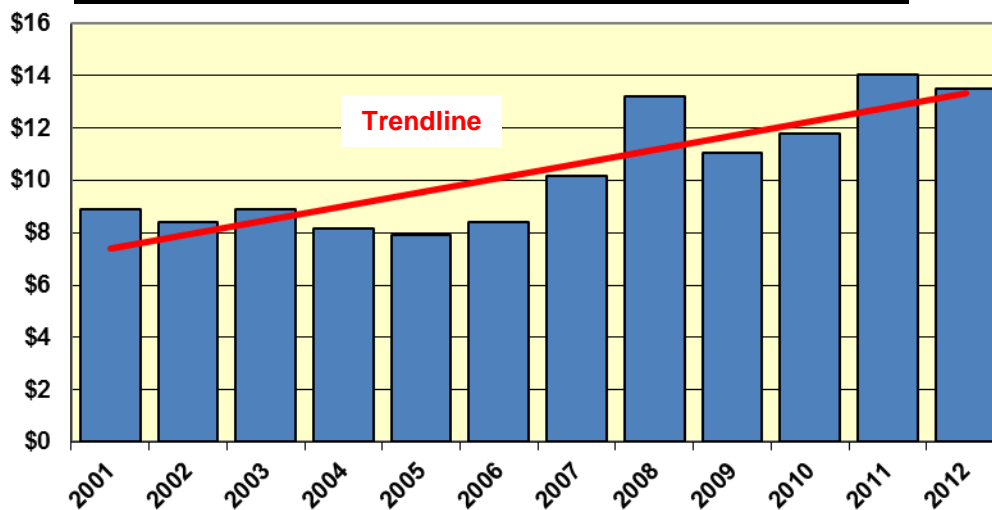


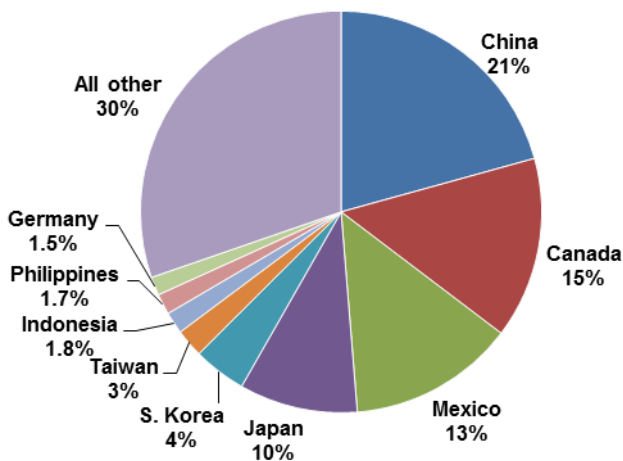
## WHY JAPAN IS AN IMPORTANT MARKET FOR MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL EXPORTERS

- Japan is the world's **fourth largest** agricultural importer, following the U.S., China, and Germany.
- Japan ranks No. 4 among the top U.S. agricultural export markets, with a 10% market-share.
- U.S. agricultural exports to Japan reached **\$13.5 billion** in 2012, a 4% decrease after last year's record high export value of \$14 billion.
- **Corn** is Japan's **No. 1** agricultural import from the U.S., followed by **red meat, fruits and vegetables, soybeans and products, and wheat and products.**
- Minnesota's agricultural export to Japan was estimated at **\$820 million** in 2012.

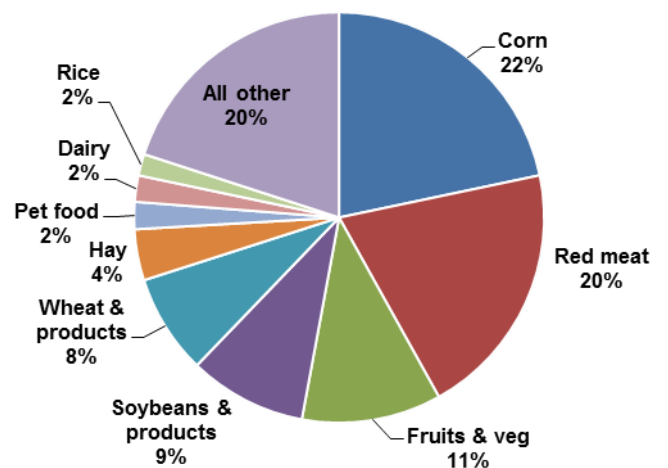
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**Largest U.S. Ag Export Markets (2012)**



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