Grocery Exports

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Groceries include sugar, honey, cocoa, chocolate, tea, mate (a tea-like drink) and spices. Almost half of this category, when measured in US$, is oils from vegetables and animals. Territories in South America and Asia Pacific together make up three quarters of net grocery exports. Net exports at regional level are from South America, Asia Pacific, North America, Southeastern Africa and Northern Africa.

Most of Asia and Europe are not visible on this map. This means that the grocery imports to these places exceed the exports from them. Mauritius, which exports (net) the nineteenth highest value of groceries, makes most money per person from this trade.

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• *There were no net exports of groceries recorded for 127 territories.
• Groceries include sugar, honey, coffee, tea, mate, cocoa, chocolate, spices, seeds for oils, and cooking oils.
• See website for further information.

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