The regions whose international trade relies most on the export of primary goods are Central Africa, the Middle East, Northern Africa and South America. The lowest proportions of exports that are primary goods are from Japan and Eastern Asia.

No single territory dominates this map; the Russian Federation, China, the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran export the highest total value of primary goods, these are 69%, 10%, 14% and 91% of their export incomes (respectively).

Between 1990 and 2002, the value of all exports of primary goods has risen from US$ 1755 billion to 3293 billion.

Territory size shows the proportion of the value of all primary exports in 2002 that came from there. This is measured in US$ by Purchasing Power Parity, meaning that the values reflect the local cost of living.

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Raúl Gatica, 2002