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Appendix B

The Commodity Composition of U.S. Exports

TABLE B-1
*Percentage Share of Commodity Classes in U.S.
Total Export Value, Selected Periods, 1881-1960*

Years	Total (1)	Finished Manufactures (2)	Semimanu- factures (3)	Crude Materials (4)	Foods (6)	Crude ^a Cotton (6)
		<i>Range</i>				
1881-1900	100	12-24	4-11	24-40	37-53	15-33
1901-1910	100	22-29	10-16	28-34	22-38	21-28
1926-1930	100	42-50	14-15	22-27	14-18	13-18
1951-1960	100	56-70	9-17	10-17	10-15	3-8
		<i>Average</i>				
1881-1900	100	17	7	33	43	26
1901-1910	100	26	13	31	31	24
1926-1930	100	45	14	24	16	16
1951-1960	100	61	13	13	13	5

^aIncluded in crude materials.

Source

Cols. 2-5: Dept. of Commerce, *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, 1911, 1944-45, 1960, 1962.

Col. 6: 1881-1910, Robert E. Lipsey, *Price and Quantity Trends in the Foreign Trade of the United States*, Princeton for NBER, 1963; 1926-30, *Survey of Current Business*, 1940 Supplement; 1951-60, *Business Statistics*, Washington, 1961.

TABLE B-2

Percentage Share of Commodities in Major Classes of U.S. Exports, Selected Years, 1879-1960

	1879	1889	1899	1913	1923	1929--	1958-60 Average
I. Foods	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Grains	63.1	42.4	49.1	40.3	37.4	38.0	55.5
Fruits			1.1	6.8	8.3	18.0	9.6
Vegetables				1.5	2.2	3.2	5.0
Meats	17.4	23.5	21.5	14.9	18.5	10.4	4.1
Vegetable oils and fats	2.0	3.4	5.3	9.3	3.0	4.1	4.0
Dairy products	4.4	4.2	1.7	0.5	3.3	2.3	3.7
Lard, oleo, and products	6.3	11.3	9.8	16.8	17.8	15.4	2.3
Total accounted for	93.2	84.8	88.5	90.1	90.5	91.4	84.2
II. Crude Materials	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cotton	81.6	80.5	67.7	74.6	66.5	67.5	31.7
Coal		1.9	5.6	8.7	12.7	8.6	18.9
Tobacco	6.2	6.6	10.6	6.9	12.6	12.8	16.3
Oilseeds						0.1	13.5
Animal and fish oils					0.5	0.5	4.8
Hides and skins excl. furs					0.4	0.6	2.9
Furs	2.7	1.7	1.2	2.1	1.5	2.5	1.8
Total accounted for	90.5	90.7	85.1	92.3	94.2	92.6	89.9

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TABLE B-2 (concluded)

	1879	1889	1899	1913	1923	1929	1958-60 Average
III. Semi manufactured Products	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chemicals and products	11.4	6.6	7.1	5.0	11.7	10.1	17.6
Nonferrous metals	12.5	4.3	30.6	38.0	25.5	29.5	15.6
Iron and steel products			6.1	10.5	12.2	14.2	13.5
Spirits of turpentine and rosin	12.6	13.9	8.0	5.2	4.1	4.3	9.1
Wood and products	35.6	40.9	21.6	21.1	20.3	16.8	7.2
Textiles and products				1.4	3.0	3.6	6.8
Rubber and products						0.6	5.9
Petroleum and products		4.6	5.3	4.3	8.3	8.4	3.5
Leather and products	19.4	21.9	15.4	8.9	7.5	5.9	1.0
Total accounted for	91.5	92.2	94.1	94.4	92.6	93.4	80.2
IV. Finished Manufactures	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Machinery and equipment	11.8	18.5	28.2	28.7	22.1	24.2	34.0
Automotive vehicles and parts				4.4	11.4	23.3	26.9
Iron and steel products	6.9	7.4	17.2	15.7	10.9	7.2	5.7
Textiles	15.9	10.5	11.1	9.0	12.1	7.1	4.2
Chemicals				2.8	3.3	2.6	2.8
Petroleum products	41.5	38.2	21.8	17.7	20.2	18.2	2.7
Wood products			3.6	2.8	1.8	1.0	2.4
Tobacco products	2.6	3.1	1.9	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.8
Total accounted for	78.7	77.7	83.8	82.0	83.6	84.4	79.5

Notes to Table B-2

1879-1923: Lipsey, *Price and Quantity Trends*, Table A-12.

1929: *Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the U.S.*, Washington, 1930.

1958-60: "Export Trade by Commodity," FT 930-E, Dept. of Commerce, May 1960 and 1961, and *Quarterly Summary of Foreign Commerce*, Jan.-Dec. 1958, 1959, 1960.