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Report Highlights:

Germany has no commercial domestic processed sweet corn production. In CY 2002, imports totaled 91,223 MT, thereof 78,107 MT of preserved sweet corn and 13,116 MT of frozen sweet corn. The main supplier to the German market were France, Hungary and Thailand. For preserved sweet corn, the United States was the fifth largest supplier with 1,587 MT.

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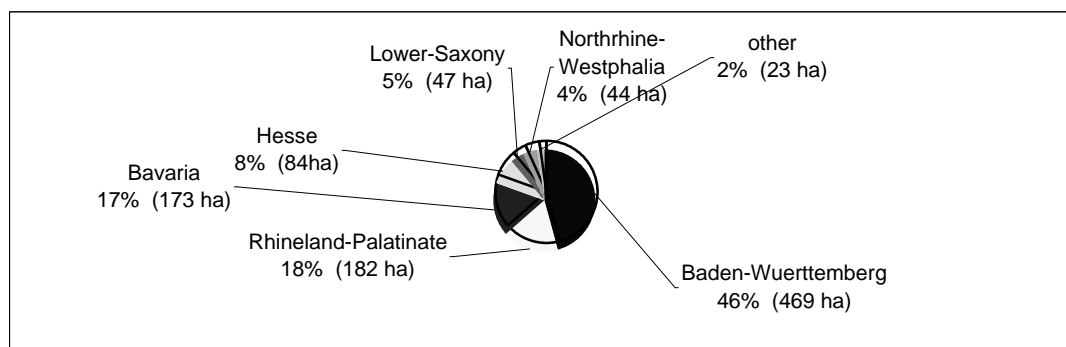
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This report covers sweet corn in tariff codes HS 0710 40 00 (frozen sweet corn) and HS 2005 80 00 (sweet corn prepared or preserved other than by vinegar or acetic acid). In line with the requirement in the reporting schedule, this report only contains trade data and no PSD.

Production

In Germany sweet corn production is growing but is limited by the generally cool weather. Total acreage amounted to 1,022 hectares (ha) in CY 2002, versus 924 ha in CY 2001. The main production area is located in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg (in Southwest Germany). The entire German sweet corn production is consumed fresh as corn on the cob (299,400 pieces in CY 2002).

Chart 1: German Sweet Corn Production by Region in 2002



Consumption

The calculated (from trade data) domestic consumption of canned and frozen sweet corn in CY 2002 amounted to 80,106 MT, which is a decrease of 2 percent compared to 81,790 MT in CY 2001. Data on stocks are not available, which makes it difficult to judge actual consumption. Generally, sweet corn consumption in Germany is increasing, as ethnic food gains popularity. Canned sweet corn is primarily used in salads and as a vegetable side dish. Most frozen sweet corn is further processed into convenience foods.

Trade

Imports

German imports in CY 2002 included 13,116 MT of frozen sweet corn and 78,107 MT of preserved sweet corn. Compared to 2001, this is a decrease of 1 percent and 3 percent, respectively.

For preserved sweet corn, France is traditionally the main supplier to the German market; with a share of 42 percent, followed by Hungary (31 percent), Italy (15 percent) and Thailand (7 percent). The United States ranked number 5 with only 2 percent of the import market or 1,587 MT. This is down considerably from 2,810 MT in CY 2001.

The main supplier of frozen sweet corn in CY 2002 was Hungary with a market share of 49 percent, followed by Belgium (12 percent), Serbia/Montenegro (8 percent), and France (7 percent). There were no U.S. exports of frozen sweet corn to Germany in 2002.

For both frozen and preserved sweet corn, Hungary was able to increase exports to Germany, mostly at the expense of French and Belgian shipments. Belgian sweet corn exports consist of re-processed products, as Belgium does not grow sweet corn domestically.

Exports

Since Germany has no domestic commercial production, German exports of sweet corn are trans-shipments mainly to Austria, France, Great Britain and the Netherlands. Volumes in CY 2002 were 3,892 MT for frozen sweet corn, up 68 percent compared to the previous year, and 7,265 MT for canned sweet corn, down 26 percent.

Statistical Data

Table 1: German Preserved Sweet Corn Imports by Year and Origin*

IMPORTS FROM Country	2001		2002		JAN/JUL 02		JAN/JUL 03	
	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG
U.S.A.	2,810	1.07	1,587	1.28	849	1.38	1,469	1.75
FRANCE	35,569	0.79	33,177	0.86	20,222	0.80	18,404	1.01
HUNGARY	20,720	0.77	24,744	0.85	15,693	0.81	16,901	1.00
THAILAND	8,737	0.88	11,355	0.98	6,099	1.03	6,354	0.85
ITALY	10,186	0.63	5,329	0.67	3,348	0.62	2,430	0.81
NETHERLANDS	41	0.91	1,027	1.06	288	1.12	1,015	1.21
CANADA	629	1.65	455	1.78	247	1.94	369	1.84
CHINA	382	1.17	157	1.31	153	1.22	-	-
UNITED KINGDOM	288	1.31	124	1.45	85	1.49	-	-
SPAIN			70	0.78	43	0.80	-	-
TURKEY			48	0.88	23	0.78	-	-
INDONESIA	83	0.64	23	0.58	-	-	20	0.59
PORTUGAL	1,225	0.98						
BELGIUM	29	0.81						
COTE D'IVOIRE	15	0.80						
SOUTH KOREA							18	1.13
OTHER	18	1.11	12	1.02	-	-	10	0.97
TOTAL	80,730	0.80	78,107	0.88	47,060	0.84	46,991	1.01
INTRA-EU-15	47,338	0.77	39,731	0.84	23,969	0.79	21,856	0.99
EXTRA EU-15	33,392	0.85	38,376	0.92	23,091	0.90	25,134	1.01

* Note: Imports under HS code 2005 80 00

Table 2: German Frozen Sweet Corn Imports by Year and Origin*

IMPORT COUNTRY	2001		2002		JAN/JUL 02		JAN/JUL 03	
	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG	MT	\$/KG
U.S.A.	22	0.99	-	-	-	-	-	-
HUNGARY	5,744	0.54	6,367	0.62	3,234	0.61	6,843	0.73
BELGIUM	1,949	0.82	1,555	0.98	976	0.96	1,284	1.20
SERBIA/MONTENEGRO	1,180	0.51	1,046	0.58	382	0.56	146	0.61
FRANCE	1,284	0.99	974	0.87	621	0.89	600	0.91
NETHERLANDS	861	1.05	788	1.03	402	1.04	966	1.18
POLAND	481	0.53	730	0.57	282	0.52	69	0.70
ISRAEL	487	1.08	636	1.20	287	1.32	37	1.78
SPAIN	723	0.71	529	0.87	437	0.83	196	1.08
CHINA			177	1.24	140	1.21	77	1.22
ICELAND			146	0.94	144	0.91		
SLOVAKIA	125	0.51						
GREECE	109	0.92						
THAILAND							33	1.35
OTHER	267	1.13	168	0.91	76	0.70	24	1.36
TOTAL	13,233	0.70	13,116	0.76	6,979	0.76	10,273	0.86
INTRA-EU-15	4,940	0.89	3,893	0.94	2,481	0.92	3,045	1.13
EXTRA EU-15	8,293	0.58	9,224	0.68	4,498	0.67	7,228	0.74

* Note: Imports under HS code 0710 40 00