The regions whose international trade relies most on the export of primary goods are Central Africa, the Middle East, Northern Africa and South America. The lowest proportions of exports that are primary goods are from Japan and Eastern Asia.

Between 1990 and 2002, the value of all exports of primary goods has risen from US$ 1755 billion to 3293 billion.

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