



Honey Market Presentation

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Overview of EU honey market (1)

- EU second world producer (218 000 tons) after China
- Total number of beehives: 20 millions
- Small sector but essential for agriculture for pollinisation



Overview of EU honey market (2)

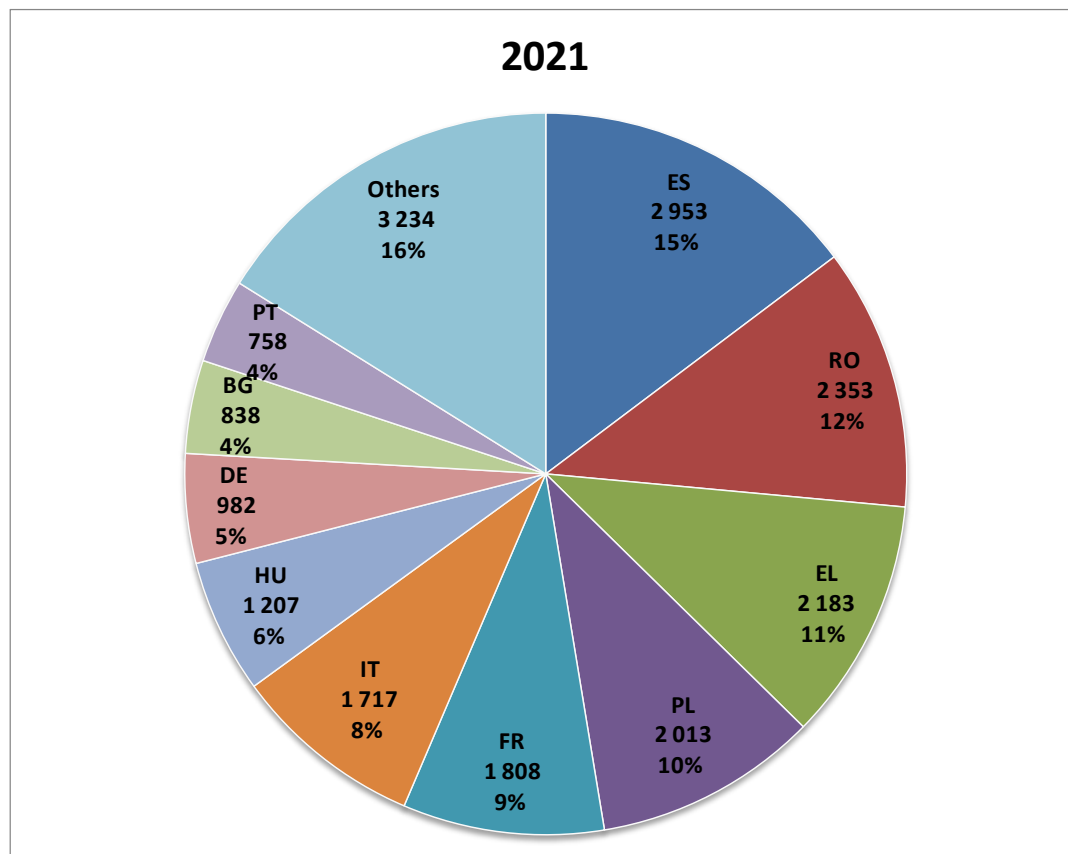
- EU is only 60% self-sufficient in honey
- Imports needed to cover EU domestic consumption
- Main suppliers for imported honey Ukraine (31%) and China (around 28% of EU imports)
- EU honey trade balance largely negative: Imports > Exports



Number of hives

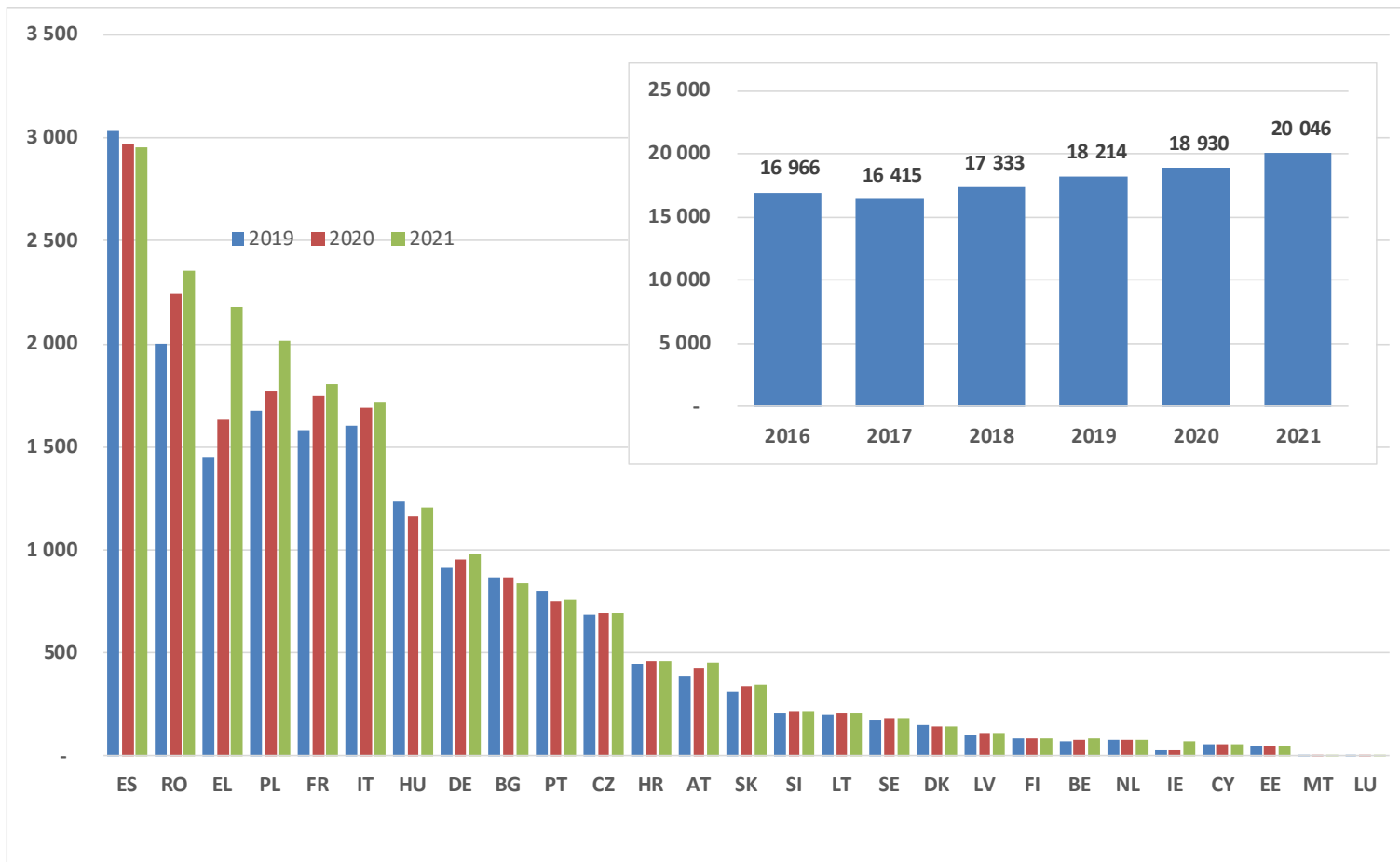


In thousand hives	2020	2021		
ES	2 967	2 953	↓	-0.5%
RO	2 247	2 353	↑	+4.7%
EL	1 631	2 183	↑	+33.8%
PL	1 766	2 013	↑	+14.0%
FR	1 751	1 808	↑	+3.3%
IT	1 687	1 717	↑	+1.8%
HU	1 163	1 207	↑	+3.8%
DE	951	982	↑	+3.3%
BG	863	838	↓	-2.9%
PT	754	758	↑	+0.5%
CZ	694	695	↑	+0.1%
HR	461	460	↓	-0.1%
AT	426	456	↑	+7.0%
SK	335	344	↑	+2.6%
SI	214	213	↓	-0.2%
LT	209	209	→	+0.0%
SE	179	179	→	+0.0%
DK	144	140	↓	-2.6%
LV	104	104	↓	-0.0%
FI	82	86	↑	+4.0%
BE	76	82	↑	+8.1%
NL	80	78	↓	-2.3%
IE	27	74	↑	+172.1%
CY	58	55	↓	-5.8%
EE	48	50	↑	+4.8%
MT	5	6	↑	+17.6%
LU	8	3	↓	-63.3%
EU	18 930	20 046	↑	+5.9%



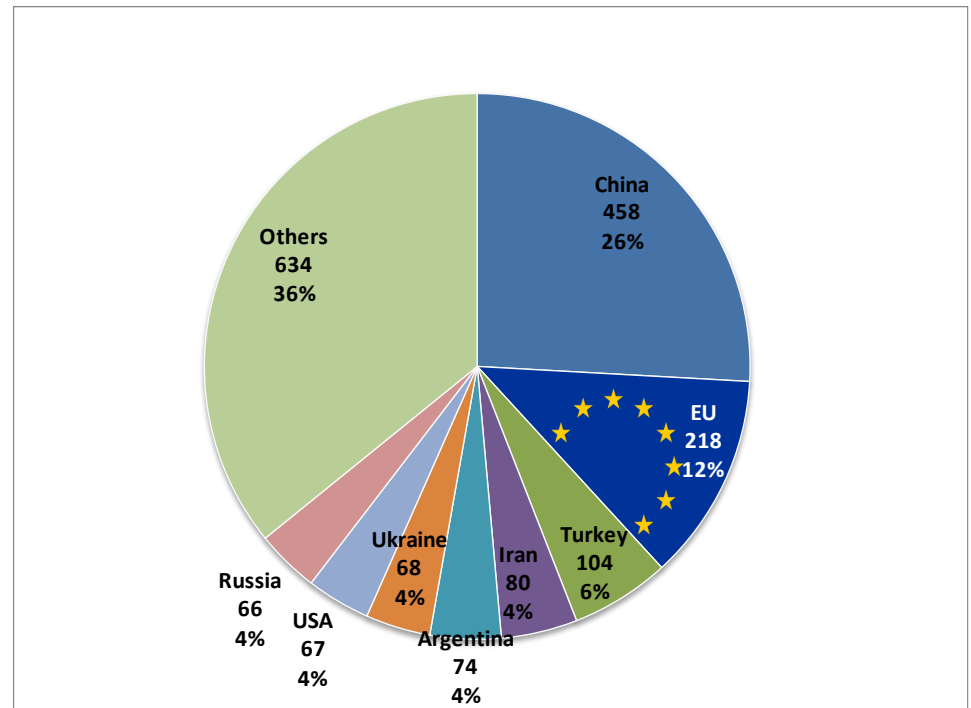
Lithuania : same figure as last year

Number of hives (in thousand)



World Production of Honey per Country (1 000 T)

	2019	2020	Share of World Production
China	444	458	26%
EU	226	218	12%
Turkey	109	104	6%
Iran	78	80	5%
Argentina	79	74	4%
Ukraine	70	68	4%
USA	71	67	4%
Russia	64	66	4%
India	62	62	4%
Mexico	62	54	3%
Brazil	46	52	3%
Canada	39	38	2%
Tanzania	31	31	2%
Republic of Korea	30	29	2%
New Zealand	23	27	2%
Angola	23	24	1%
Viet Nam	22	22	1%
Uruguay	20	20	1%
Kenya	14	18	1%
Central African Republic	16	17	1%
Uzbekistan	13	13	1%
Ethiopia	15	13	1%
Australia	13	13	1%
Other	196	202	11%
	1 766	1 770	



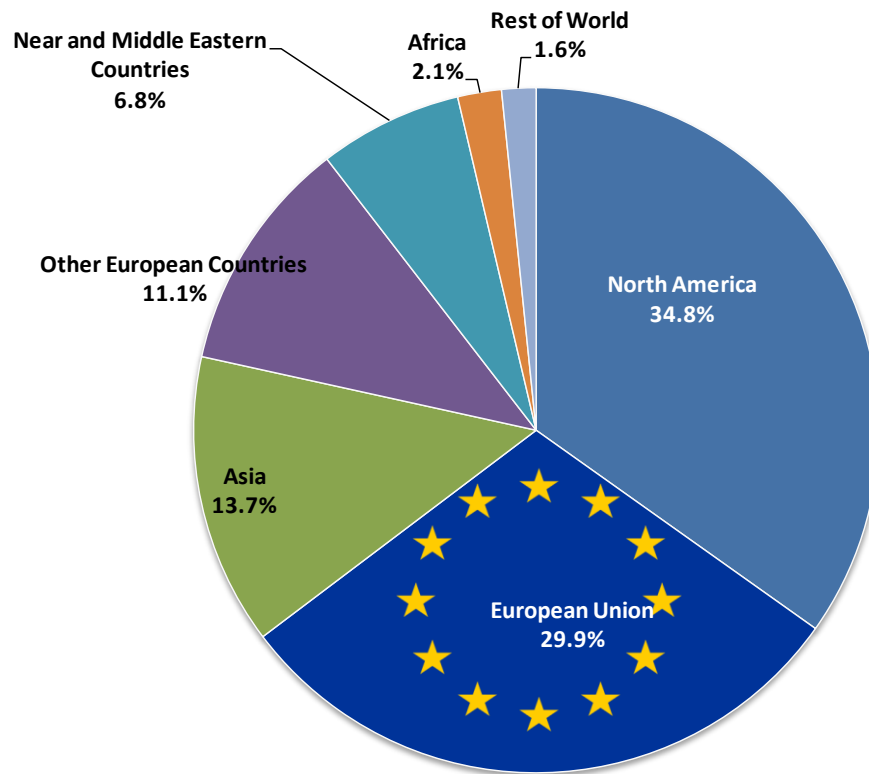
World Imports of Honey

	2019		2020		Share of World Imports	
	Tons	1 000 €	Tons	1 000 €	Tons	1 000 €
European Union	167 097	355 283	174 885	359 939	29.9%	24.7%
North America	195 452	414 995	203 843	414 545	34.8%	28.5%
<i>of which USA</i>	188 882	384 142	196 641	386 424	33.6%	26.6%
Asia	72 010	295 406	80 468	314 658	13.7%	21.6%
<i>of which Japan</i>	44 788	129 058	49 348	152 043	8.4%	10.4%
<i>China</i>	4 962	75 812	4 272	78 102	0.7%	5.4%
Other European Countries	59 767	142 034	64 897	152 692	11.1%	10.5%
Near and Middle Eastern Countries	33 803	122 558	39 655	153 400	6.8%	10.5%
Africa	11 856	20 121	12 097	20 330	2.1%	1.4%
Oceania and Polar Regions	4 838	34 027	7 992	36 015	1.4%	2.5%
South America	349	858	927	2 310	0.2%	0.2%
Central America and Carribeans	791	2 212	546	1 512	0.1%	0.1%
Total	545 963	1 387 493	585 311	1 455 401		

Source : UN Comtrade

2020 World data, as 2021
Chinese data not available

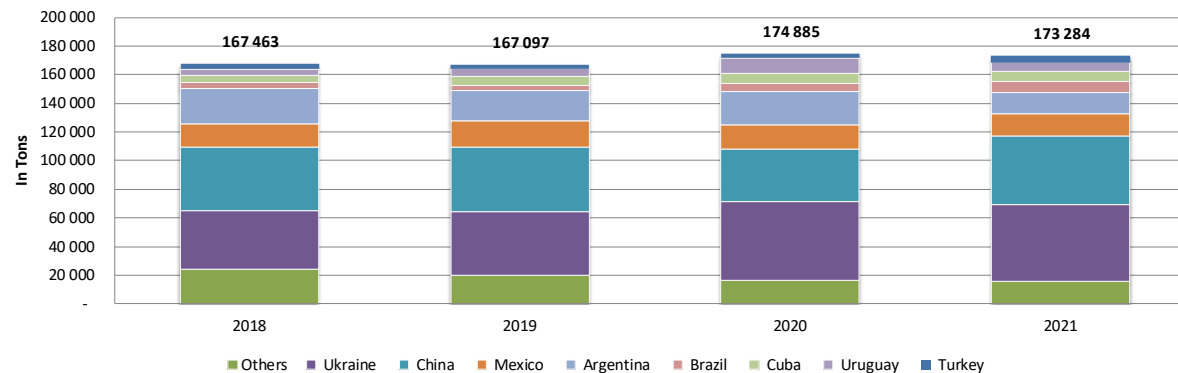
Share of Imports of Honey in 2020



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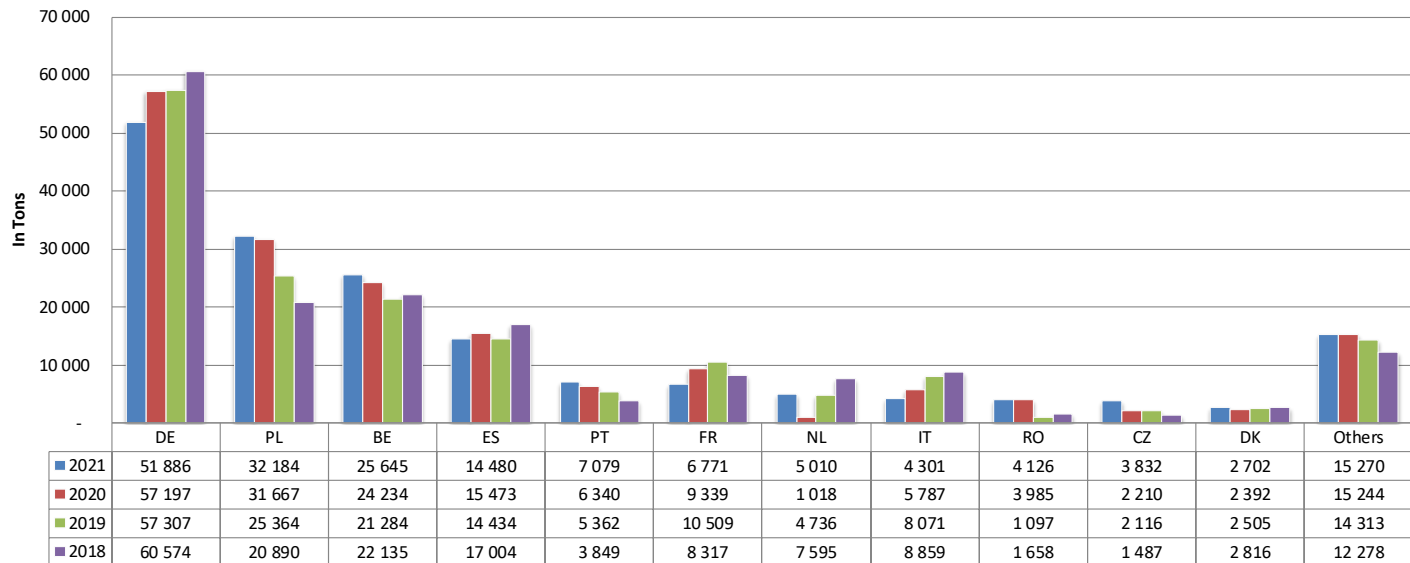
EU Imports of Honey by Origin (in Tons)

	2018		2019		2020		2021		Compared to 2020	
	% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU			
Ukraine	40 636	24.3%	44 523	26.6%	54 802	31.3%	53 849	31.1%	↓	-1.7%
China	44 680	26.7%	45 108	27.0%	36 790	21.0%	47 986	27.7%	↑	+30.4%
Mexico	16 309	9.7%	18 205	10.9%	17 393	9.9%	15 486	8.9%	↓	-11.0%
Argentina	24 485	14.6%	21 269	12.7%	22 816	13.0%	14 396	8.3%	↓	-36.9%
Brazil	4 201	2.5%	3 562	2.1%	6 079	3.5%	7 934	4.6%	↑	+30.5%
Cuba	4 974	3.0%	6 477	3.9%	6 993	4.0%	7 052	4.1%	↑	+0.8%
Uruguay	4 423	2.6%	5 382	3.2%	10 557	6.0%	6 481	3.7%	↓	-38.6%
Turkey	3 481	2.1%	2 977	1.8%	3 186	1.8%	4 676	2.7%	↑	+46.8%
Others	24 274	14.5%	19 594	11.7%	16 269	9.3%	15 426	8.9%	↓	-5.2%
Extra EU	167 463		167 097		174 885		173 284		↓	-0.9%
% Change			↓	-0.2%	↑	+4.7%	↓	-0.9%		



Source : Eurostat Comext

Member States' Share of Imports from Third Countries (in Tons)



Source : Eurostat Comext

EU Average Unit Value for Imported Honey (€/Kg) by Origin

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021/2020 %
Ukraine	1.83	1.68	1.53	1.89	↑ +23.5%
China	1.51	1.40	1.38	1.36	↓ -1.1%
Mexico	2.89	2.56	2.22	2.88	↑ +29.9%
Argentina	2.35	2.28	2.20	2.74	↑ +24.6%
Brazil	3.38	2.67	2.17	2.77	↑ +27.7%
Cuba	2.40	2.11	1.83	2.08	↑ +13.5%
Uruguay	2.25	1.99	1.78	2.69	↑ +51.4%
Turkey	3.87	3.46	3.33	2.53	↓ -24.1%
Chile	2.96	2.71	2.72	3.50	↑ +28.6%
Moldova	2.47	2.69	2.26	3.24	↑ +43.4%
United Kingdom	4.73	4.29	4.25	4.15	↓ -2.2%
New Zealand	30.70	28.52	29.13	28.12	↓ -3.5%
Serbia	3.74	3.51	5.28	6.91	↑ +30.8%
Vietnam	1.33	1.39	1.33	1.71	↑ +28.3%
Russia	1.92	2.21	2.11	2.12	↑ +0.4%
Extra EU	2.33	2.13	2.06	2.34	↑ +13.7%
Extra EU (excl. NZ)	2.26	2.06	1.99	2.32	↑ +16.6%

Source : Eurostat Comext

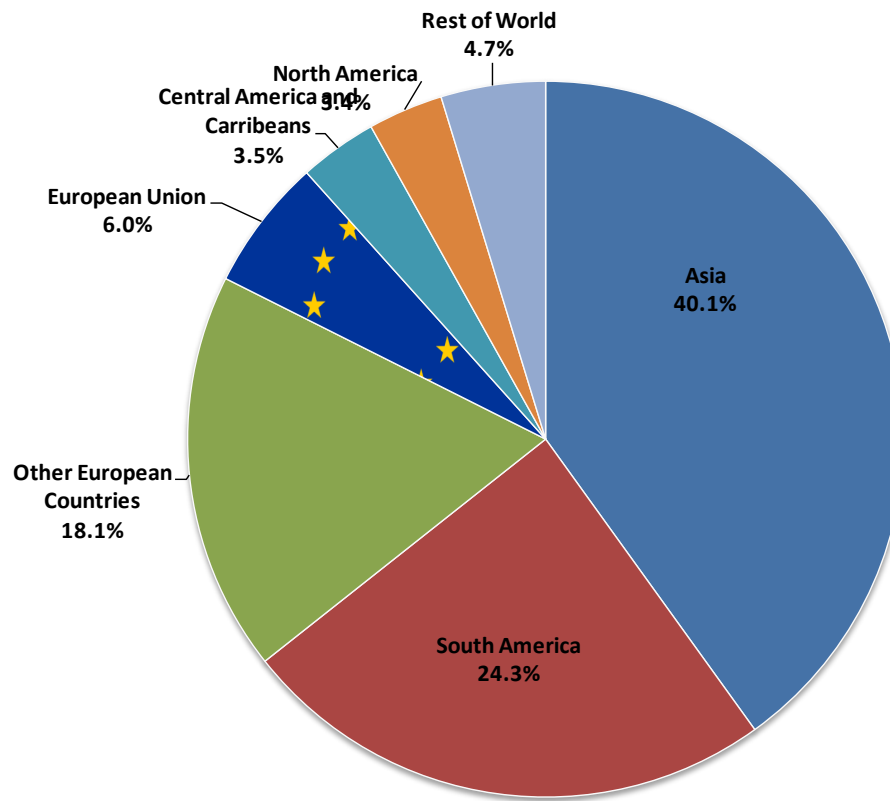
World Exports of Honey

	2019		2020		Share of World Imports	
	Tons	1 000 €	Tons	1 000 €	Tons	1 000 €
Asia	213 413	388 997	211 330	379 238	40.1%	26.2%
<i>of which China</i>	120 832	210 136	132 441	222 333	25.1%	15.4%
South America	105 614	213 593	128 020	253 779	24.3%	17.5%
Other European Countries	68 992	147 275	95 244	175 575	18.1%	12.1%
European Union	27 432	144 259	31 439	163 775	6.0%	11.3%
Central America and Carribeans	28 643	64 932	18 592	61 193	3.5%	4.2%
North America	19 816	57 660	17 884	53 886	3.4%	3.7%
<i>of which Canada</i>	12 082	36 897	9 426	31 368	1.8%	2.2%
<i>USA</i>	7 734	20 762	8 458	22 518	1.6%	1.6%
Oceania and Polar Regions	12 227	238 061	16 775	322 690	3.2%	22.3%
Near and Middle Eastern Countries	8 999	38 379	4 695	25 758	0.9%	1.8%
Africa	4 910	11 409	3 417	11 619	0.6%	0.8%
Total	490 045	1 304 563	527 397	1 447 515		

Source : UN Comtrade

2020 World data , as 2021
Chinese data not available. 2020
South America's data are an
estimation

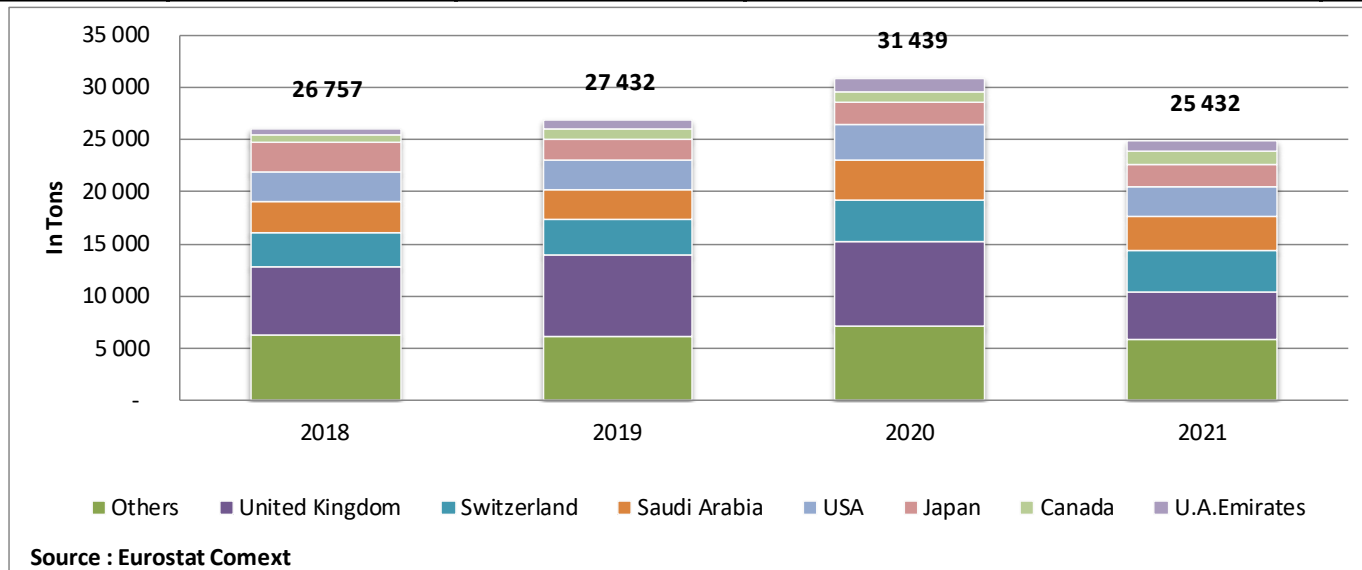
Share of Exports of Honey in 2020



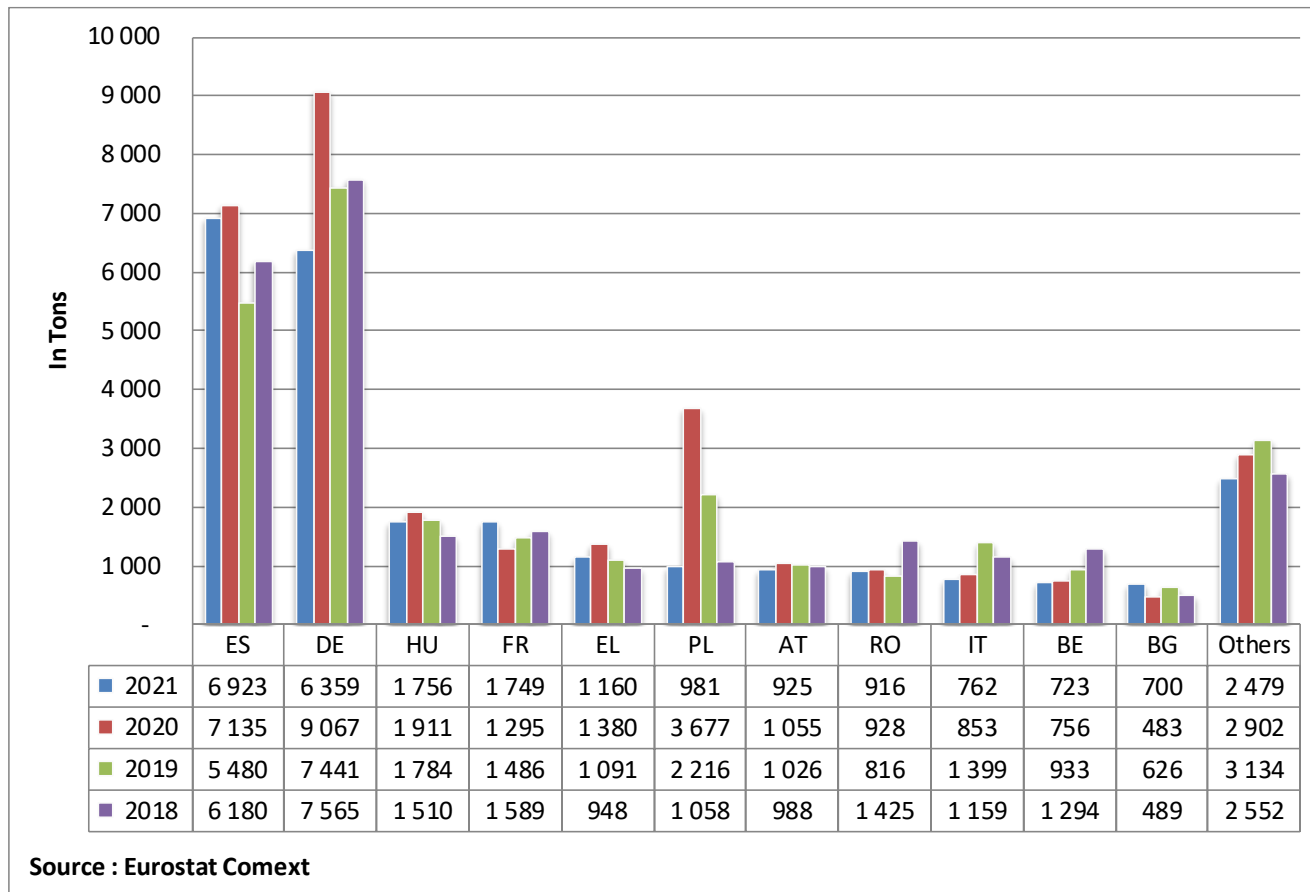
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EU Exports of Honey by Destinations

	2018		2019		2020		2021		Compared to 2020
	% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		% Extra EU		
United Kingdom	6 521	24.4%	7 832	28.5%	8 015	25.5%	4 534	17.8%	↓ -43.4%
Switzerland	3 348	12.5%	3 438	12.5%	4 034	12.8%	3 953	15.5%	↓ -2.0%
Saudi Arabia	2 956	11.0%	2 815	10.3%	3 817	12.1%	3 300	13.0%	↓ -13.6%
USA	2 889	10.8%	2 825	10.3%	3 408	10.8%	2 793	11.0%	↓ -18.0%
Japan	2 712	10.1%	1 992	7.3%	2 154	6.9%	2 132	8.4%	↓ -1.0%
Canada	748	2.8%	969	3.5%	984	3.1%	1 344	5.3%	↑ +36.6%
U.A.Emirates	561	2.1%	815	3.0%	1 201	3.8%	931	3.7%	↓ -22.4%
Israel	790	3.0%	620	2.3%	680	2.2%	613	2.4%	↓ -9.9%
Others	6 231	23.3%	6 127	22.3%	7 146	22.7%	5 833	22.9%	↓ -18.4%
Extra EU	26 757		27 432		31 439		25 432		↓ -19.1%
% Change			↑ +2.5%		↑ +14.6%		↓ -19.1%		



Member States Share of Export to Third Countries

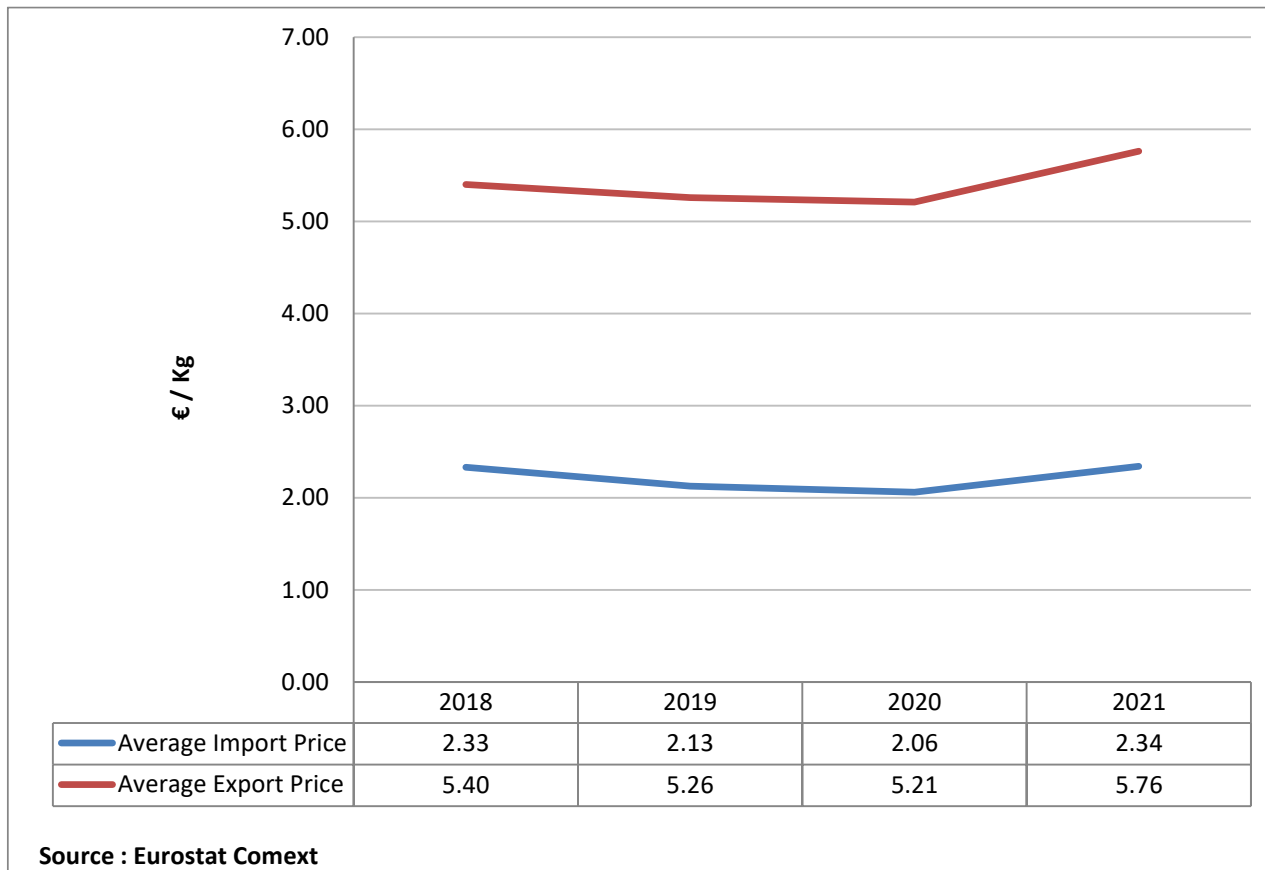


EU Average Unit Value for Exported Honey (€/kg) by Destination

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021/2020 %
United Kingdom	4.83	3.98	3.75	4.94	↑ +31.9%
Switzerland	5.53	5.41	5.68	5.80	↑ +2.1%
Saudi Arabia	6.88	7.53	6.43	6.04	↓ -6.0%
USA	5.89	6.29	5.77	6.67	↑ +15.6%
Japan	5.22	5.75	6.53	6.88	↑ +5.3%
Canada	4.15	3.89	3.86	4.08	↑ +5.7%
U.A.Emirates	7.65	7.51	7.72	8.10	↑ +4.9%
Israel	2.96	2.84	2.82	2.81	↓ -0.5%
Norway	5.99	5.39	5.27	5.74	↑ +8.8%
China	6.02	7.44	6.32	5.87	↓ -7.1%
Morocco	1.97	2.80	2.57	3.43	↑ +33.7%
Algeria	3.25	3.14	3.85	3.29	↓ -14.4%
Hong Kong	6.98	6.99	6.79	6.63	↓ -2.5%
Peru	2.80	3.16	2.74	2.87	↑ +4.8%
Jordan	5.04	4.85	4.79	5.42	↑ +13.0%
Extra EU	5.40	5.26	5.21	5.76	↑ +10.6%

Source : Eurostat Comext

Average Import and Export Prices



EU Imports of Honey from Ukraine in Tons

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% change 21/20
		% of EU		% of EU		% of EU		% of EU		% of EU	
PL	14 114	30.3%	12 426	30.6%	12 597	28.3%	21 677	39.6%	16 989	31.6%	↓ -21.6%
DE	11 963	25.7%	9 228	22.7%	11 108	24.9%	11 692	21.3%	11 692	21.7%	↑ +0.0%
BE	4 948	10.6%	5 812	14.3%	6 911	15.5%	6 160	11.2%	6 225	11.6%	↑ +1.1%
FR	4 776	10.2%	4 779	11.8%	6 085	13.7%	4 203	7.7%	4 337	8.1%	↑ +3.2%
CZ	942	2.0%	576	1.4%	1 174	2.6%	1 074	2.0%	2 673	5.0%	↑ +148.8%
ES	2 082	4.5%	1 426	3.5%	1 420	3.2%	1 246	2.3%	1 863	3.5%	↑ +49.6%
HU	1 219	2.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1 806	3.4%	
LT	738	1.6%	610	1.5%	792	1.8%	1 483	2.7%	1 630	3.0%	↑ +9.9%
DK	1 648	3.5%	1 714	4.2%	1 727	3.9%	1 797	3.3%	1 614	3.0%	↓ -10.2%
IT	1 328	2.8%	1 477	3.6%	869	2.0%	959	1.8%	1 294	2.4%	↑ +34.8%
RO	425	0.9%	509	1.3%	23	0.1%	2 094	3.8%	1 169	2.2%	↓ -44.2%
SK	464	1.0%	419	1.0%	812	1.8%	1 015	1.9%	996	1.9%	↓ -1.8%
BG	714	1.5%	380	0.9%	323	0.7%	421	0.8%	518	1.0%	↑ +22.9%
NL	21	0.0%	554	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	432	0.8%	
AT	530	1.1%	398	1.0%	501	1.1%	630	1.1%	428	0.8%	↓ -32.1%
HR	51	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	41	0.1%	123	0.2%	↑ +198.1%
SI	21	0.0%	62	0.2%	62	0.1%	40	0.1%	41	0.1%	↑ +3.0%
EE	361	0.8%	269	0.7%	121	0.3%	270	0.5%	19	0.0%	↓ -93.0%
LV	62	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
SE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
PT	220	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
EU	46 625		40 636		44 523		54 802		53 849		↓ -1.7%

Source : Eurostat Comext

EU Imports of Honey from Ukraine in Thousand Euros

	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		% change 21/20
		% of EU		% of EU		% of EU		% of EU		% of EU	
PL	24 155	51.8%	21 953	54.0%	20 858	46.8%	32 181	58.7%	33 335	61.9%	↑ +3.6%
DE	20 472	43.9%	16 927	41.7%	18 549	41.7%	17 659	32.2%	20 230	37.6%	↑ +14.6%
BE	8 818	18.9%	10 825	26.6%	11 603	26.1%	9 679	17.7%	10 496	19.5%	↑ +8.4%
FR	8 794	18.9%	9 149	22.5%	10 467	23.5%	6 744	12.3%	8 483	15.8%	↑ +25.8%
CZ	1 554	3.3%	1 048	2.6%	1 967	4.4%	1 631	3.0%	5 477	10.2%	↑ +235.8%
DK	3 143	6.7%	3 069	7.6%	3 017	6.8%	2 826	5.2%	3 454	6.4%	↑ +22.2%
ES	3 568	7.7%	2 926	7.2%	2 356	5.3%	2 027	3.7%	3 440	6.4%	↑ +69.7%
HU	1 762	3.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3 354	6.2%	
IT	2 602	5.6%	2 892	7.1%	1 586	3.6%	1 667	3.0%	3 091	5.7%	↑ +85.3%
LT	1 264	2.7%	1 006	2.5%	1 226	2.8%	2 055	3.8%	2 616	4.9%	↑ +27.3%
RO	749	1.6%	994	2.4%	12	0.0%	3 608	6.6%	2 455	4.6%	↓ -32.0%
SK	761	1.6%	733	1.8%	1 297	2.9%	1 551	2.8%	1 858	3.5%	↑ +19.8%
BG	1 283	2.8%	673	1.7%	575	1.3%	656	1.2%	1 020	1.9%	↑ +55.5%
AT	925	2.0%	732	1.8%	889	2.0%	962	1.8%	964	1.8%	↑ +0.2%
NL	40	0.1%	1 018	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	941	1.7%	
HR	88	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	76	0.1%	274	0.5%	↑ +260.6%
SI	37	0.1%	106	0.3%	100	0.2%	51	0.1%	91	0.2%	↑ +78.5%
EE	519	1.1%	464	1.1%	187	0.4%	321	0.6%	21	0.0%	↓ -93.4%
PT	383	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
SE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
LV	110	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
EU	81 029		74 514		74 690		83 696		101 601		↑ +21.4%

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Where to find data:

- http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/markets/index_en.htm
- [Honey | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)