China

What it produces, exports, imports and uses, among the commodities tracked here

Top-ten producer of

Commodity	World rank	Share of world	Year
Aluminum	1	61%	2025
Antimony	1	36%	2025
Apples	1	52%	2024
Bismuth	1	86%	2025
Cinnamon	1	38%	2024
Coal	1	52%	2025
Cotton	1	23%	2023
Eggs	1	35%	2024

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Top-ten exporter of

Commodity	World rank	Share of world exports	Export value
Apples	1	16%	$1.3 billion
Bismuth	1	52%	$26.8 million
Ginger	1	56%	$722.6 million
Graphite	1	42%	$227.8 million
Magnesium	1	73%	$664.7 million
Plywood	1	27%	$4.6 billion

Commodity	World rank	Share of world exports	Export value
Rare earths	1	38%	$422.1 million
Silicon	1	41%	$1.6 billion

Of $68.5 billion of tracked-commodity exports, 28% is steel, then gold (20%).

Top-ten importer of: antimony (#1), barley (#1), bauxite (#1), beef (#1), beryllium (#1), boron (#1), canola (#1), chicken (#1).

What it uses (FAO food balances, 2023)

Commodity	Domestic supply	kg per person	Self-sufficiency	Imported
Corn	310 million tonnes	7.1	92%	8.3%
Rice	213 million tonnes	130	99%	1.9%
Wheat	158 million tonnes	75	89%	12%
Soybeans	121 million tonnes	5.4	16%	84%
Potatoes	91.1 million tonnes	49	100%	0.3%
Milk	79.7 million tonnes	35	59%	42%

Single-supplier import markets

China buys half or more of its imports from one country in 35 of 69 import markets of $250 million or more: iron ore from Australia (65%); soybeans from Brazil (67%); beef from Brazil (51%); bauxite from Guinea (77%); chromium from South Africa (87%).

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