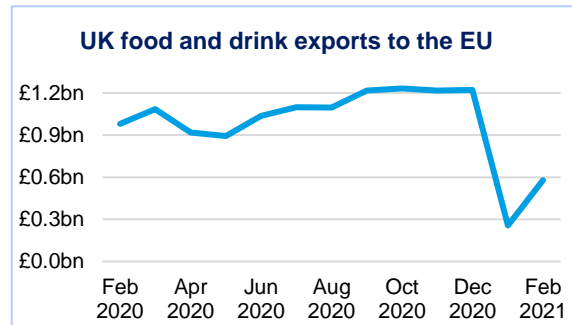


# UK-EU Food and Drink Trade Snapshot: February 2021

## Exports

- Exports were down more than a fifth in February 2021, driven by a fall in sales to the EU of 40.9% compared to February 2020, a drop of nearly £0.4bn.
- In the first two months of 2021, exports to the EU are down more than £1.1bn.

UK food and drink exports			
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>All food and drink</b>	£1.6bn	£1.3bn	<b>-21.3%</b>
<b>EU</b>	£1.0bn	£578.7m	<b>-40.9%</b>
<b>Non-EU</b>	£641.3m	£696.9m	<b>8.7%</b>



- Exports to most EU Member States fell significantly, with Ireland down more than 70% and Germany, Spain and Italy by around 50%.

	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>France</b>	£148.7m	£121.7m	<b>-18.2%</b>
<b>Netherlands</b>	£111.4m	£103.9m	<b>-6.7%</b>
<b>Ireland</b>	£307.4m	£90.5m	<b>-70.6%</b>
<b>Germany</b>	£111.9m	£52.9m	<b>-52.8%</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	£48.5m	£36.2m	<b>-25.3%</b>
<b>Spain</b>	£55.4m	£28.1m	<b>-49.3%</b>
<b>Poland</b>	£29.9m	£26.2m	<b>-12.5%</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	£21.7m	£21.9m	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Sweden</b>	£22.6m	£21.4m	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>Italy</b>	£34.2m	£14.8m	<b>-56.6%</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	£13.1m	£14.2m	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	£2.0m	£6.4m	<b>225.3%</b>
<b>Czech Rep</b>	£10.2m	£5.9m	<b>-41.8%</b>
<b>Greece</b>	£6.5m	£5.6m	<b>-14.1%</b>

	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>Hungary</b>	£3.5m	£3.9m	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>Romania</b>	£4.9m	£3.3m	<b>-32.6%</b>
<b>Austria</b>	£5.2m	£3.3m	<b>-36.2%</b>
<b>Finland</b>	£5.7m	£3.3m	<b>-43.0%</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	£11.9m	£3.1m	<b>-73.9%</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	£3.9m	£3.0m	<b>-24.0%</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	£6.5m	£2.7m	<b>-58.7%</b>
<b>Malta</b>	£4.8m	£2.6m	<b>-45.4%</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	£1.7m	£1.6m	<b>-8.8%</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	£2.2m	£0.9m	<b>-61.3%</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	£1.4m	£0.6m	<b>-57.0%</b>
<b>Croatia</b>	£2.0m	£0.6m	<b>-72.1%</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	£1.3m	£0.4m	<b>-69.4%</b>

- Exports of the UK's top 10 products all fell, except whisky.
- The dairy and meat sectors were worst impacted, with sales of milk and cream to the EU down 96%, cheese down nearly two thirds, and chicken and beef down by more than three quarters.

Top 10 products exported to the EU			
	Feb 2020	Feb 2021	Change
<b>Whisky</b>	£89.7m	£98.1m	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>Chocolate</b>	£42.1m	£39.8m	<b>-5.4%</b>
<b>Cheese</b>	£41.0m	£14.5m	<b>-64.6%</b>
<b>Beef</b>	£33.5m	£7.5m	<b>-77.6%</b>
<b>Vegetable oils</b>	£29.5m	£7.2m	<b>-75.7%</b>
<b>Lamb and mutton</b>	£28.2m	£23.0m	<b>-18.5%</b>
<b>Fish</b>	£25.6m	£17.6m	<b>-31.4%</b>
<b>Salmon</b>	£25.6m	£22.9m	<b>-10.4%</b>
<b>Milk and cream</b>	£24.2m	£0.9m	<b>-96.4%</b>
<b>Chicken</b>	£23.4m	£4.8m	<b>-79.5%</b>

## Imports

- Imports were down more than 10% in February 2021, driven by a drop of 17% from the EU compared to February 2020 worth more than £425m.
- At the same time, imports from the rest of the world increased by nearly 6%.

UK food and drink imports			
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>All food and drink</b>	£3.5bn	£3.2bn	-10.4%
<b>EU</b>	£2.5bn	£2.1bn	-17.1%
<b>Non-EU</b>	£1.0bn	£1.1bn	5.8%

- Imports from more than half of the EU's Member States fell in February 2020.
- Imports fell from each of the UK's top six suppliers in February 2021, with these countries, all EU Member States, supplying around half of the UK's imported food and drink.

	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>Netherlands</b>	£406.4m	£287.2m	-29.3%
<b>France</b>	£314.0m	£272.2m	-13.3%
<b>Spain</b>	£302.4m	£271.0m	-10.4%
<b>Germany</b>	£336.7m	£238.5m	-29.1%
<b>Ireland</b>	£342.3m	£236.0m	-31.1%
<b>Italy</b>	£208.9m	£208.0m	-0.4%
<b>Poland</b>	£143.3m	£154.8m	8.1%
<b>Belgium</b>	£180.3m	£154.2m	-14.5%
<b>Denmark</b>	£94.0m	£82.8m	-11.9%
<b>Austria</b>	£17.7m	£26.1m	47.1%
<b>Sweden</b>	£33.6m	£21.2m	-37.0%
<b>Greece</b>	£24.0m	£19.2m	-20.0%
<b>Portugal</b>	£19.0m	£19.2m	0.7%
<b>Hungary</b>	£12.2m	£16.2m	33.2%

	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>Lithuania</b>	£11.0m	£14.8m	34.1%
<b>Czech Rep</b>	£11.0m	£12.9m	16.6%
<b>Cyprus</b>	£9.1m	£9.0m	-1.2%
<b>Bulgaria</b>	£7.7m	£6.5m	-15.6%
<b>Romania</b>	£8.7m	£5.6m	-35.3%
<b>Latvia</b>	£2.7m	£4.4m	63.3%
<b>Slovakia</b>	£4.9m	£3.1m	-38.0%
<b>Slovenia</b>	£1.4m	£2.4m	71.1%
<b>Croatia</b>	£1.5m	£1.3m	-15.7%
<b>Finland</b>	£2.2m	£1.1m	-49.5%
<b>Malta</b>	£0.3m	£0.4m	34.5%
<b>Estonia</b>	£0.1m	£0.3m	206.0%
<b>Luxembourg</b>	£0.2m	£0.3m	57.9%

- Imports of the UK's top 10 products all fell in February 2021, except chocolate.
- Pork, chicken and beef were down more than 30% compared to February 2020. Fruit and vegetable imports on which the UK relies during winter, were down by 21% and 13% respectively.

Top 10 products imported from the EU			
	Feb-20	Feb-21	Change
<b>Vegetables</b>	£215.8m	£188.7m	-12.5%
<b>Pork</b>	£162.1m	£102.7m	-36.7%
<b>Fruit</b>	£147.7m	£116.4m	-21.2%
<b>Wine</b>	£135.6m	£117.0m	-13.8%
<b>Chicken</b>	£128.1m	£81.1m	-36.7%
<b>Chocolate</b>	£127.4m	£138.5m	8.7%
<b>Cheese</b>	£117.1m	£92.7m	-20.9%
<b>Savoury snacks</b>	£102.2m	£87.9m	-14.0%
<b>Beef</b>	£82.3m	£55.0m	-33.1%
<b>Soft drinks</b>	£64.2m	£55.2m	-14.0%

Data Source: Her Majesty's Customs & Excise