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# U.S. Agricultural Trade

## Main trading partners (export):

China,  
Canada,  
Mexico, Japan

## Agricultural export volume:

178.7 Mrd.  
USD (2023)

## Main ag export products:

Soybeans,  
corn, cotton,  
wheat, nuts

## Main trading partners (import):

Mexico,  
Canada,  
France, Italy

## Agricultural import volume:

198 Mrd. USD  
(2023)

## Main ag import products:

horticultural  
and tropical  
products

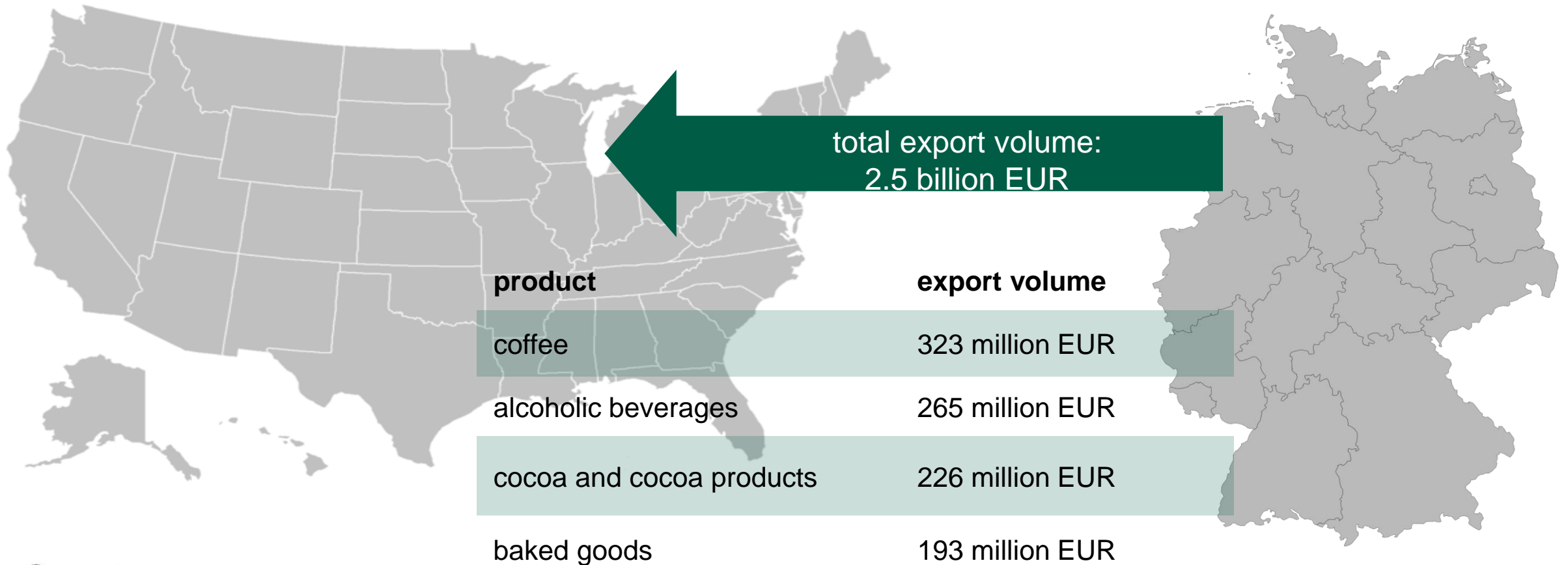


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# Germany – U.S. Agricultural Trade

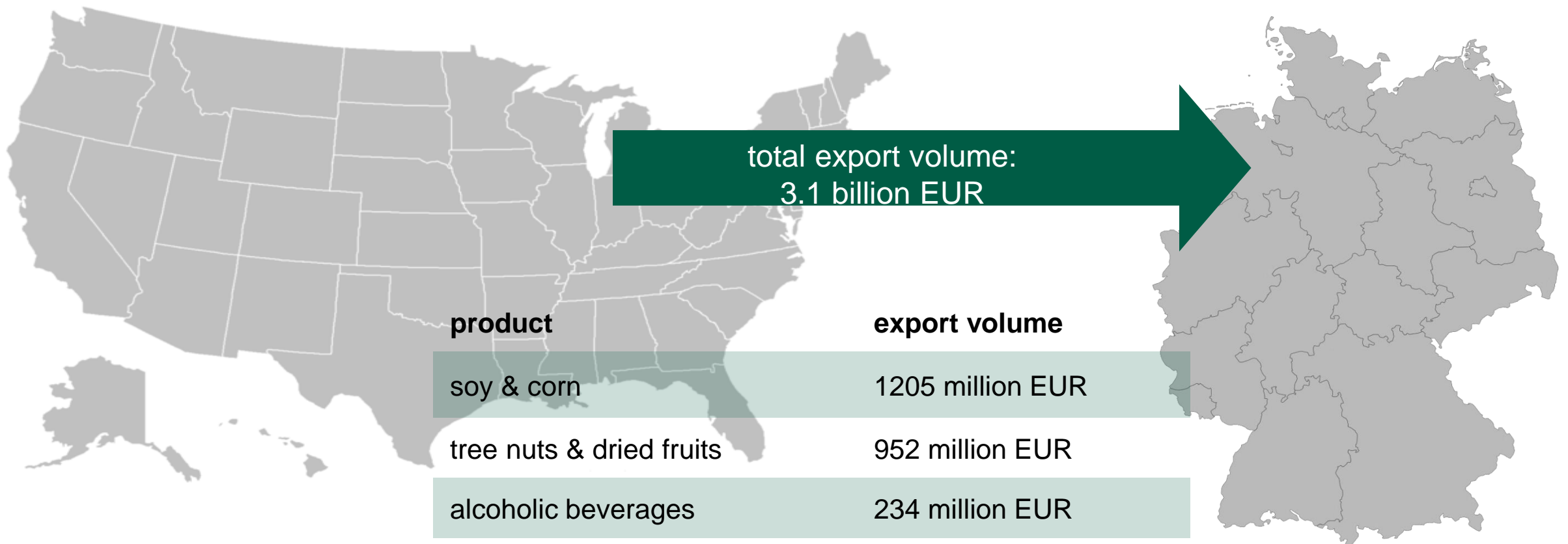


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# U.S. – Germany Agricultural Trade







## What's in the Farm Bill?

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| <b>Title I: Commodities</b><br>Provides support for major commodity crops, including wheat, corn, soybeans, peanuts, rice, dairy, and sugar, as well as disaster assistance. | <b>Title II: Conservation</b><br>Encourages environmental stewardship of farmlands and improved management through land retirement programs, working lands programs, or both.                  | <b>Title III: Trade</b><br>Supports U.S. agricultural export programs and international food assistance programs                                       | <b>Title IV: Nutrition</b><br>Provides nutrition assistance for low-income households through programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)                               |
| <b>Title V: Credit</b><br>Offers direct government loans and guarantees to producers to buy land and operate farms and ranches   | <b>Title VI: Rural Development</b><br>Supports rural housing, community facilities, business, and utility programs through grants, loans, and guarantees                                       | <b>Title VII: Research</b><br>Supports agricultural research and extension programs to expand academic knowledge and help producers be more productive | <b>Title VIII: Forestry</b><br>Supports forestry management programs run by USDA's Forest Service  |
| <b>Title IX: Energy</b><br>Encourages the development of farm and community renewable energy systems through various programs, including grants and loan guarantees          | <b>Title X: Horticulture</b><br>Supports the production of specialty crops, USDA-certified organic foods, and locally produced foods and authorizes a regulatory framework for industrial hemp | <b>Title XI: Crop Insurance</b><br>Enhances risk management through the permanently authorized Federal Crop Insurance Program                          | <b>Title XII: Miscellaneous</b><br>Includes programs and assistance for livestock and poultry production, support for beginning farmers and ranchers, and other miscellaneous and general provisions |



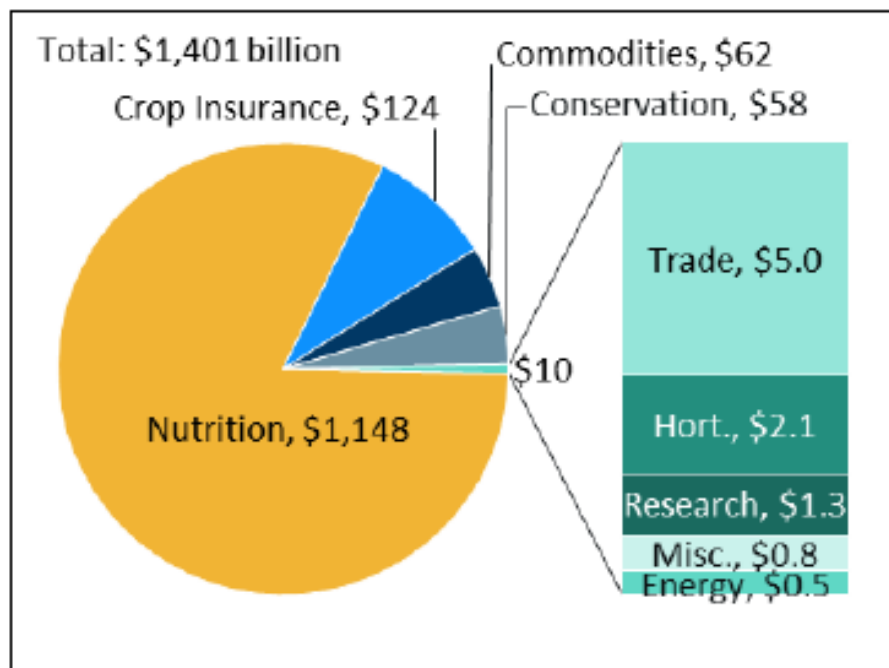
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**Figure 1. Farm Bill Titles with Mandatory Baseline**  
(billions of dollars, 10-year projected outlays, FY2025-FY2034)



**Source:** Created by CRS using the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) February 2024 baseline for the five largest titles and amounts indicated in law for programs in other titles.



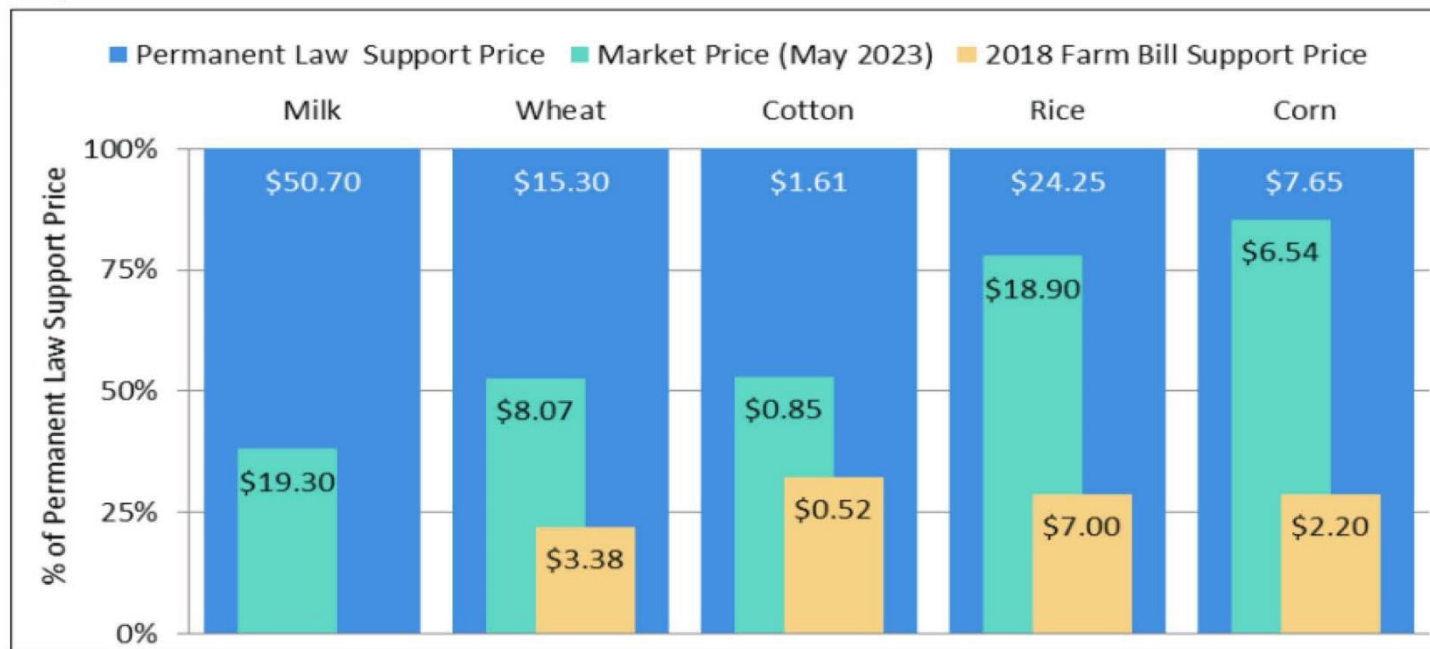
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**Figure 1. Permanent Law Relative to Current Market Prices and the 2018 Farm Bill**



**Source:** CRS using USDA-NASS, *Agricultural Prices*, June 30, 2023; and P.L. 115-334.

**Note:** The 2018 farm bill support prices shown in this figure are the marketing loan rates (prices) that are coupled to production most similar to the policy under permanent law.



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## Looking Ahead to 2025

- As of Feb. 14, the “casualty list” is already extremely long
  - House of Reps retirements
    - 23 Democrats
    - 21 Republicans
  - Senate retirements
    - 5 Democrats
    - 3 Republicans
- List includes 5 Republican committee chairs
- Also includes Sen. Debbie Stabenow, Chair of Senate Agriculture Committee

Increased polarization rising



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