real GDP Growth (%)	10.6	4.5	3.1
Agric. as a % of GDP	10	9.7	10
CPI Inflation	3.7	1.7	-0.2
Food inflation	-0.3	-2.2	-2.7

Agricultural Economic Facts:

US\$ Billion	2012	2013	2014
Gross value of Ag. Production	1.377	1.364	1.469
Gross Income - Field Crops	0.708	0.701	0.755
Gross Income - Horticulture	0.063	0.063	0.067
Gross Income - Animals	0.606	0.600	0.646

Sector Distribution of Agric. Production (Value):

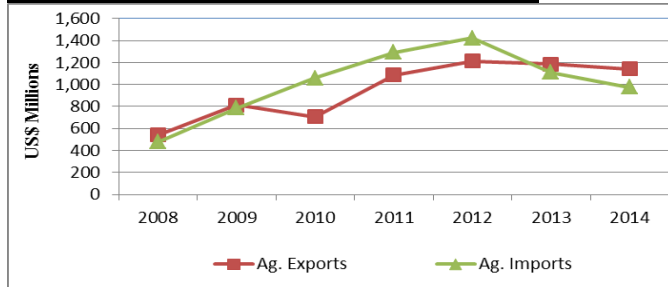


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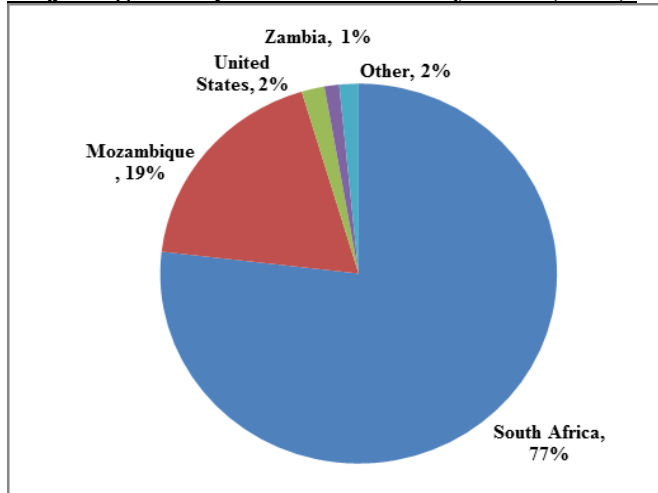
Agricultural Trade:

(US\$ Billions)	2012	2013	2014
Zim agric. Exports	1.2	1.2	1.1
% of total exports	31%	34%	37%
Zim agric. Imports	1.4	1.1	1.0
% of total imports	19%	14%	15%

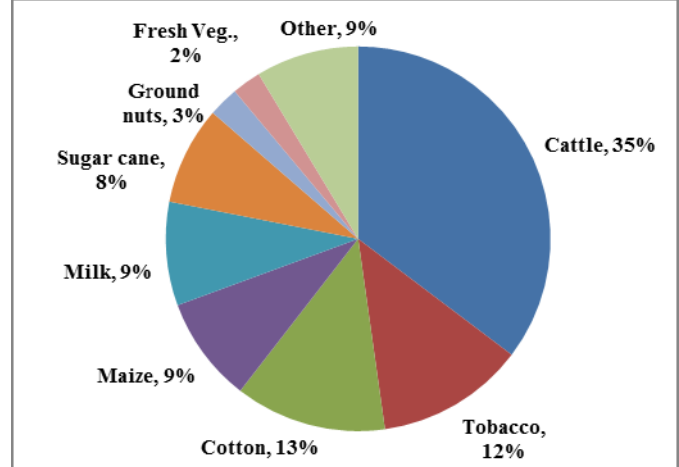
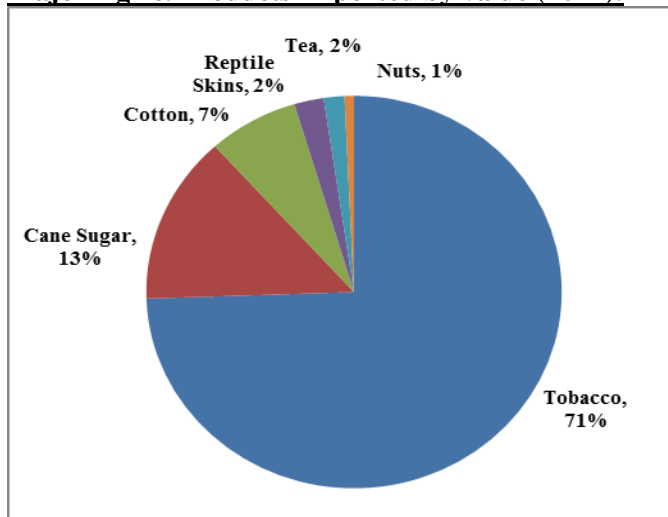
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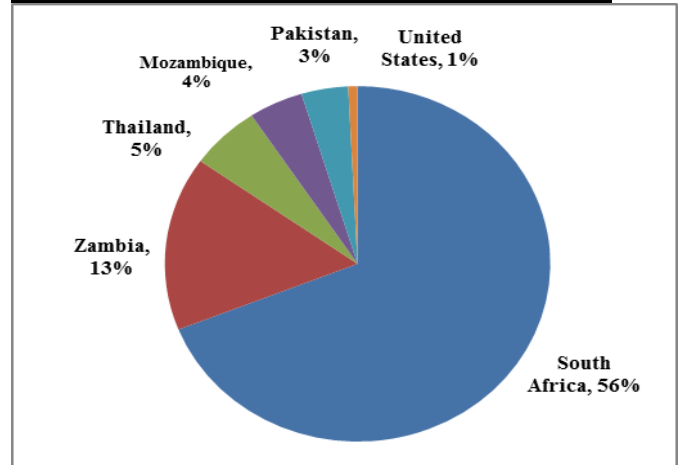
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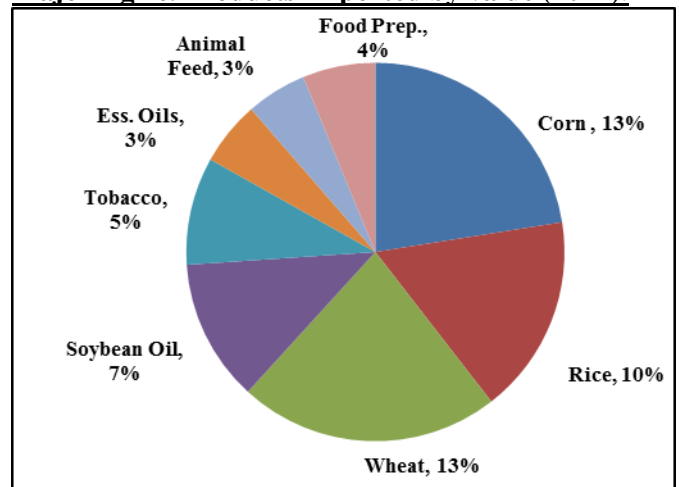
Major Agric. Products Exported by value (2014):



Major Agric. Import Countries by value (2014):



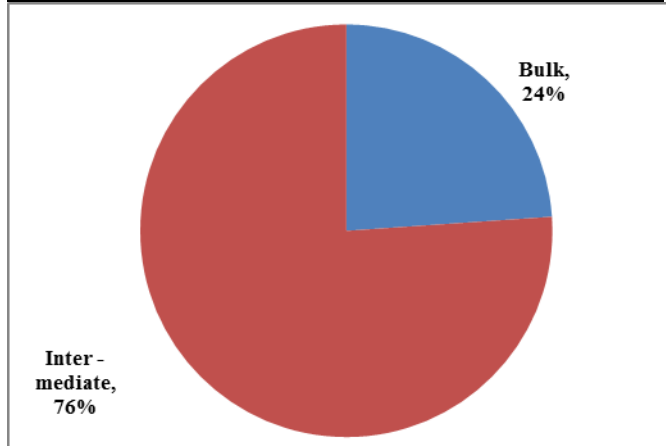
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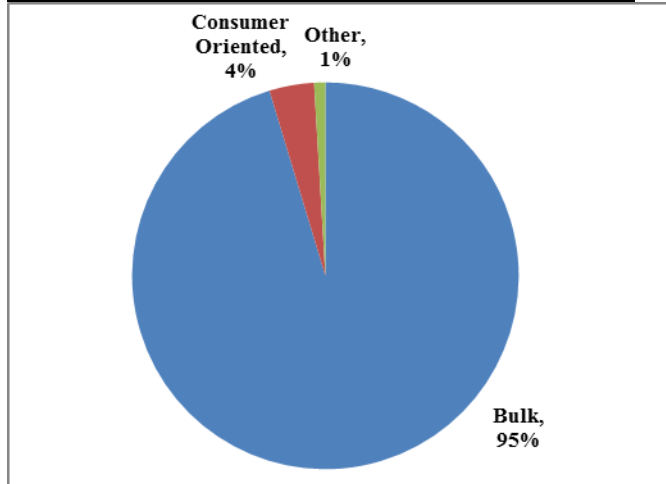
US – Zim. Agricultural Trade:

US\$ Millions	2012	2013	2014
Exports	1.2	1.2	1.1
Imports	1.4	1.1	1.0

Categories of Agric. Products Imported from the US:

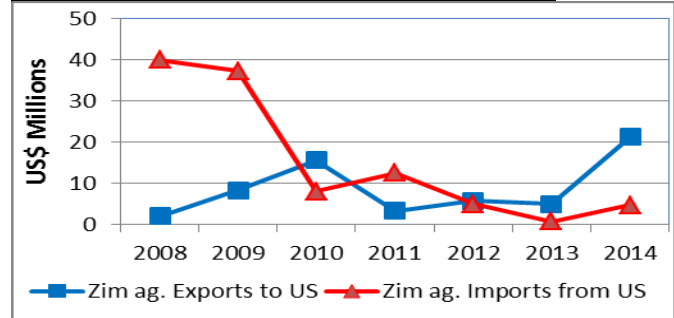


Categories of Agric. Products Exported to the US:

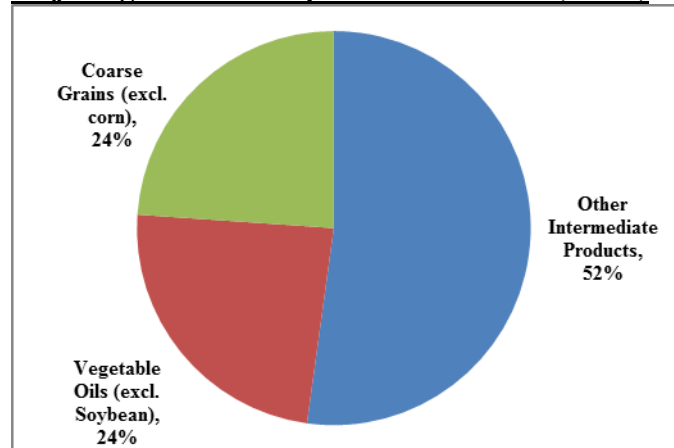


Zim. agric. Exports to US	5.8	5.1	21.3
% of total agric. Exports	0.5%	0.4%	1.9%
Zim. agric. Imports from US	5.0	0.8	4.7
% of total agric. Imports	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%

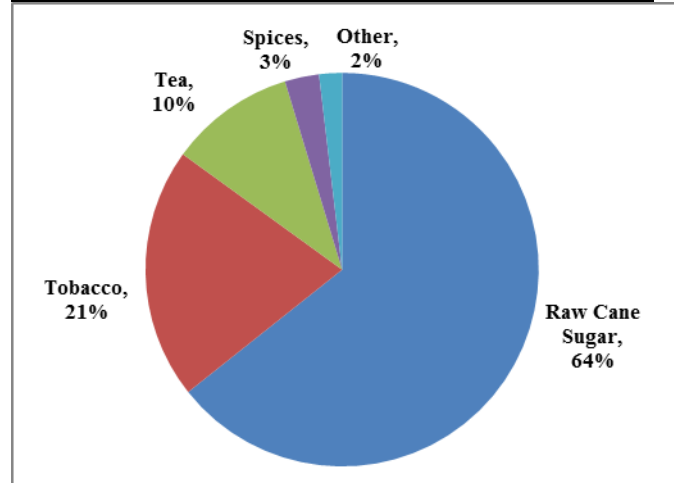
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Major Ag. Products Imported from the US (Value):



Major Agric. Products Exported to the US (Value):



Map of Zimbabwe:

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