

## Agri-imports

8.49 The imports of agricultural products increased to \$2.8 billion in 2002-03 from \$2.3 billion in 2001-02. The share of agri-imports in total merchandise imports increased from 4.5 per cent to 4.6 per cent over the same period (Table 8.24). Edible oil, which accounts

for almost two-thirds of the total agri-imports, is the single largest item of agri-imports in to the country. The dominant share of this item continued to persist even in 2003-04. Imports of pulses are also significant and accounted for 20-30 per cent of agri-imports, although its share declined to 14 per cent in 2003-04.

Table 8.24 : Agricultural imports								
	2001-02		2002-03		2002-03 (April-Feb.)		2003-04 (April-Feb.)	
	Million US Dollar	Percent share of agri- imports	Million US Dollar	Percent share of agri- imports	Million US Dollar	Percent share of agri- imports	Million US Dollar	Percent share of agri- imports
1 Cereals	18.2	0.8	24.5	0.9	22.5	0.9	15.9	0.5
2 Pulses	662.6	28.9	565.6	20.2	529.5	20.9	449.9	13.7
3 Milk & Cream	1.8	0.1	2.0	0.1	1.7	0.1	19.3	0.6
4 Cashew Nuts	90.4	3.9	256.1	9.1	250.4	9.9	290.6	8.9
5 Fruits & Nuts Excl. Cashew Nuts	158.7	6.9	132.6	4.7	119.1	4.7	150.2	4.6
6 Sugar	6.8	0.3	6.8	0.2	6.7	0.3	9.2	0.3
7 Oil Seeds	0.3	0.0	2.4	0.1	2.3	0.1	2.5	0.1
8 Vegetable Oils Fixed(Edible)	1355.6	59.1	1814.2	64.7	1597.4	63.1	2344.7	71.4
<b>Agricultural Imports</b>	<b>2294.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2804.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2529.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3282.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>51413.3</b>		<b>61412.1</b>		<b>54877.9</b>		<b>69034.6</b>	
<b>Agri Import as per cent of Total Imports</b>	<b>4.5</b>		<b>4.6</b>			<b>4.6</b>		<b>4.8</b>

Source : DGCI&S, Kolkata