



# SELECTED FOOD IMPORTS

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2019 Selected Food Imports					
Meats & Seafood	Fresh/ Chilled/ Frozen	Prepared & Preserved	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	% Chg.
Beef & Veal	\$15,965,000	\$687,000	\$16,652,000	\$13,243,000	25.7
Poultry	\$12,218,000	\$2,364,000	\$14,582,000	\$12,519,000	16.5
Fish	\$6,276,182	\$1,916,342	\$8,192,524	\$5,996,243	36.6
Seafood	\$2,235,335	\$1,270,000	\$3,505,335	\$3,188,937	9.9
Pork	\$3,217,000	\$2,025,000	\$5,242,000	\$4,507,000	16.3
Lamb, Sheep, Goat	\$891,000	\$0	\$891,000	\$892,000	-0.1
Fruits & Vegetables	FCF	P&P	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	% Chg.
Fruits	\$3,312,000	\$618,000	\$3,930,000	\$3,232,285	21.6
Vegetables	\$2,230,487	\$3,444,000	\$5,674,487	\$5,075,435	11.8
Dairy	FCF	P&P	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	% Chg.
Butter	\$502,000	\$0	\$502,000	\$618,000	-18.8
Cheese	\$4,268,000	\$0	\$4,268,000	\$3,498,000	22.0
Eggs	\$1,113,000	\$0	\$1,113,000	\$1,456,000	-23.6
Milk	\$3,752,461	\$56,000	\$3,808,461	\$2,848,000	33.7
Starch	FCF	P&P	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	% Chg.
Pasta	\$0	\$1,343,405	\$1,343,405	\$1,035,301	29.8
Rice	\$0	\$1,463,000	\$1,463,000	\$1,567,000	-6.6
Beverages	FCF	Concentrate	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	% Chg.
Juices	\$4,234,695	\$1,676,047	\$5,910,742	\$5,087,799	16.2
Alcoholic Beverages	\$0	\$37,969,722	\$37,969,722	\$36,566,350	3.8
Coffee	\$688,110	\$246,993	\$935,103	\$507,353	84.3
Teas	\$109,711	\$86,000	\$195,711	\$130,865	49.6
Water	\$0	\$6,221,091	\$6,221,091	\$7,358,117	-15.5
Sugars & Sweeteners	FCF	P&P	2019 TOTAL	2018 TOTAL	% Chg.
Sugars & Sweeteners	\$0	\$614,333	\$614,333	\$533,487	15.2
Cane Molasses	\$0	\$3,351,241	\$3,351,241	\$5,309,672	-36.9
Confectionary	\$0	\$687,719	\$687,719	\$579,508	18.7
Cocoa	\$0	\$1,387,786	\$1,387,786	\$1,383,000	0.3
			<b>\$128,440,660</b>	<b>\$117,132,352</b>	<b>9.7</b>

## U.S. & Foreign Imported Food Products to the USVI: January to December 2019

The *Selected Food Imports Annual Review* is a report that gives data on frequently imported Food items from the United States and Foreign countries to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

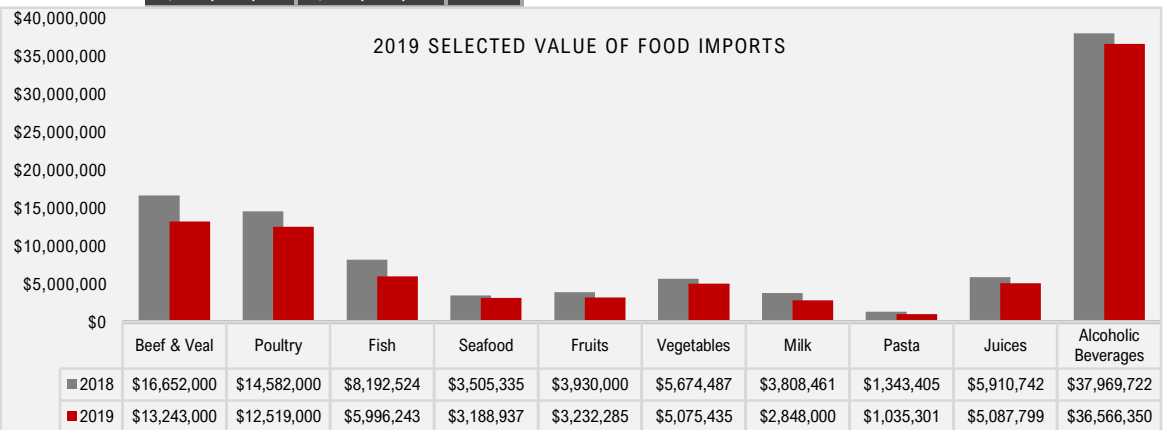
The Food Imports are generally separated by three (3) preservation groups for import; "Fresh/Chilled/Frozen", "Prepared & Preserved" food and "Concentrate" for Beverages. Food Products under the Fresh/Chilled/Frozen group are food products that are fresh, and/or had to be frozen or chilled during and after importation. Prepared & Preserved food products are foods that has been well-preserved without cold or chilled temperatures, for example secured in cans or airtight bags. Concentrate is a juice where the water content from the fruit has been removed. Juice concentrate is generally frozen and is prepared for consumption by mixing with water. Since the concentrate can be frozen, it's shelf-life is extended dramatically.

In 2019 the total value of Selected Food Imports to the USVI increased by 9.7 percent. Despite the overall increases of Food Imports in 2019, some selected food imports has experienced decreases in value such as; Rice which decreased by -6.6 percent in 2019, Butter declined by -18.8 percent, Eggs declined by -23.6 percent and Cane Molasses which was decreasing in 2018 imports also continued to decreased by -36.9 percent in imports value for 2019.

Selected imported items that saw increases in imports value in 2019 includes; Beef & Veal which increased by \$3,409,000 in imports value, Pork by \$2,109,000, Fish increased by \$2,196,281 and Fruits increased by \$697,715 in imports value in 2019.

The Grand Total of 2019 "Selected Food Imports" to the USVI summed to **\$128,496,660** a **\$11,364,308 value increase when compared to 2018's \$117,132,352 in Selected Food Imports value to the U.S. Virgin Islands.**

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<b>Selected Food Imports 2019</b>	
Total Selected Food Imports increased by <b>9.7%</b> in 2019 Imports Value	
<b>2019 Total Food:</b>	<b>\$128,440,660</b>
United States	\$111,105,521
Foreign Regions	\$17,335,139
<b>2018 Total Food:</b>	<b>\$117,059,352</b>
United States	\$92,470,000
Foreign Regions	\$24,589,352



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