

5 AGRICULTURE

Legislation and Acts

5.1 Legislation Affecting Land Management

Since 1994 a number of other pieces of legislation directly or indirectly affecting land management, have been passed in Trinidad and Tobago or are in the form of Bills which are awaiting the necessary legislative Parliamentary Procedure for passage. Some of these pieces of legislation, either create state land management responsibilities for newly formed statutory bodies, or create the responsibility for land management in an indirect way. Among the more important pieces of legislation are:-

- (i) The Environmental Management Act
- (ii) The Tobago House of Assembly Act
- (iii) The Planning and Development of Land Bill
- (iv) The State Lands (Regularization of Tenure) Act
- (v) The Agricultural Small Holdings Tenure Bill
- (vi) The National Parks and Other Protected Areas Bill
- (vii) The Municipal Corporations Act
- (viii) The Tourism and Industrial Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited
- (ix) Vesting Order Act.

5.1.1 Current Acts pertaining to the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources

- (i) **Leases of State Lands (Validation) Act, 2003**
This is the Leases of State Lands (Validation) Act No .11 of 2003.
- (ii) **The State Lands (Amendment) Act, 2003**
This is an amendment to the State Lands Act Chapter 57:01 by Act No.10 of 2003.
- (iii) **The Plant Protection (Amendment) Act, 2001**
AN ACT to amend the Plant Protection Act, 1975. Act 2 of 2001
- (iv) **The Praedial Larceny Prevention Act - Revised Edition**
This is the Praedial Larceny (Prevention) Act Chapter 10:03 of the 1980 revised

- Laws of Trinidad and Tobago, as amended by Act No.56 of 2000. Revised edition prepared by the Law Revision Commission and is available from the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources and the Government Printery.
- (v) **The Land Adjudication Act, 2000**
AN ACT to provide for the adjudication of rights and interests in land and for purposes connected therewith or incidental thereto. Act No 14 of 2000
 - (vi) **The Land Tribunal Act, 2000**
AN ACT to establish a Land Tribunal to hear and determine appeals from any decision made in the course of the Land Adjudication process, and from the decision of any other body relating to the use and enjoyment of land, the division, the development and the compulsory acquisition of land, and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. Act No 15 of 2000.
 - (vii) **The Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act, 2000**
AN ACT to amend the Land Acquisition Act, 1994. Act No. 73 of 2000
 - (viii) **The Registration of Deeds - (Amendment) Act, 2000**
AN ACT to amend the Registration of Deeds Act, Chap. 19:06. Act 75 of 2000
 - (ix) **The Registration of Titles to Land Act, 2000**
AN ACT to provide for a register of land titles, and to provide for the registration of estates and interests in land, in that register. Act No. 16 of 2000
 - (x) **The Forest (Amendment) Act 1999**
AN ACT to amend the Forests Act, Chap. 66:01. Act No. 23 of 1999
 - (xi) **Land Surveyors Act, 1996** (Parts [a](#), [b](#) and [c](#))
An Act to provide for the registration of Land Surveyors, Trinidad and Tobago Land Surveyors and Land Surveying Graduates, for the regulation of the practice of surveying and for other connected matters. Act No. 33 of 1996
 - (xii) **State Land (Regularisation of Tenure Act 1998** (Parts [a](#) and [b](#))
An Act to protect certain squatters from ejection from State Land; to facilitate the acquisition of leasehold titles by both squatters and tenants in designated areas and to provide for the establishment of land settlement areas.
 - (xiii) **Livestock and Livestock Products Board Act 1997** An Act
to establish the Livestock and Livestock Products Board and for matters incidental thereto. Act No. 40 of 1997
 - (xiv) **The Sugar Industry Control Board (Repeal) Act, 1995**
An Act to repeal the Sugar Industry Control Board Act, Chap. 64:03. Act No. 15 of 1995.

- (xv) **The Agricultural Development Bank (Amendment) Act, 1995**
An Act to amend the Agricultural Development Bank Act, Chap. 79:07. Act No. 8 of 1995
- (xvi) **The Land Acquisition Act, 1994 (Parts [a](#), [b](#) and [c](#))**
An Act to govern the Acquisition of Land for Public Purposes Act No. 28 of 1994
- (xvii) **The Agricultural Small Holdings Tenure Act - Unofficial Revised Edition**
This is the Agricultural Small Holdings Tenure Act Chapter 59:53 as amended by Act No.16 of 1987. The Act and amendments are available from the Government Printery.

5.2 Foreign Trade of Agricultural Food Items

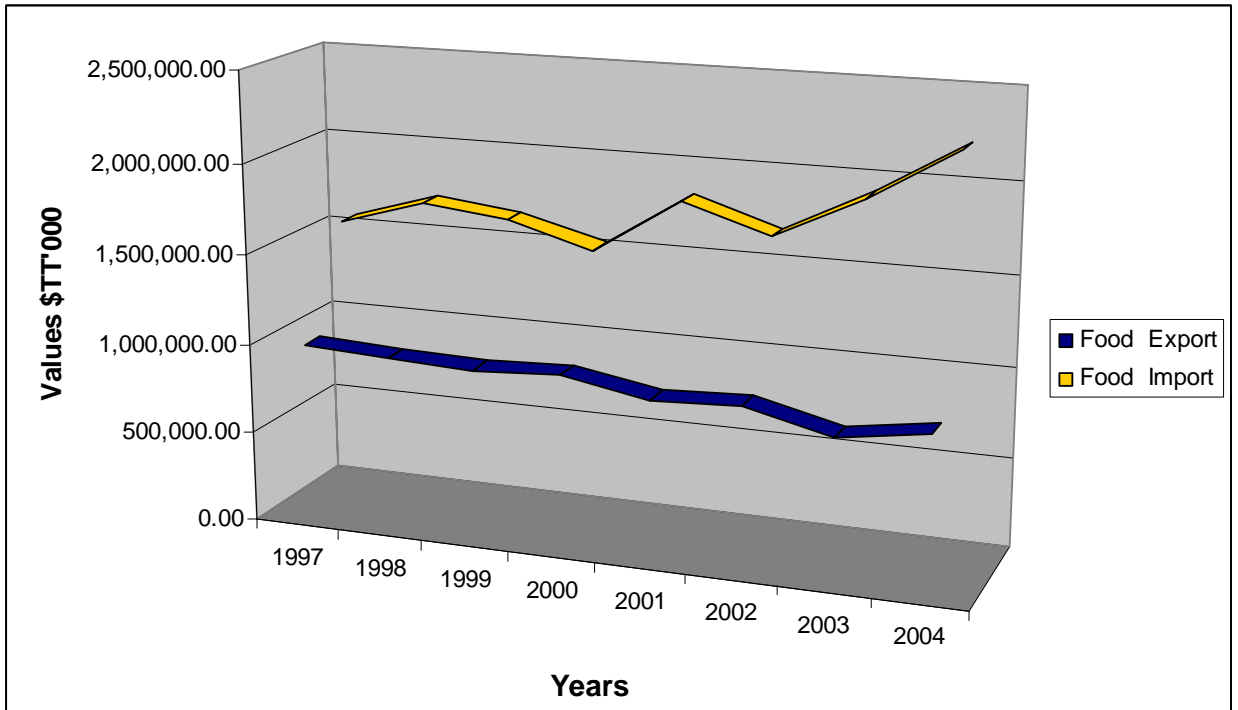
Historically to the present, data for Trinidad and Tobago has revealed that this country has always had a very high food import bill, especially in recent years where rapidly changing global trade practices with relatively open economies and trading barriers are being removed or slowly eroded. Table 5.4 demonstrates the disparities between the value of food exported and imported over the period 1997 to 2004. This disparity has shown a wide increased (see Figure 5.1) especially in the years 2003 and 2004.

TOTAL FOOD IMPORTS AND EXPORTS 1997-2004 (TT\$'000)

Year	Food Export	Food Import	Net Food Import Bill
1997	984,590.6	1,559,140.8	(574,550.2)
1998	957,386.6	1,700,752.7	(743,366.1)
1999	938,870.3	1,652,565.8	(713,695.5)
2000	962,485.8	1,519,907.7	(557,421.9)
2001	874,438.0	1,830,907.1	(956,469.1)
2002	897,802.6	1,681,284.2	(783,481.6)
2003	784,332.3	1,919,240.2	(1,134,907.9)
2004	855,150.6	2,215,443.1	(1,360,292.5)

Source: Trade Statistics, CSO

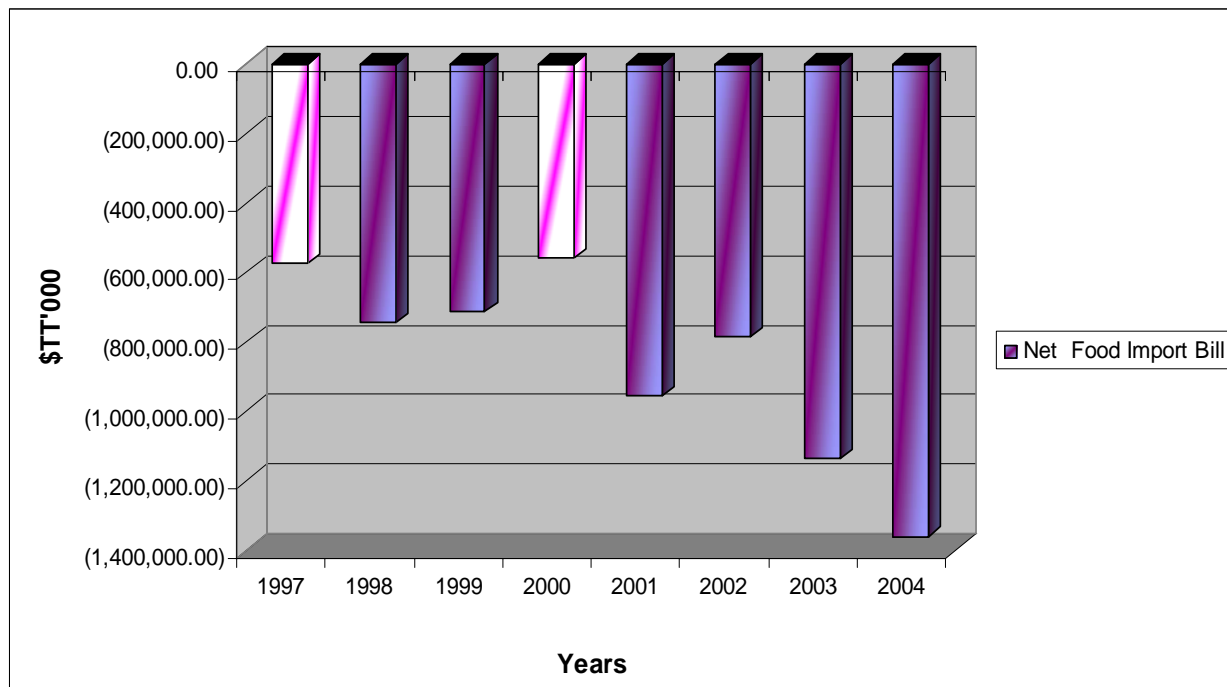
**Total Food Imports and Exports 1997-2004
(\$TT'000)**



Source: Trade Statistics, CSO

The Net Food Import Bill (1997-2004) has been steadily increasing over the period as shown by the larger deficits in the (\$TT 000) value for the amount of food imported. (Figure 5.2)

Net Food Import Bill 1997-2004



Source: Trade Statistics, CSO

Tables 5.3 a, b and c in this section show the quantity of imports, exports and domestic exports of selected food items over the period 1995 to 2003. Some of the items selected includes: Meat and Meat Preparations; Dairy Products and Eggs; Vegetables and Fruits; Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Spices; Feeding Stuff for Animals and Miscellaneous Food Preparation.

Total Domestic Exports of Selected Food Items 1995-2004

Year	Exports (CIF) Quantity in Kgs									
	Live Animals Excluding Division 03	Meat, Meat Preparation	Dairy Products and Birds' Eggs	Fish, Fish Preparation	Cereal, Cereal Preparation	Vegetables and Fruits	Sugar, Sugar Preparations and Honey	Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, and Spices	Feeding Stuff for Animals	Miscellaneous Food Preparation
1995	19,865	764,571	5,064,722	4,802,255	65,602,112	10,714,175	96,664,322	3,649,720	54,398,505	43,664,520
1996	10,786	1,136,418	4,133,871	5,578,808	14,717,536	11,444,640	52,595,907	3,715,414	59,397,551	9,401,245
1997	15,123	1,338,744	4,593,145	10,192,957	19,121,049	13,328,974	83,031,049	12,685,362	47,156,996	8,693,725
1998	16,256	1,275,835	3,300,262	6,989,756	20,640,709	36,586,406	62,257,867	3,195,835	15,299,771	29,590,527
1999	20,316	2,121,888	3,171,612	7,324,220	19,269,271	78,508,728	68,844,073	7,281,521	15,576,395	17,716,380
2000	17,053	1,541,445	3,534,795	4,173,704	41,468,636	18,591,047	74,802,770	3,362,175	7,904,034	10,879,559
2001	27,902	1,162,408	2,401,780	4,499,000	27,041,923	17,932,771	64,068,354	2,370,623	16,926,044	9,942,959
2002	32,290	1,145,593	2,782,686	3,957,952	29,735,323	16,718,712	40,543,840	2,799,958	11,035,889	10,460,348
2003	75,166	1,041,635	2,488,992	3,082,571	24,509,054	15,370,740	15,172,351	3,311,518	25,337,097	11,158,095
2004	15,800	1,083,972	2,363,113	2,574,813	23,573,082	27,843,273	41,260,190	51,937,598	51,937,598	91,687,783

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1995	21,330	885,798	9,731,768	4,945,062	68,224,265	15,487,038	96,666,952	3,680,106	54,496,775	43,693,346
1996	15,692	1,261,216	5,049,944	5,739,733	16,612,902	15,055,279	52,597,552	3,728,695	60,160,933	9,476,092
1997	17,508	1,421,850	5,337,282	10,304,892	19,355,217	24,345,147	83,040,803	12,699,948	47,229,486	8,761,963
1998	19,610	1,346,354	4,063,037	8,632,772	21,708,342	39,092,727	62,264,937	3,320,596	15,318,956	29,649,952
1999	20,505	2,181,259	3,707,002	8,158,274	19,555,019	81,911,304	68,907,058	7,521,923	15,587,470	17,808,776
2000	17,662	1,607,404	4,255,335	4,366,714	41,765,255	20,171,935	74,837,256	3,416,897	7,937,562	11,076,770
2001	30,297	1,231,628	2,954,597	5,091,172	27,355,144	20,247,081	64,097,994	2,437,758	16,937,096	10,032,650

2002	34,383	1,234,801	3,054,659	5,076,099	30,000,855	18,074,296	40,581,154	2,887,319	11,059,938	10,554,361
2003	75,551	1,067,061	2,734,270	4,006,386	26,944,115	16,845,456	15,188,645	3,452,988	25,342,271	11,366,333
2004	16,623	1,114,600	2,614,280	3,091,970	114,433,814	29,197,956	41,304,650	4,132,028	112,929,315	10,284,781

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1995	24,022	13,786,553	19,837,862	3,054,819	324,028,939	171,682,819	27,794,055	2,840,013	42,037,880	9,198,786
1996	15,810	10,213,376	17,902,234	3,128,130	272,451,175	117,366,251	34,048,342	2,681,771	39,395,145	9,256,989
1997	15,647	11,437,737	17,836,911	3,078,382	347,115,820	224,881,988	46,363,954	3,333,014	98,959,620	8,750,123
1998	65,408	15,387,169	22,438,004	26,252,589	59,824,418	85,849,122	83,299,234	3,227,132	81,975,334	9,366,183
1999	19,485	13,378,509	23,130,183	4,249,693	276,527,173	125,219,895	73,158,930	4,707,536	82,550,896	76,672,383
2000	18,627	15,156,960	26,168,041	3,572,167	265,514,801	142,153,979	64,769,556	9,253,005	135,081,797	11,849,558
2001	20,987	14,434,970	25,581,693	5,373,616	157,979,809	92,935,955	67,260,032	8,795,817	130,494,851	14,683,389
2002	51,428	13,691,270	38,974,926	8,566,559	231,951,718	84,215,965	43,844,542	4,836,023	85,333,781	14,567,914
2003	40,370	17,445,266	25,436,232	6,976,125	157,297,558	133,905,056	126,480,148	5,427,938	56,609,573	15,716,697
2004	44,055	20,567,949	27,666,507	8,314,098	150,026,940	157,771,375	112,958,399	5,293,968	93,493,176	16,776,037

* Total Export = Domestic Export + Re-exports

Source: Trade Statistics, CSO

SUPPLY OF MEAT¹ (EXCLUDING POULTRY), 1992-2004 BY KIND OF MEAT

YEAR	TOTAL			BEEF AND VEAL			PORK			MUTTON ²		
	Total	Local Production	Imports	Total	Local Production ³	Imports	Total	Local Production	Imports	Total	Local Production	Imports
'000 KG												
1992	8,975	3,502	5,473	4,801	989	3,812	2,645	2,458	187	1,529	55	1,474
1993	10,761	2,991	7,770	6,397	1,007	5,390	2,232	1,938	294	2,132	46	2,086
1994	8,111	2,797	5,314	4,841	1,148	3,693	2,121	1,592	529	1,149	57	1,092
1995	6,813	2,829	3,984	3,604	1,175	2,429	1,905	1,585	320	1,304	69	1,235
1996 [†]	7,947	2,897	5,050	3,712	1,210	2,502	3,442	1,625	1,817	793	62	731
1997 [†]	9,936	3,207	6,729	4,269	1,069	3,200	3,568	2,076	1,492	2,099	62	2,037
1998	9,857	2,829	7,028	4,394	914	3,480	4,009	1,878	2,131	1,454	37	1,417
1999	10,195	2,926	7,269	4,576	982	3,594	4,424	1,924	2,500	1,195	20	1,175
2000	8,401	2,514	5,887	3,862	810	3,052	3,837	1,693	2,144	702	11	691
2001	9,613	2,883	6,730	3,767	823	2,944	4,874	2,039	2,835	972	21	951
2002	9,401	3,810	5,591	3,588	848	2,740	5,239	2,935	2,304	574	27	547
2003	12,842	3,522	9,320	4,629	762	3,867	7,247	2,734	4,513	966	26	940
2004	12,461	3,236	9,225	5,093	707	4,386	6,101	2,513	3,678	1,177	16	1,161

Source: CSO Annual Statistical Digest 2001&2002

¹ Supply = Production + Imports (Exports are negligible)

² Includes goats and sheep

³ Local production refers to meat passing through municipal and government-controlled abattoirs and excluded private slaughtering.

[†] From 1996, figures were revised as only Pig Trotters were shown in the import of Pork. The figure now shows imports of Fresh, Frozen and Chilled Pork as well as Pig Trotters.