

Dutch trade in goods with Ukraine & Russia

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Outline

2022: Recent economic developments

Data 2021:

- Imports from Ukraine & Russia compared
- Imports from Russia and Ukraine in depth
- Broad overview of exports to Ukraine and Russia

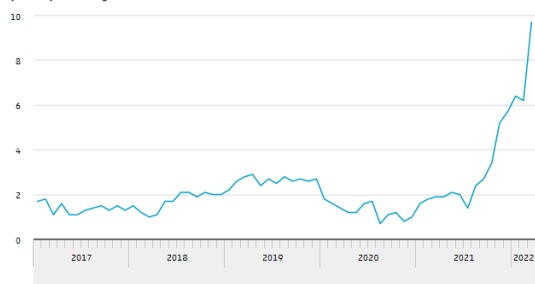


Record prices in times of war (and before)

NL: highest inflation since May 1976
Consumer confidence lowest level ever!

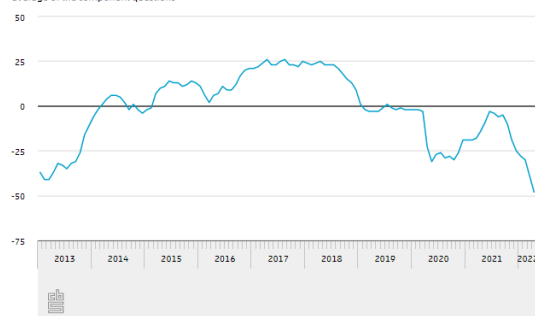
Consumer price index (CPI)

year-on-year % change

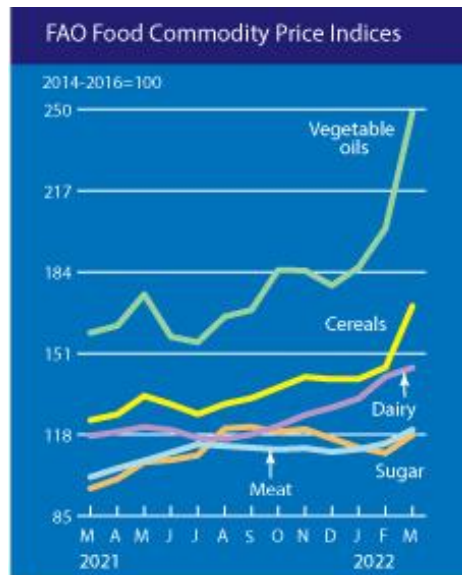
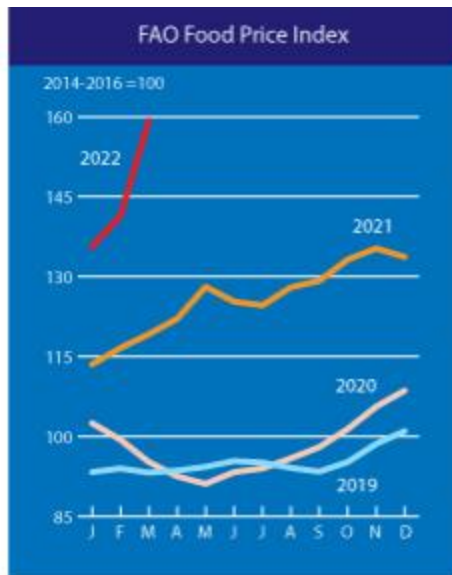


Consumer confidence, seasonally adjusted

average of the component questions



The FAO Food Price Index makes a giant leap to another all-time high in March



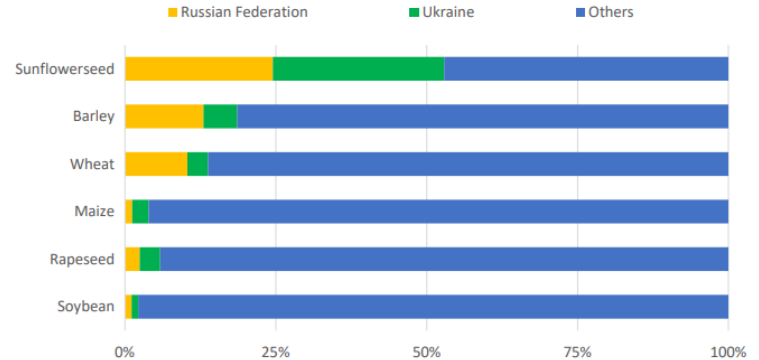
GDP 2022 forecast World Bank
Ukraine -45% & Russia -11%



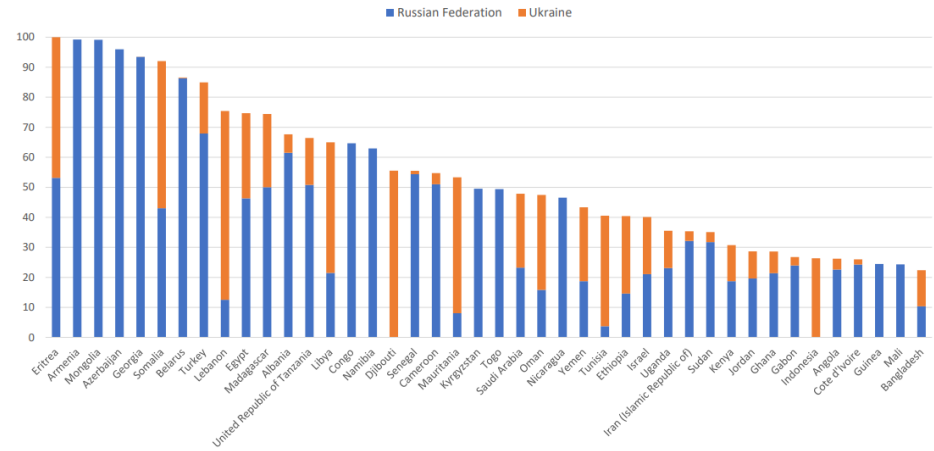
Food and energy crisis

- Ukraine and Russia big producers of vital food and feed
- Ukrainian wheat exports in March 4X smaller than in February
- Many countries highly dependent on Russia and Ukraine

Share in global production of selected crops
(2016/17-2020/21 Avg.)



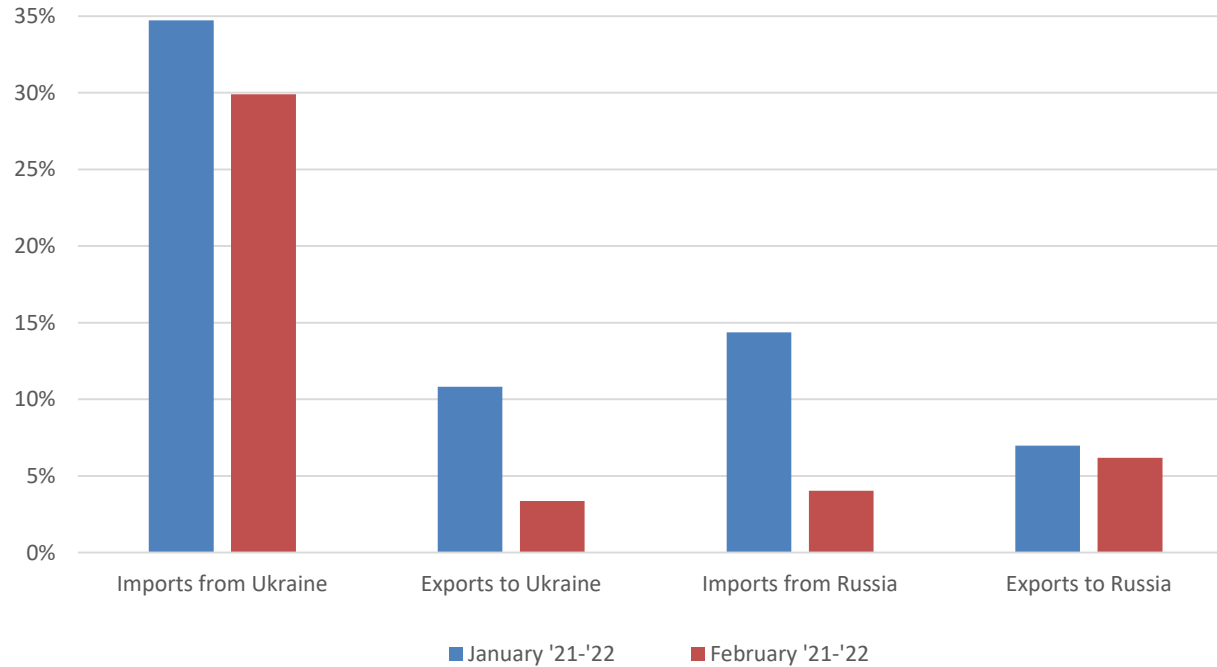
Wheat Import Dependency, net importers only, 2021 (%)



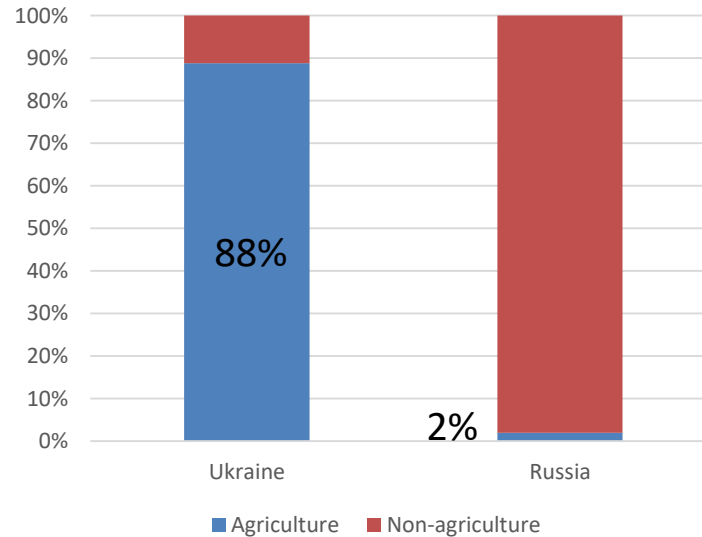
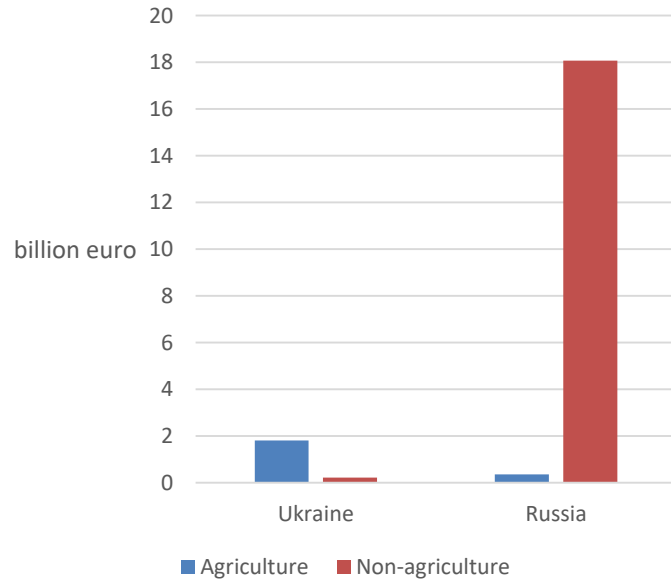
Food and energy prices related:

- Fertilizer and green house products depend on gas price
- Bio fuels more attractive, competes with food, increase food price

First trade figures for 2022 (kg)



2021: Ukraine agricultural supplier for NL, Russia not



But Russia IS a big exporter of: wheat (1st)
sunflower seed oil (2nd)
fertilizer supplies (1st)





*March 8: US ban on imports
of crude oil, LNG and coal
from Russia*



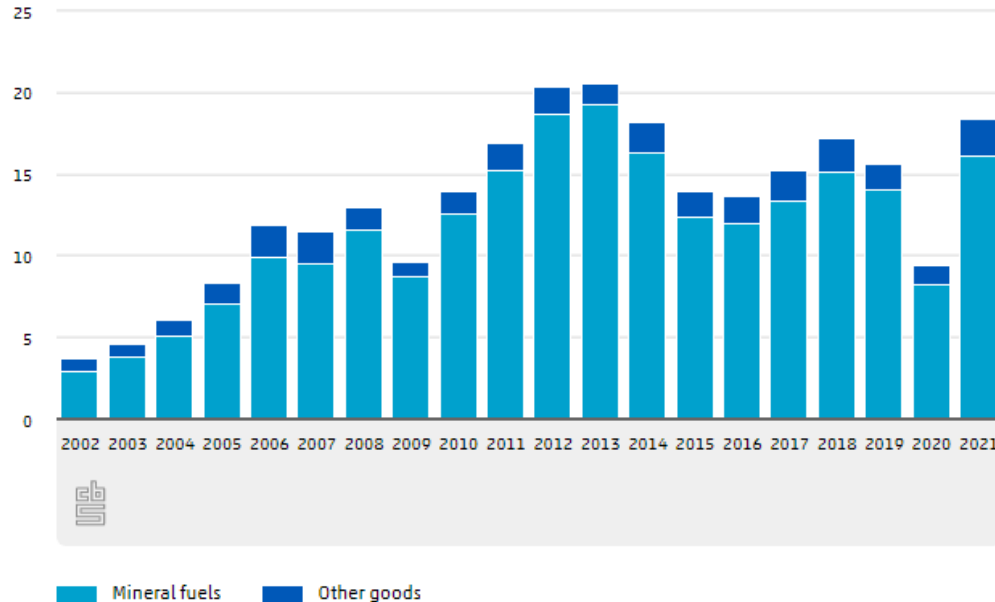
*April 22: The Netherlands
bans Russian gas, oil and coal
at the end of 2022*



87 percent Russian imports are mineral fuels

Dutch goods imports from Russia

bn euros



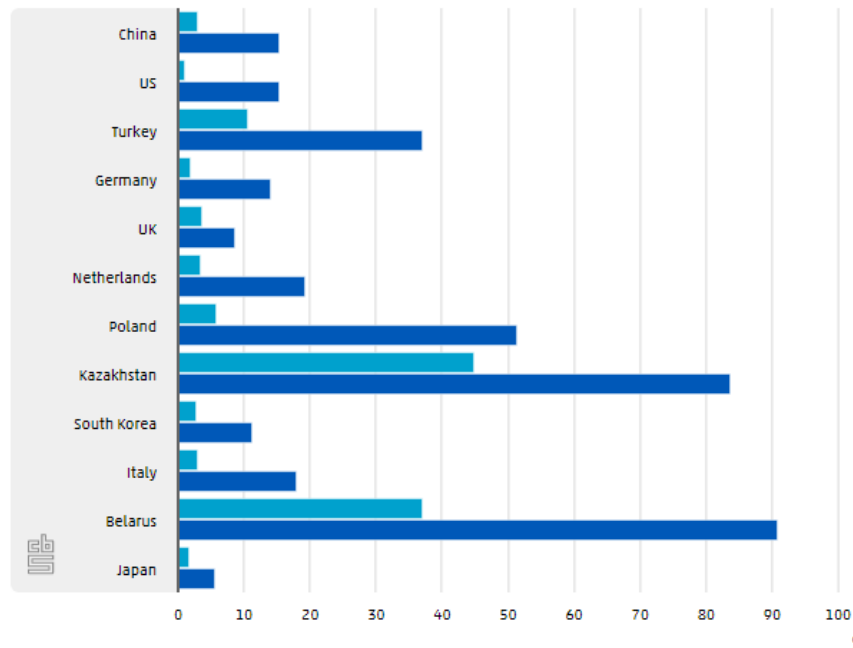
Mostly crude oil, but also a lot of natural gas & refined oil products, smaller amount coal

Other imports include copper, nickel, aluminium



China biggest importer from Russia

Top 10 importers from Russia (2021):

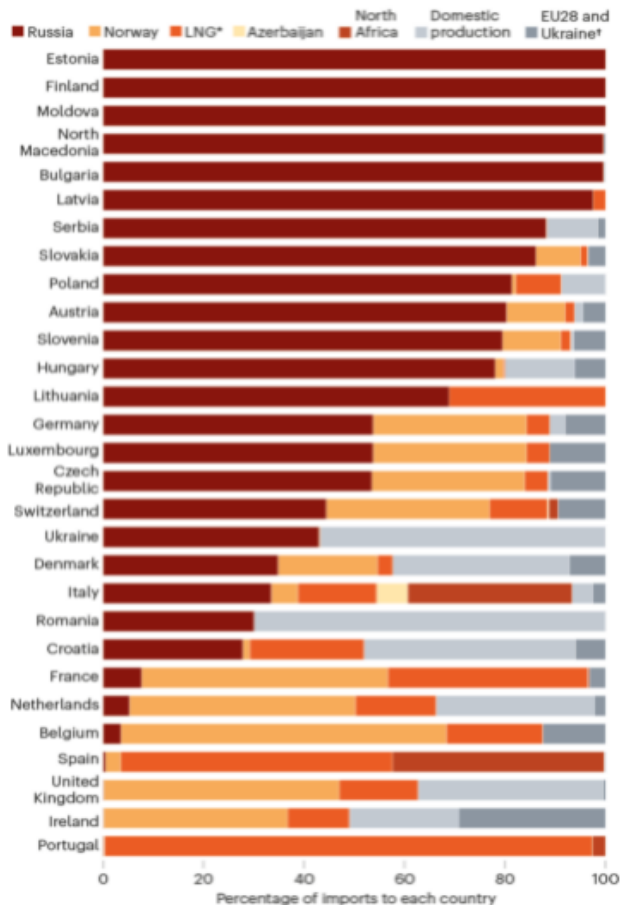


■ Russian share in total goods imports ■ Russian share in mineral fuel imports

Source: mainly UN and WTO (provisional figures)

WHERE EUROPE GETS ITS GAS

Russia supplies about 40% of the natural gas to the European Union overall, but many individual countries receive a much higher proportion.



*LNG, liquefied natural gas imports.

¹Does not include nation's own production. The UK left the EU28 in January 2020.

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Sources: Bruegel/European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas/Eurostat/UK Government/Government of Ukraine

Majority of imports from Russia for exports

	Crude oil	All imports
Imports for re-exports	19%	35%
Imports for direct consumption in NL	0%	4%
Imports for consumption after processing in NL	17%	16%
Imports for exports after processing in NL	63%	45%
Total	100%	100%



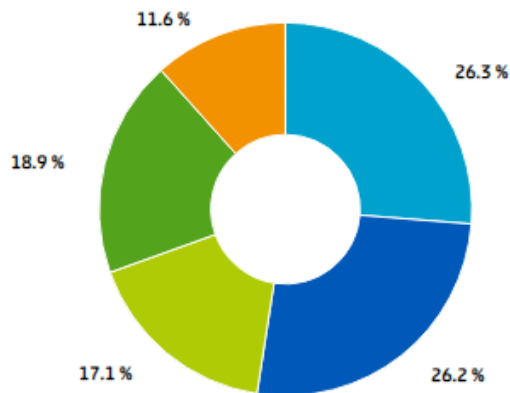


A photograph of a cornfield at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that fills the sky and reflects off the leaves of the corn plants. The corn stalks are green and tall, with some tassels visible. A semi-transparent yellow rectangular box is centered over the image, containing red text.

*March 29: UN states War in
Ukraine as biggest food crisis
since WWII*

Sunflower seed oil and maize dominate imports

Import value of goods from Ukraine, 2021

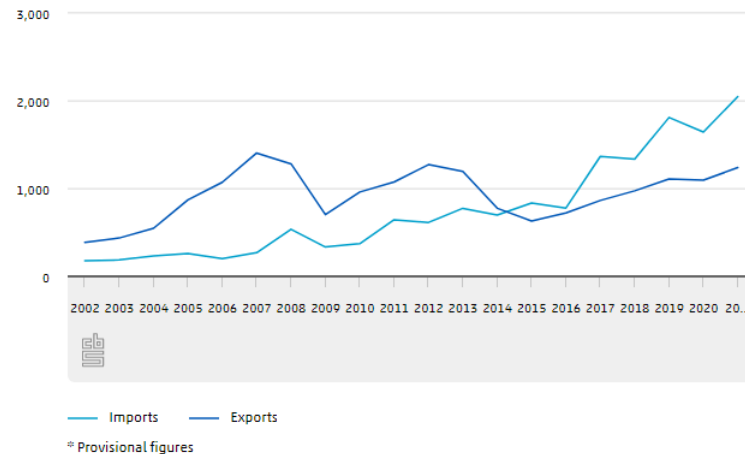


Crude sunflower oil Maize Colza and rapeseed
Other agricultural goods Non-agricultural goods



Bilateral goods trade with Ukraine

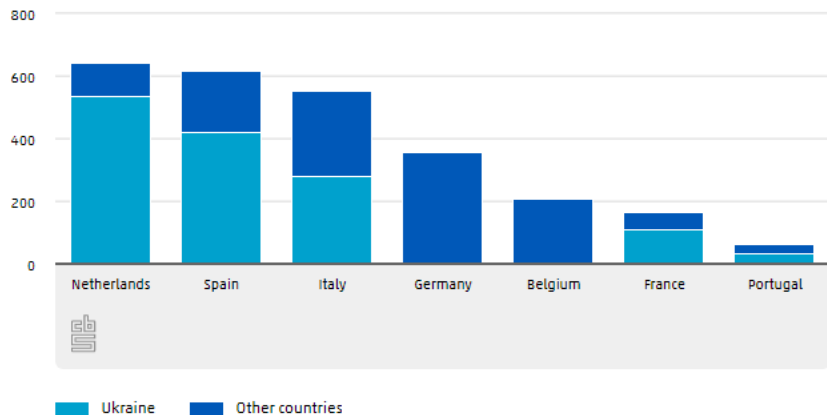
million euros



NL biggest importer of sunflower seed oil and maize from Ukraine

Largest EU importers of crude sunflower oil, 2021¹⁾

million euros

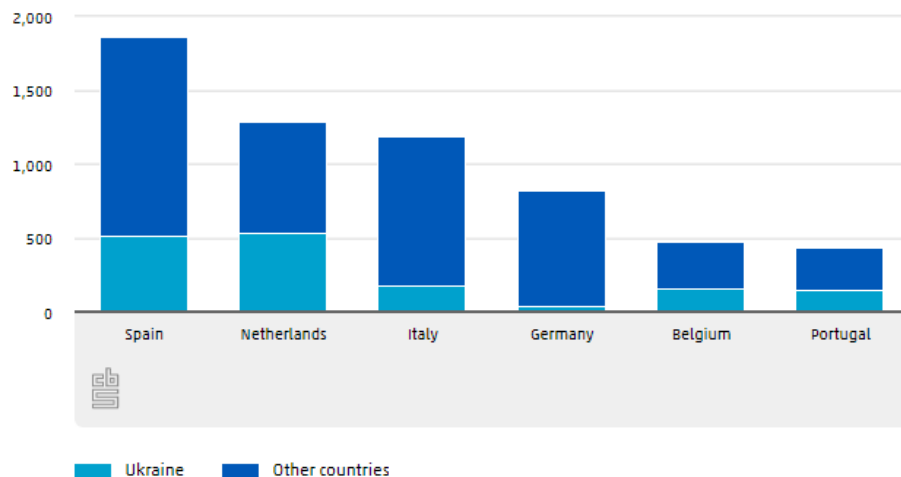


Source: CBS, Eurostat

¹⁾ If quasi-transit is included, Dutch imports were even higher (685 million euros in total and 582 million euros from Ukraine, a share of 85 percent).

Largest EU importers of maize, 2021¹⁾

million euros



Source: CBS, Eurostat

¹⁾ If quasi-transit is included, Ukraine's share is 40 percent of total Dutch maize imports.

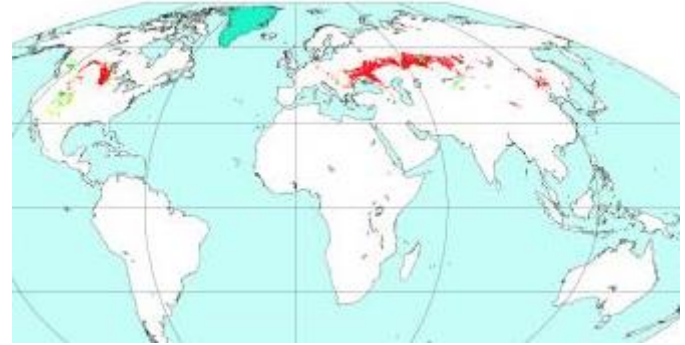
Majority of imports from Ukraine for exports

	2000 products ↑ Sun flower seed oil	Feed > food ↑ Maize
Imports for re-exports	39%	8%
Imports for direct consumption in NL	1%	0%
Imports for consumption after processing in NL	14%	26%
Imports for exports after processing in NL	45%	66%
Total	100%	100%



2022: Ukrainian grain exports in crisis

- 'Chernozem' in Ukraine/Russia
Most fertile black earth in the world
- Ukraine in golden lockzone with
flat plains, deep water ports, fresh water



Problems Ukraine:

1. Black Sea is blocked, grain cannot leave
2. Machine parts hard to get
3. Mines
4. Russia biggest competitor (Russian export value doubled)

Also: Famine in East Africa is getting worse





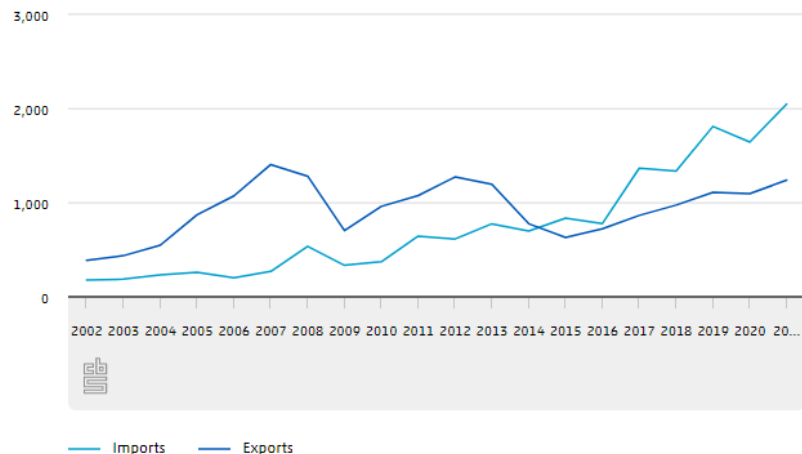
Exports to Ukraine and Russia



Less exports to than imports from Ukraine

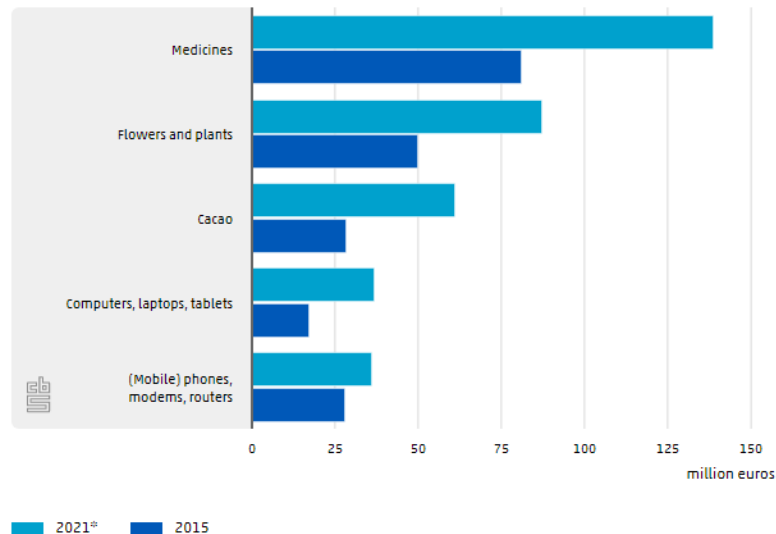
Bilateral goods trade with Ukraine

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* Provisional figures

Top 5 exports to Ukraine in value



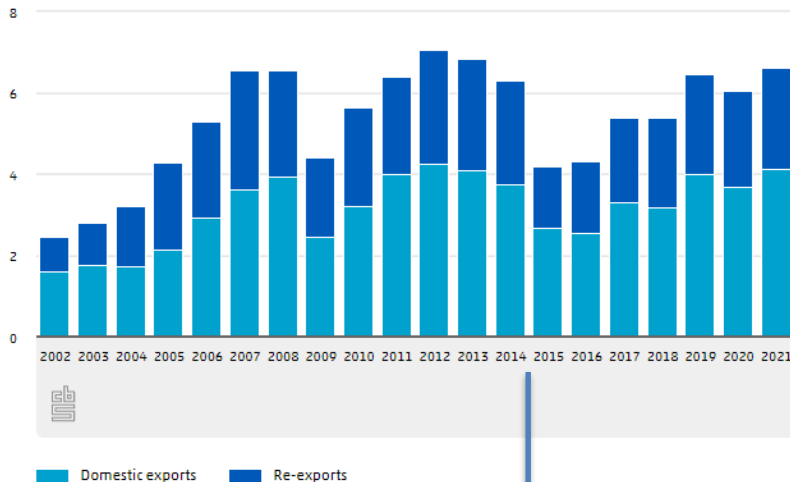
0,2% of total Dutch exports
Ukraine #50 (imports: #39)



Exports to Russia were increasing until 2021

Dutch goods exports to Russia

bn euros



Russia's import restrictions

Dutch origin

4119 mln

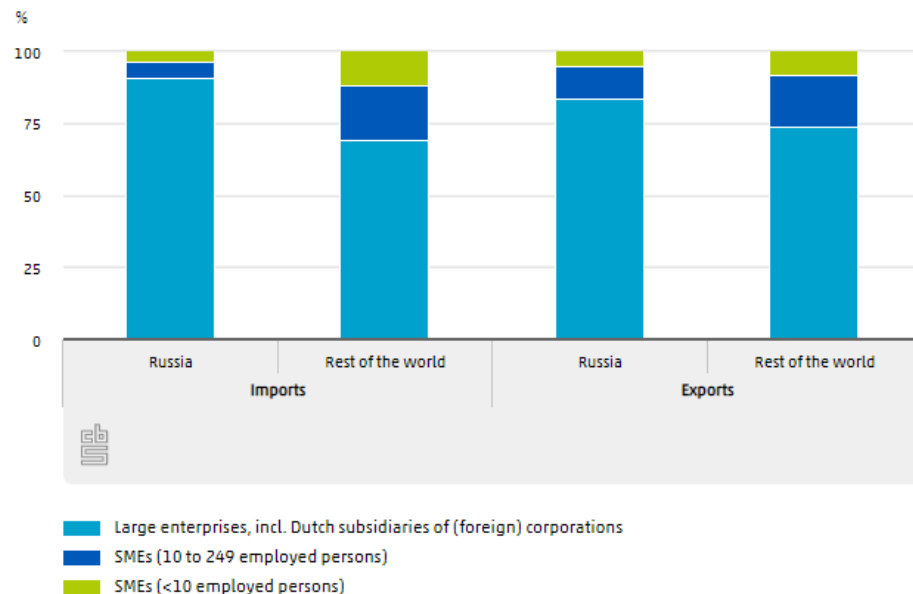
1. Machinery 670 mln
2. Pharmaceutical 530 mln
3. Transport 491 mln
4. Plastics 354 mln
5. Flowers and plants 331 mln

1,1% of total Dutch exports
Russia #17 (imports: #7)

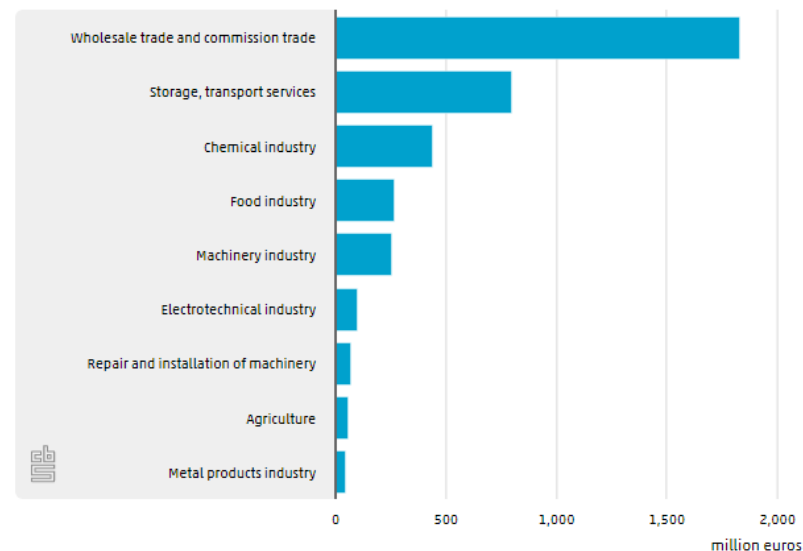


Over 3,000 Dutch companies exported to Russia in 2021

Dutch enterprises trading with Russia by enterprise size, 2021



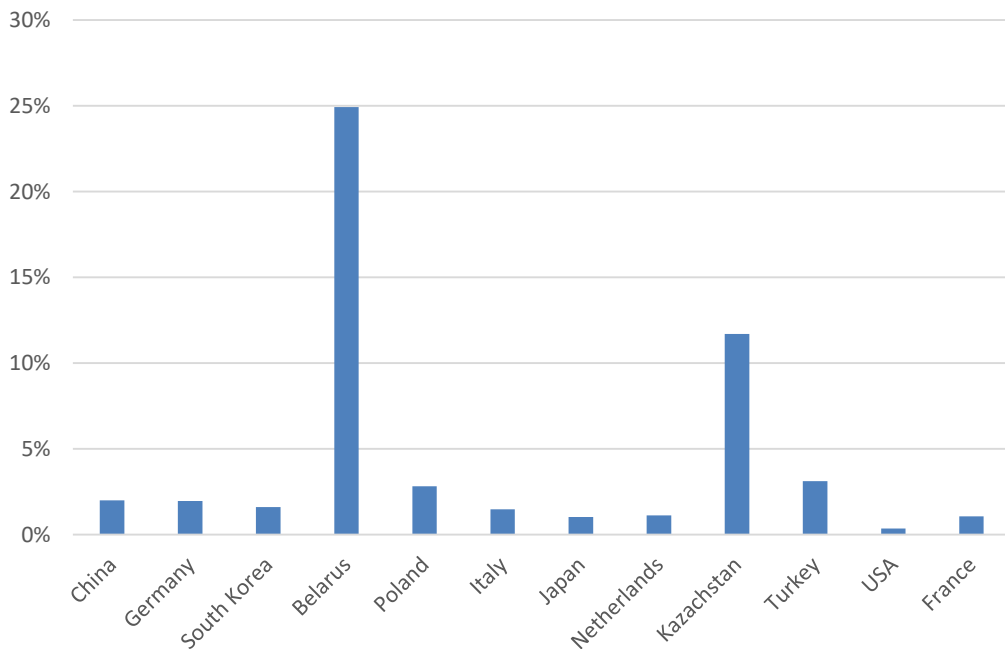
Exports to Russia by Dutch enterprises, main industries/sectors ¹⁾, 2021



¹⁾ The figures on the pharmaceutical industry, motor vehicle and trailer industry, and holdings and management consultancies are confidential.

Belarus and Kazakhstan depend most on exports to Russia

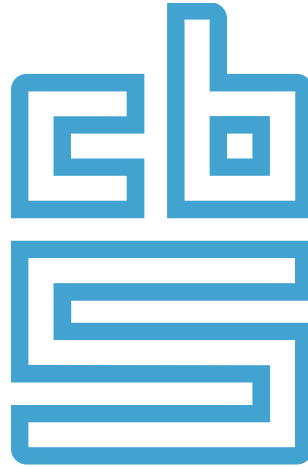
Russian share in goods exports biggest exporters to Russia (2021)



Concluding remarks

- Food crisis especially for countries depending on wheat imports from Ukraine, but all countries will be affected by food and energy prices or limited availability
- The Netherlands depends on agriculture from Ukraine and mineral fuels from Russia, but many imports are for exports
- Ukraine and Russia relatively small export markets for the Netherlands





For more information, please have a look at:

[Russia - Ukraine \(cbs.nl\)](https://www.cbs.nl)