

# Contribution of the trade in the agricultural sector in Europe and worldwide

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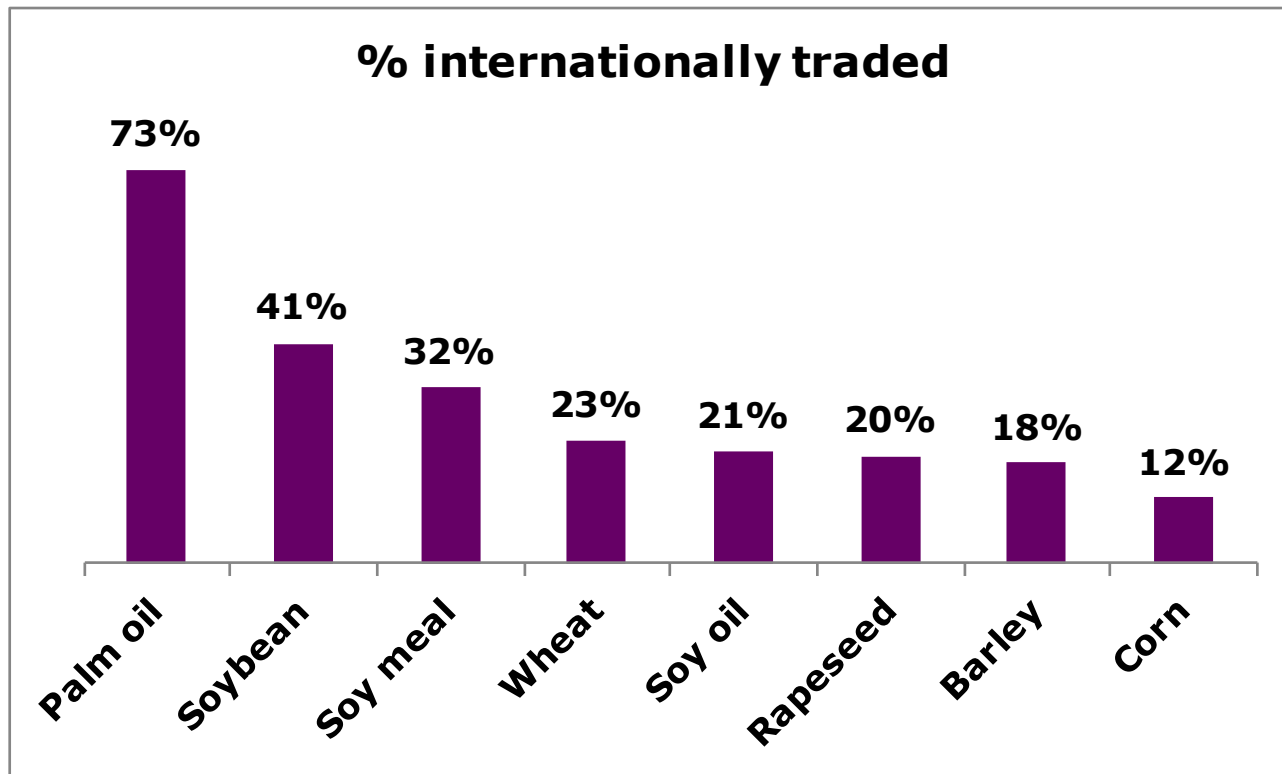
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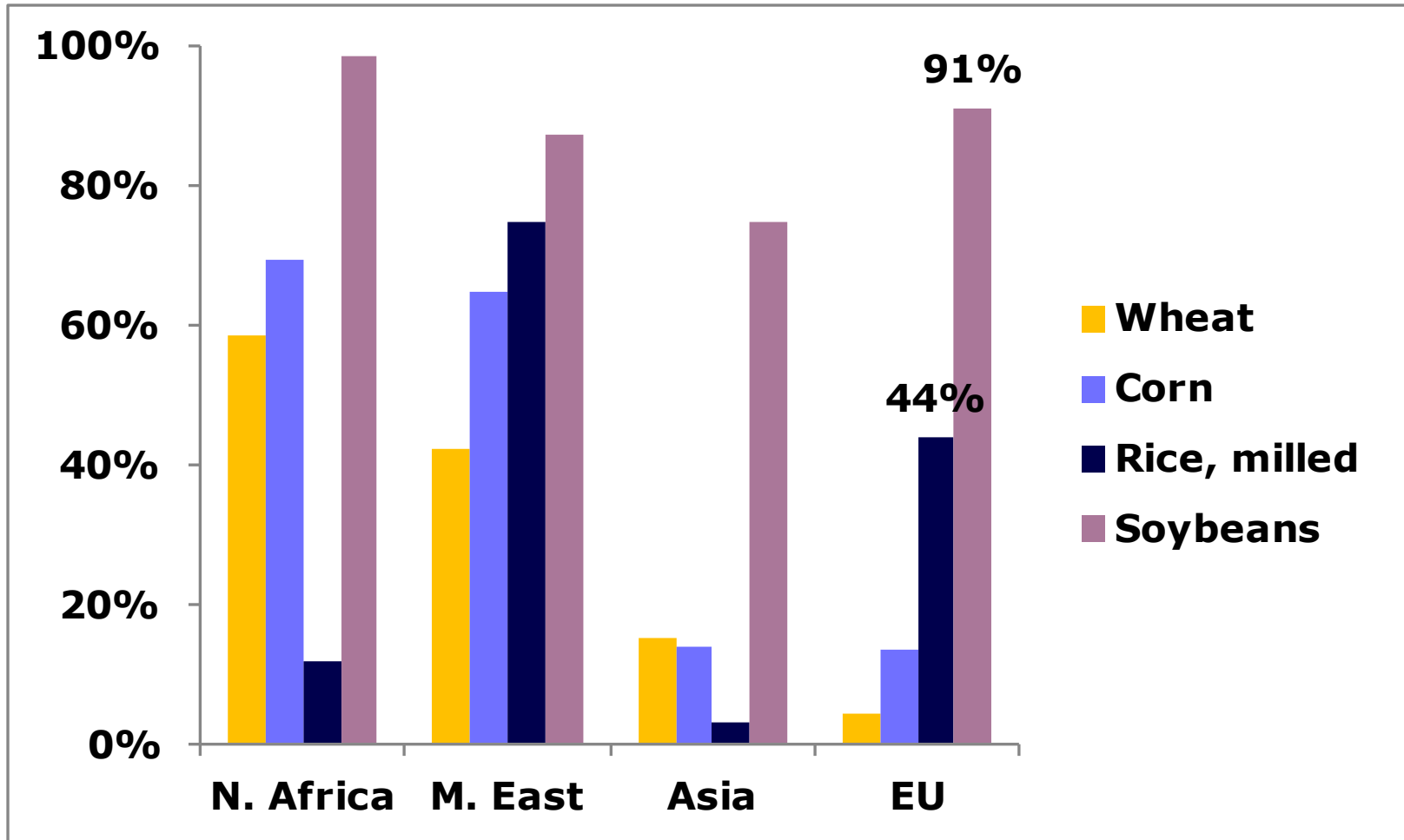
# Agricultural Markets are International Markets

Commodities have to be traded to supply the demand regions of the world



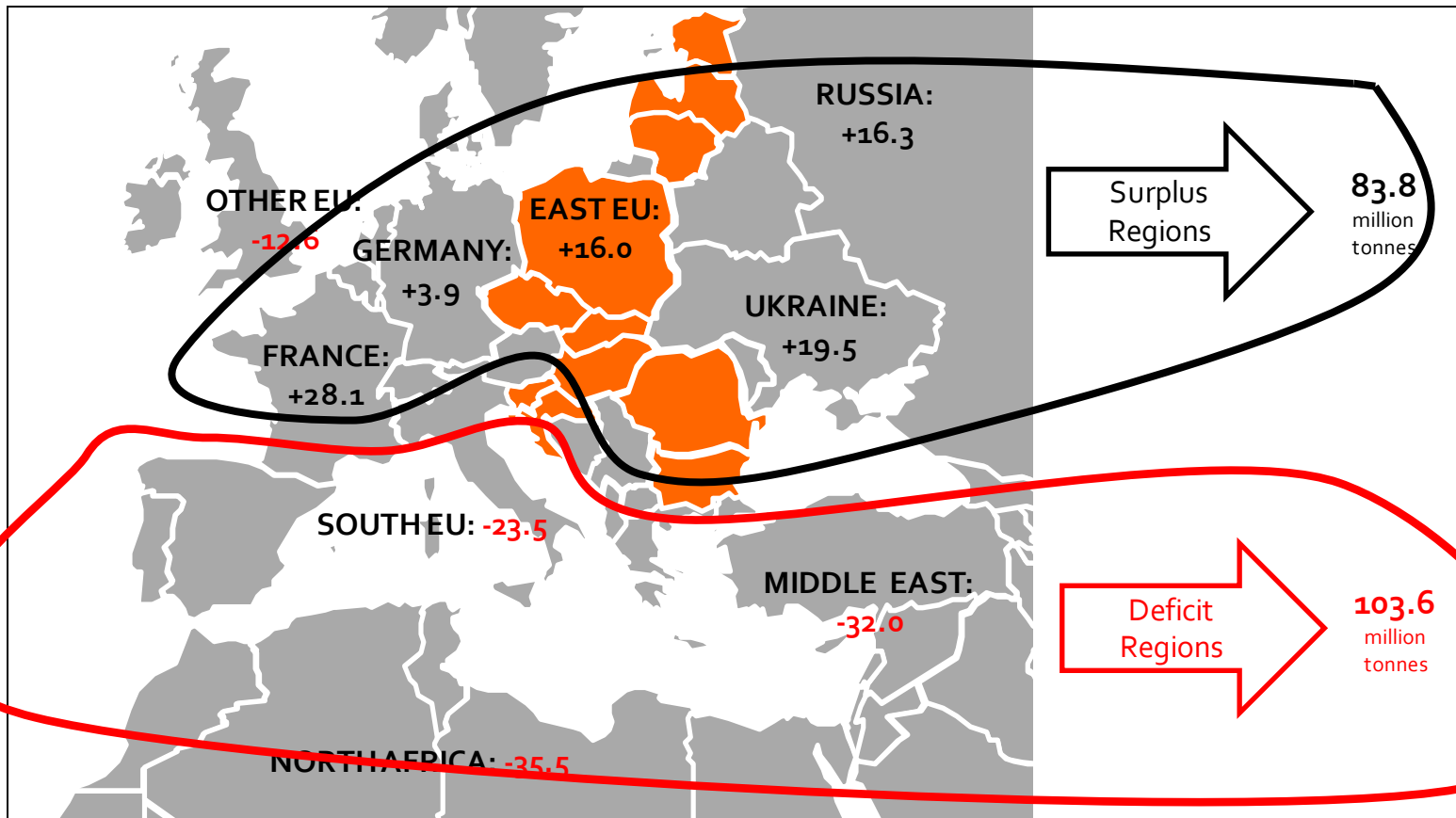
# Trade is key to supply demand regions

N. Africa & M. East heavily depended on imports, but also EU needs to trade commodities

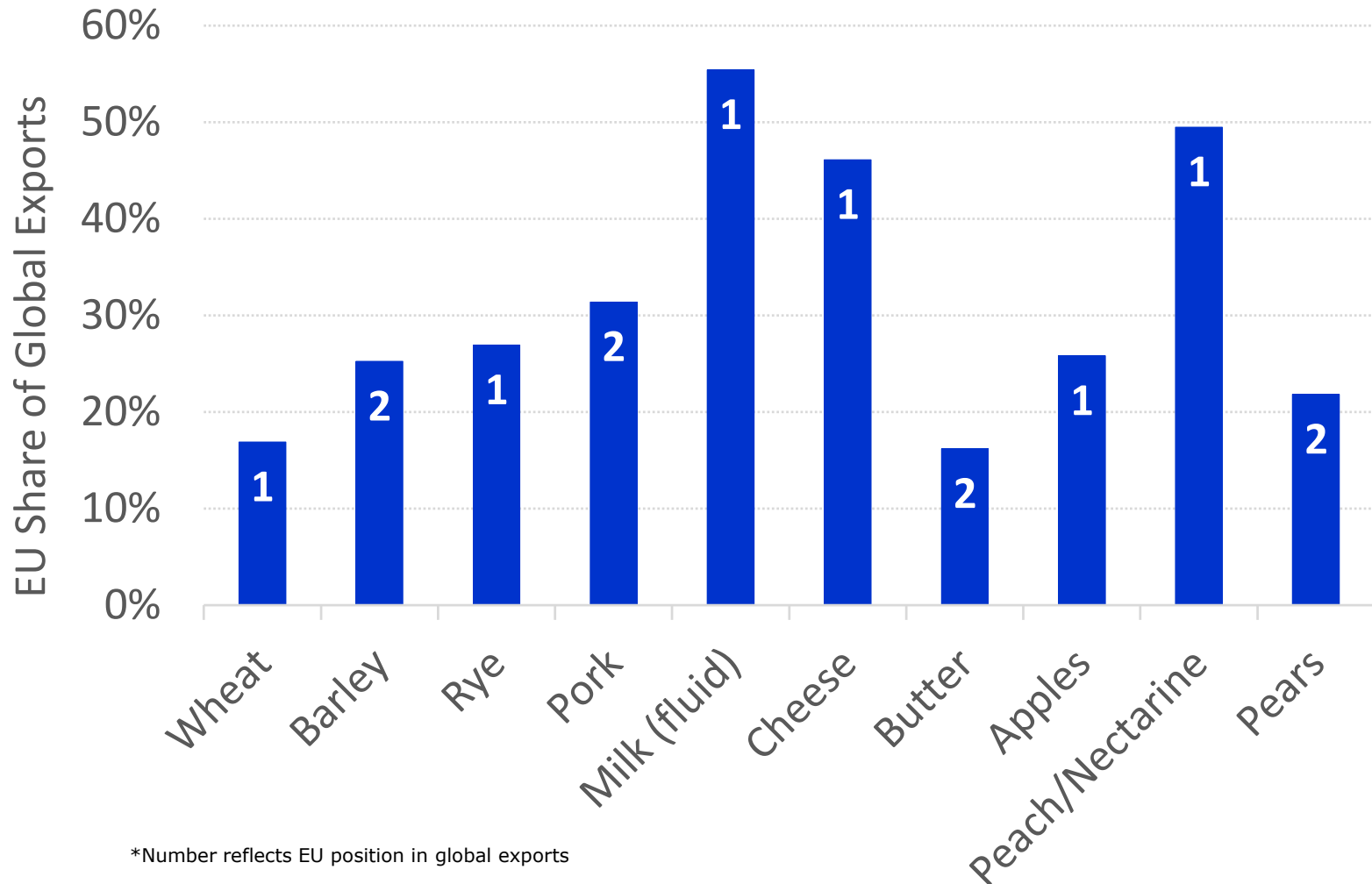


# European, Mediterranean and Black Sea Regions are key for long term growth in both origination and destination

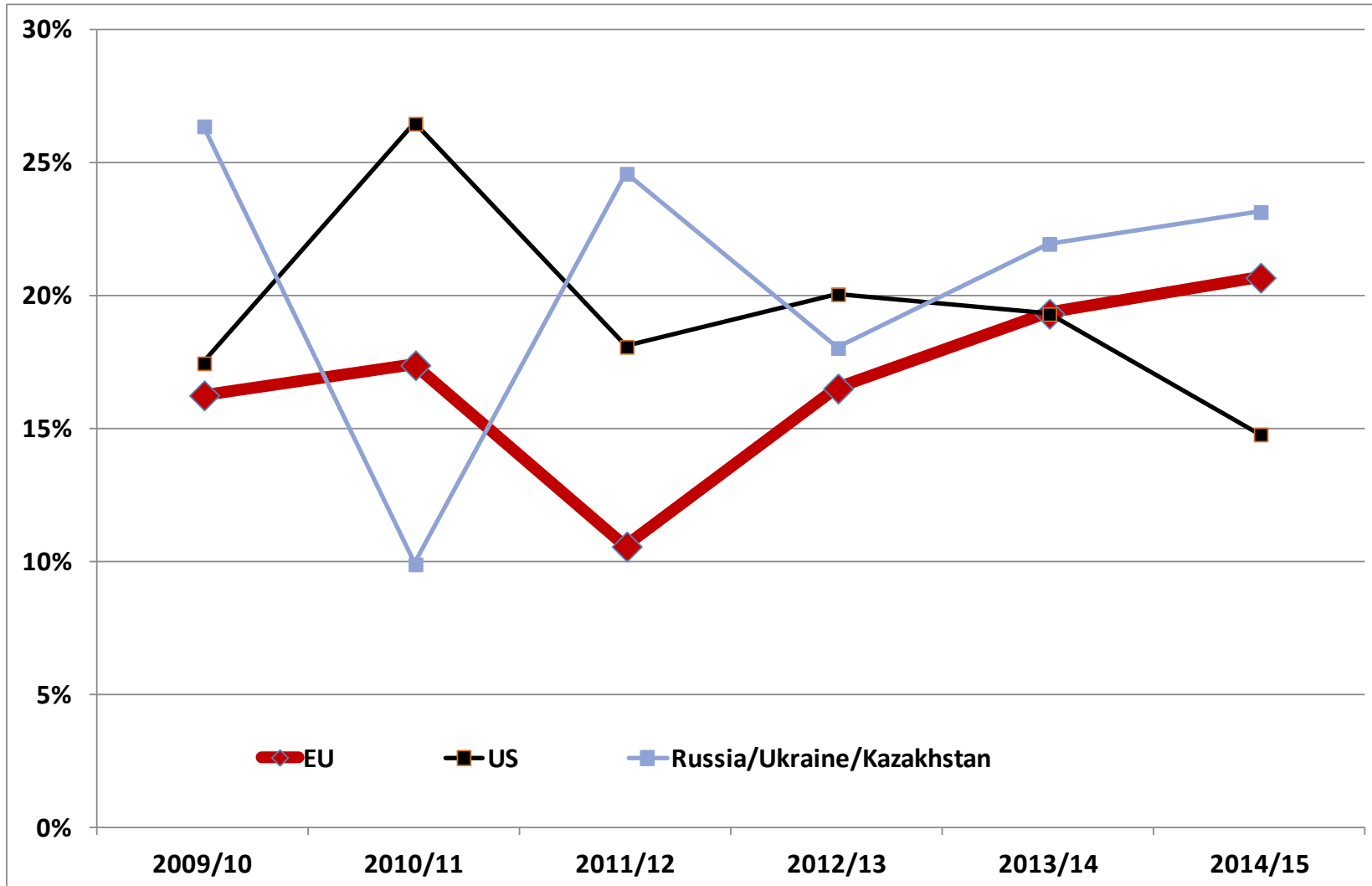
Net export of grains in key regions and countries (average 2009-13)



# EU: Major exporter for many agricultural products

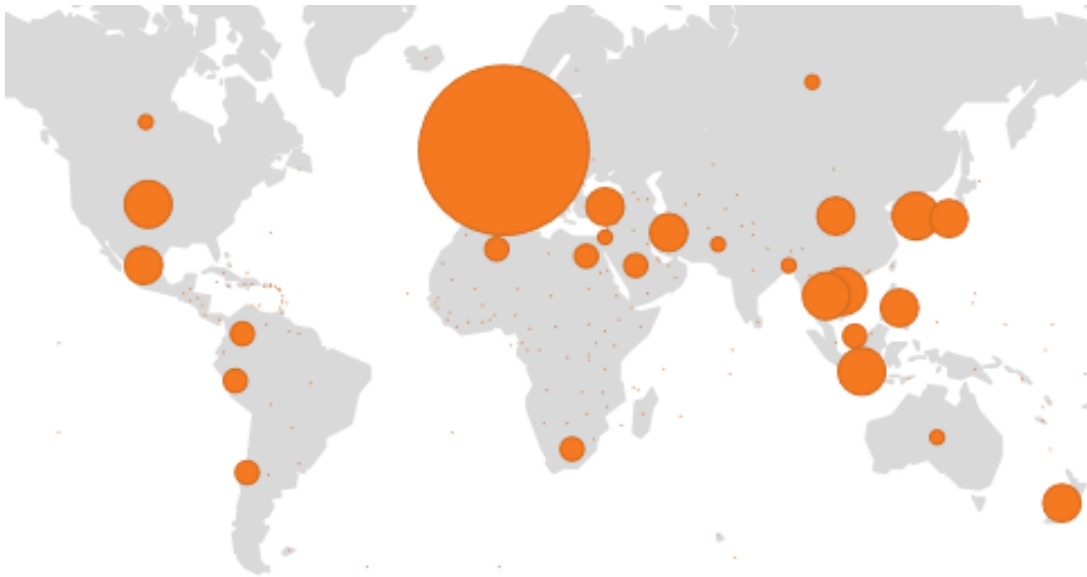


# Reliable EU wheat exports compensate volatile BlackSea exports



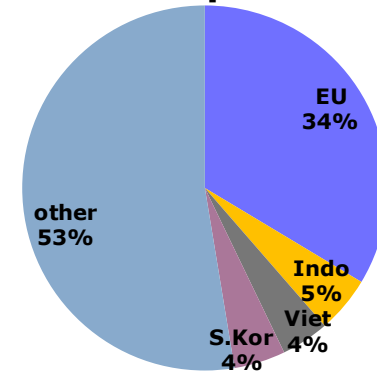
# EU: #1 Protein Meal importer & #2 Oilseed importer

**Protein Meal imports**

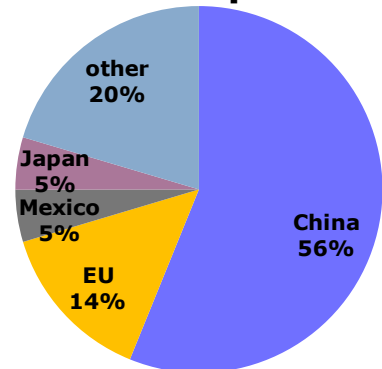


EU imports 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of all traded oil meals (26 mln t)

**Meal importer**



**Oilseed importer**

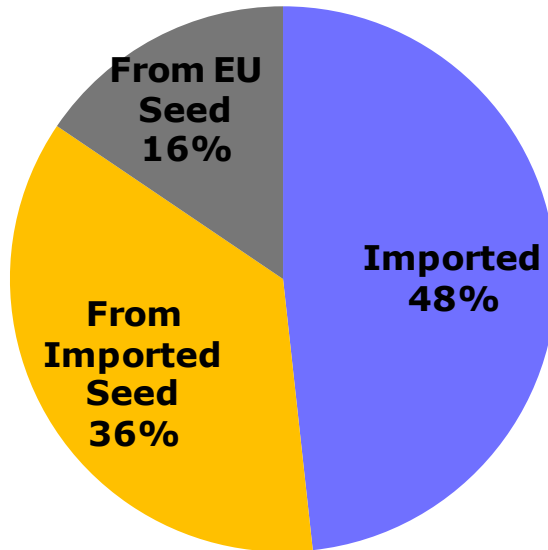


**Oilseed imports**



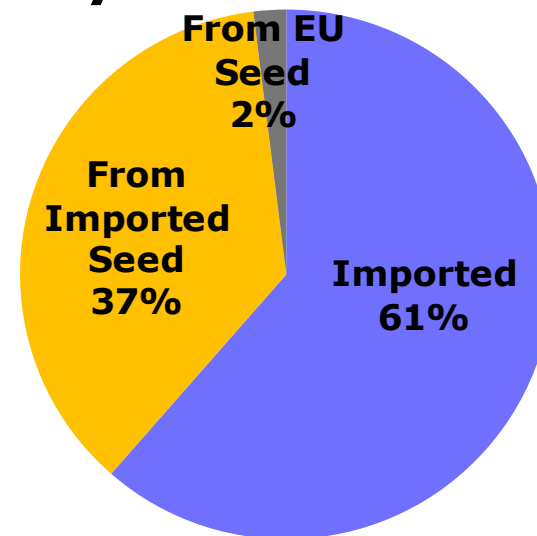
EU has to import 84% of its meals and 98% of soymeal

## Total Meals: 53 mln t



Only 16% of the protein meals consumed in the EU are produced from oilseeds grown in the EU and for soybean meal it is only 2%!

## Soymeal 32 mln t





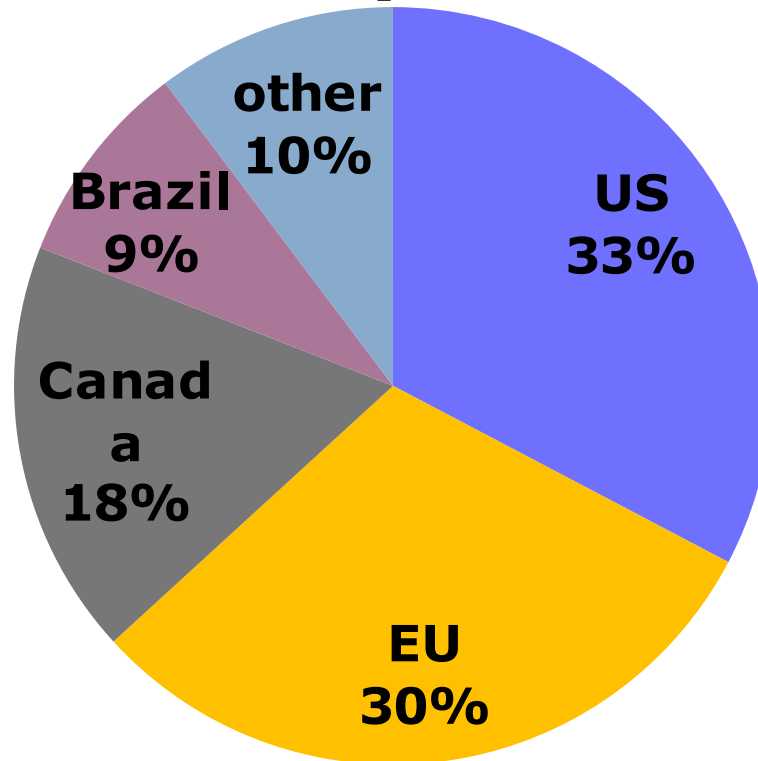
# EU 2<sup>nd</sup> largest pork producer in the world



Source: OECD-FAO, USDA, Rabobank 2015

# EU top pork exporter together with US

## Pork exporters



# EU top dairy exporter together with New Zealand



# Conclusion

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## **Trade is key to feed the world**

- Agricultural products are internationally traded as major demand and supply regions are in different parts of the world
- Food security of many countries depends on imports of agricultural products

## **Trade is key for the income of global and EU farmers (crop and livestock farmers)**

- EU is a reliable supplier & exporter of commodities like wheat, pork and dairy
- EU heavily depends on imports of protein (imported either as oilseed or as meal) to feed the EU livestock market
- EU can only supply 16% of its protein meal consumption from domestically grown oilseeds (for soybeans only 2%)

## **Trade disruptions bare risk of:**

- Price increases
- Supply shortages
- Loss of farmer income

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