



Chinese Foreign Trade Statistics from January to September 2009

On October 14, 2009, Chinese Customs released foreign trade statistics for the period of January through September 2009. According to the data, the total value of foreign trade during that period was USD 1.56 trillion—USD 847 billion from exports and USD 711 billion from imports.

In September 2009, the total value of foreign trade was USD 219 billion—USD 116 billion from exports and USD 103 billion from imports.

From January to September 2009, the European Union was China's biggest trading partner, with a total trade value of USD 260 billion. The United States was China's second biggest trading partner, with a total trade value of USD 219 billion. Japan was China's third largest trading partner, with a total trade value of USD 162 billion.

For specific imported commodities of interest during this period, China imported 32.36 million tons of soybeans, an increase of 12.8% from the same period last year. The average imported price of soybeans was USD 434.8 per ton. China imported 257,000 automobiles, a decline of 16.8% from the same period last year.