

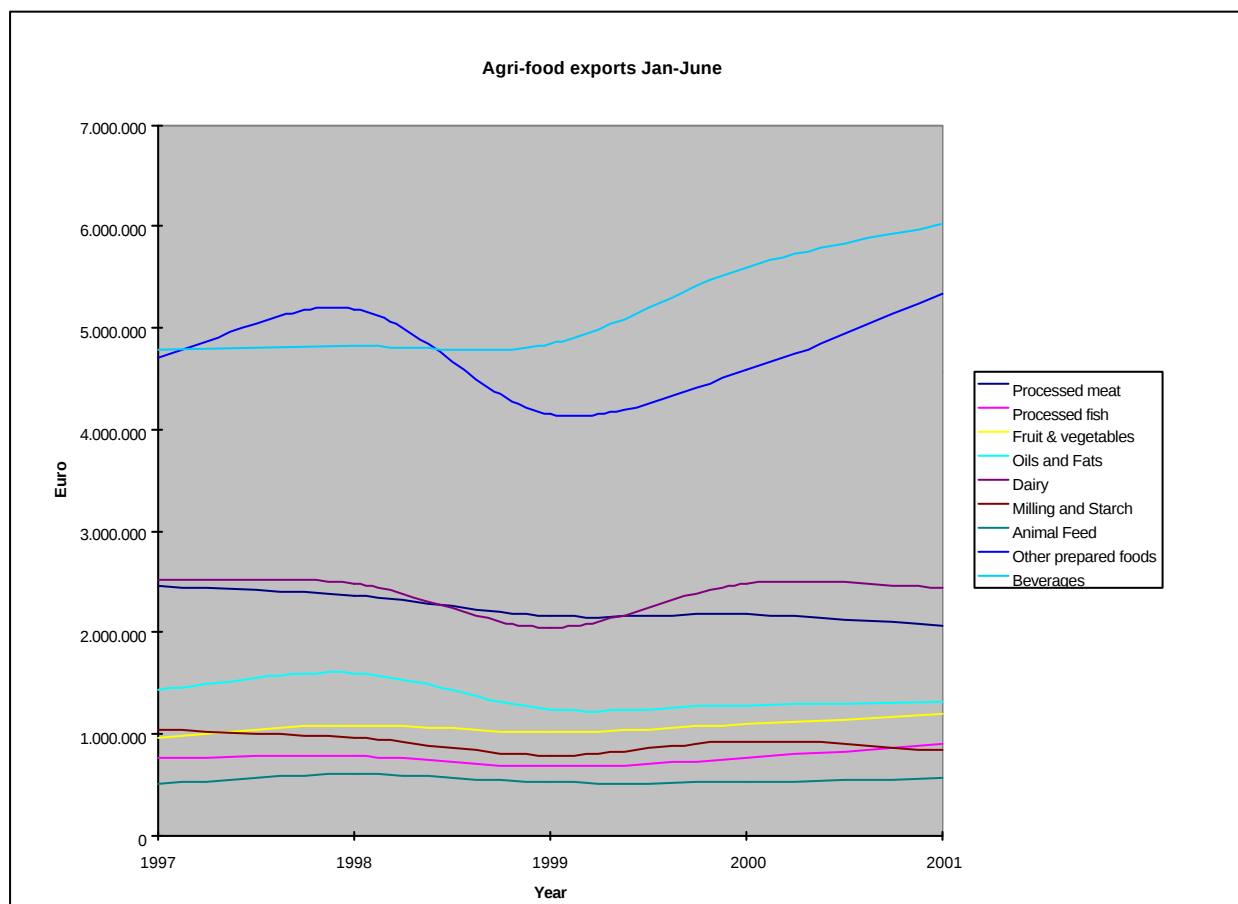
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Intermediate balance of food and drink exports

January to June 2001

During the first six months of 2001, exports of food and drink products have grown 6.5% compared to the same period last year in 2000. The 1999 crisis was followed by an important recovery of exports during 2000 and 2001 allowing export levels to return to the levels reached prior to this period. So, compared with the 1st half year of 1998, general exports of the sector have increased to around 4%.

It should be noted that in general 45 to 47% of food and drink exports are carried out during the first quarter (full data for the whole year 2001 will be available as from the then of July 2002).



Source : Eurostat, comext

Beverages compose, with 29%, the largest part of Community exports, followed by various processed products (chocolates, sweets, prepared meals) which represent 25%. Meat products and processed dairy products add up to 10% and 11,8% respectively, in Community exports of food products during the first quarter of 2001

Part of exports per sector (of the NACE) in 1000 euros

	Jan-Jun 2000		Jan-Jun 2001	%
Processed meat	2.176.449	11,2%	2.076.559	10,0%
Processed fish	766.876	3,9%	908.344	4,4%
Fruit & vegetables	1.103.608	5,7%	1.199.989	5,8%
Oils and Fats	1.289.242	6,6%	1.311.935	6,3%
Dairy	2.483.970	12,8%	2.443.005	11,8%
Milling and Starch	932.477	16,7%	843.494	14,0%
Animal Feed	527.150	2,7%	567.290	2,7%
Other prepared foods	4.580.873	23,5%	5.340.705	25,8%
Beverages	5.597.883	28,8%	6.026.862	29,1%
Total food & drink	19.458.528	100,0%	20.718.183	100,0%

Source : Eurostat /Comext

Although the general situation is satisfactory, the analysis per sector is still quite flawed. For a number of products, exports strive to reach the level of exports such as they were prior to the 1999 crises. Such is the case notably for meat products that are sharply inferior compared to 2000 (-4,6%) and in 1998 (-12,2%). In general oils and fats are also quite beneath their level of 1998 (-19%). Milling and starch products also register a decrease of -9,5% compared to the preceding year (12,2% compared with 1998), which is explained by the weakest running of exports as regards flour.

Evolution of exports per sector (of the NACE) in 1000 euros

	Jan-Jun1998	98/01 Increase	Jan-Jun2000	00/01 Increase	Jan-Jun 2001
Processed meat	2.363.910	87,8%	2.176.449	95,4%	2.076.559
Processed fish	782.883	116,0%	766.876	118,4%	908.344
Fruit & vegetables	1.089.182	110,2%	1.103.608	108,7%	1.199.989
Oils and Fats	1.602.757	81,9%	1.289.242	101,8%	1.311.935
Dairy	2.485.210	98,3%	2.483.970	98,4%	2.443.005
Milling and Starch	965.044	87,4%	932.477	90,5%	843.494
Animal Feed	606.312	93,6%	527.150	107,6%	567.290
Other prepared foods	5.186.594	103,0%	4.580.873	116,6%	5.340.705
Beverages	4.817.902	125,1%	5.597.883	107,7%	6.026.862
Total food & drink	19.899.794	104,11%	19.458.528	106,47%	20.718.183

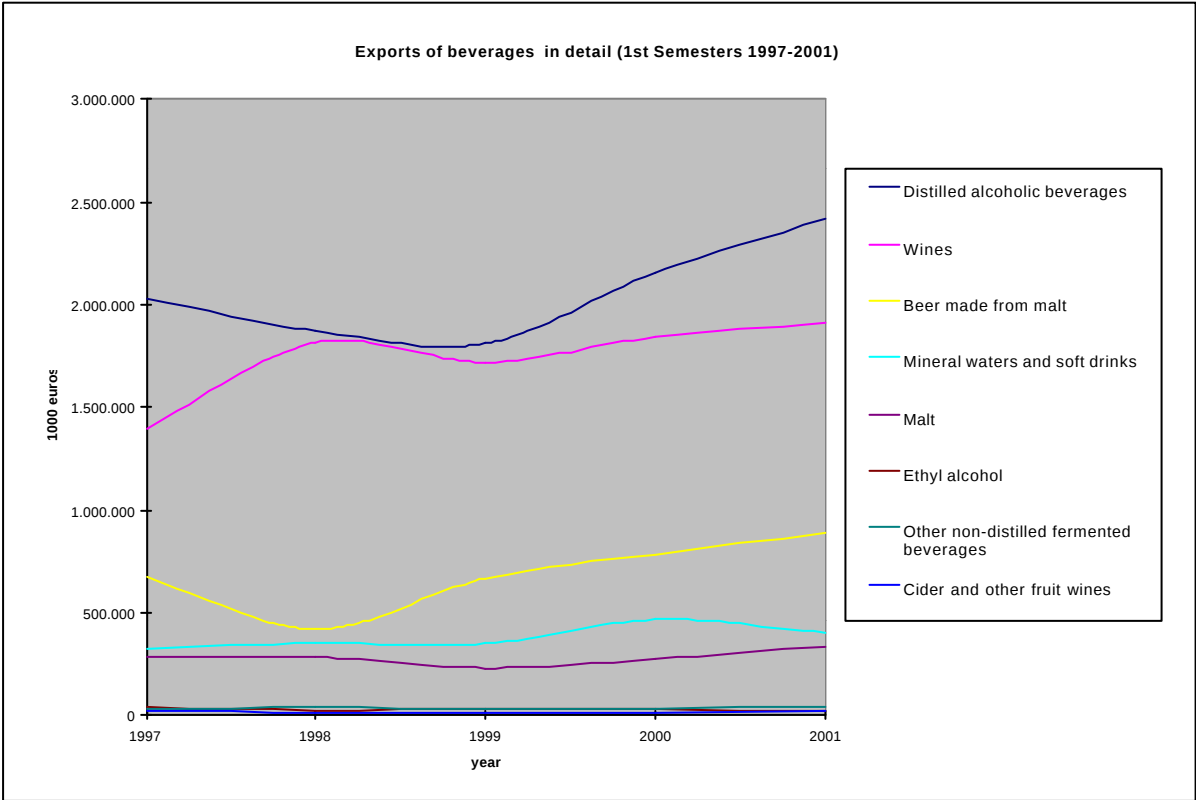
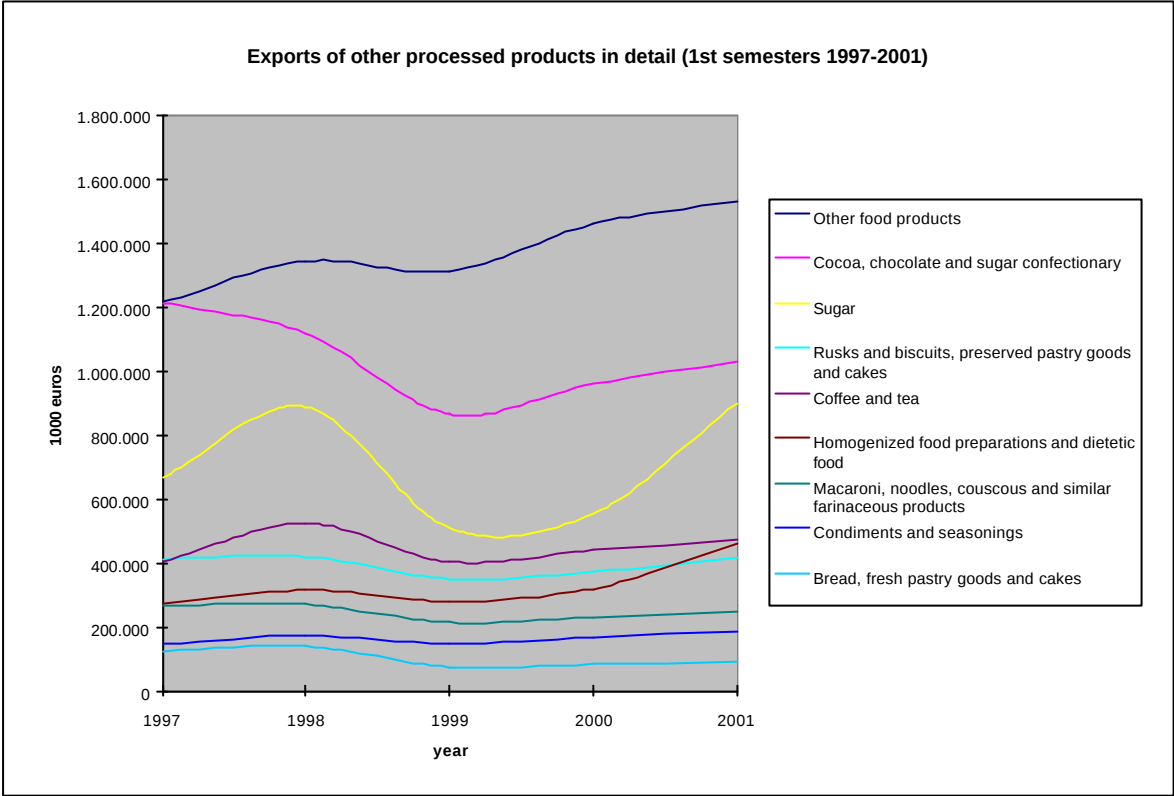
Source : Eurostat/comext

On the other hand, fish products and processed fruit and vegetables show good export performance by registering an increases of 18% and 9% respectively, compared to the preceding year.

Exports of beverages, notably beer, spirits and wines were hardly affected by the 1999 rupture. They increase by 7,7% compared with the same period in 2000 and, compared to 1998 go beyond the 25%. The "other products" category, comprising sugar, prepared foods, biscuits and pastry, have registered a high increase (+16,5%) between 2000 and 2001. This result needs

still be put in perspective, because when comparing 2001 exports with those of 1998, the increase is only of 3%. On the other hand, prepared foods within this category confirm a high increase (+43%).

Details enclosed



EVOLUTION OF EU EXPORTS TO THIRD COUNTRIES

Total Extra EU exports (1000 euros)

		January - June						
		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001/00	2001/98