

NOTE: All of the following graphs were adapted from TradeData International's report *An Analysis of Trade in Seaweed and Other Algae, Fresh or Dried Whether or not Ground*

http://www.tradedata.net/resources/trade_seaweed%20and%20other%20algae.doc

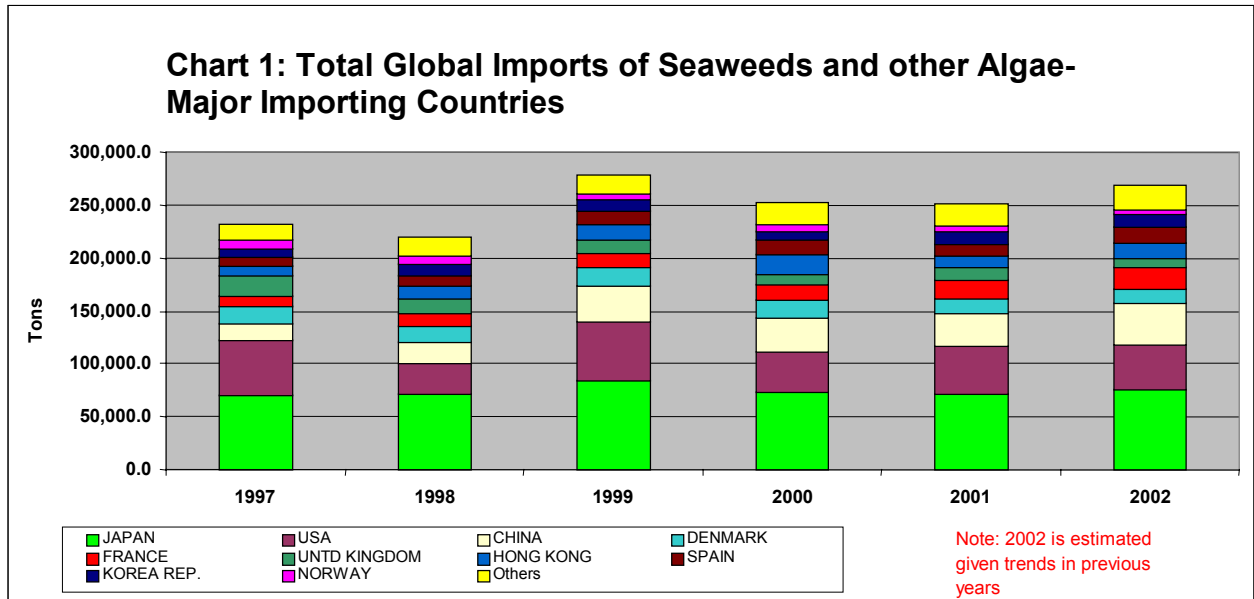


Chart 1. Global imports of Seaweed and other algae, fresh or dried. Japan, USA and to a lesser extent China account for more than 50 per cent of world trade. Denmark, France, UK and Hong Kong are also important importers. Total import volumes have been steady over the last five years at between 250,000 to 270,000 tons per year. (Example analysis of above graph: In 1997 the total imports of seaweeds were roughly 237,000 tons. USA imported around 55,000 tons of seaweed. So, USA imported about 23% of the total imports of seaweeds)

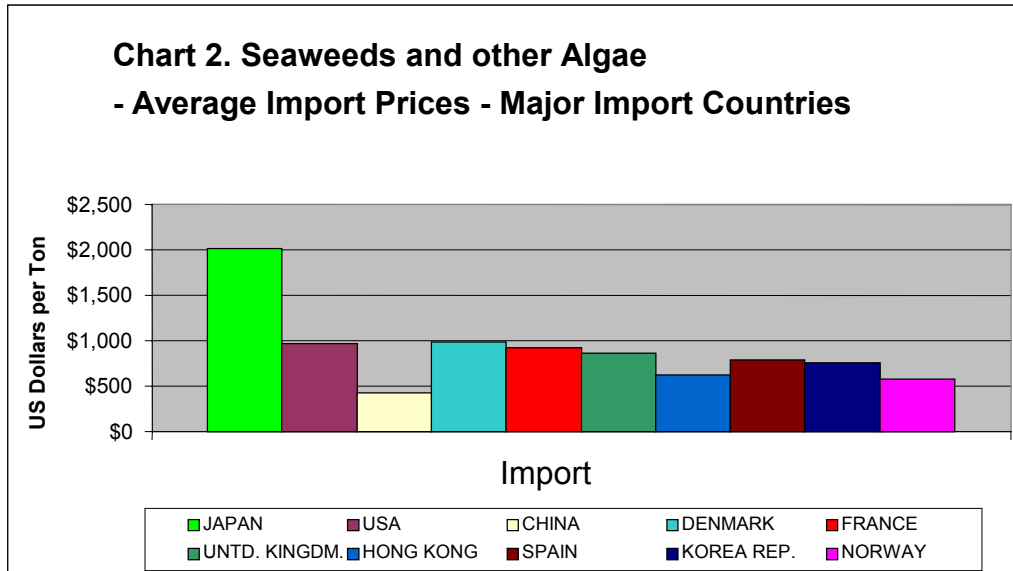


Chart 2. Average prices paid by the major importing countries. Japan has the highest import price for seaweed at a little over \$2,000 per ton. The average import price paid by the top importing countries is close to \$890 per ton.

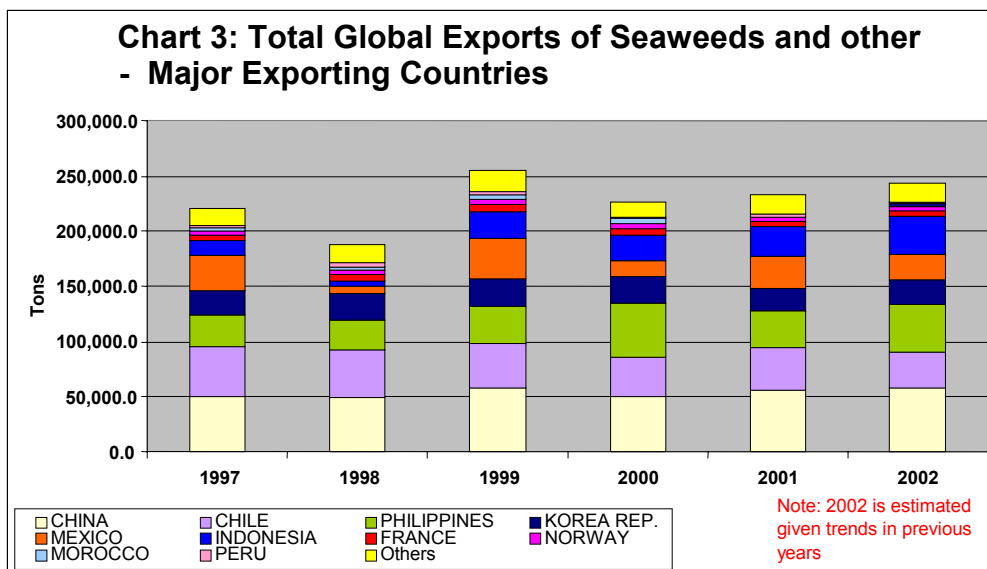


Chart 3. Global export trade of Seaweed and other algae, fresh or dried. (Sample analysis of above graph: The total global imports of seaweeds were around 224,000 tons. If China exported 50,000 tons of seaweed, it contributed roughly 22% of the total global imports of seaweeds.)

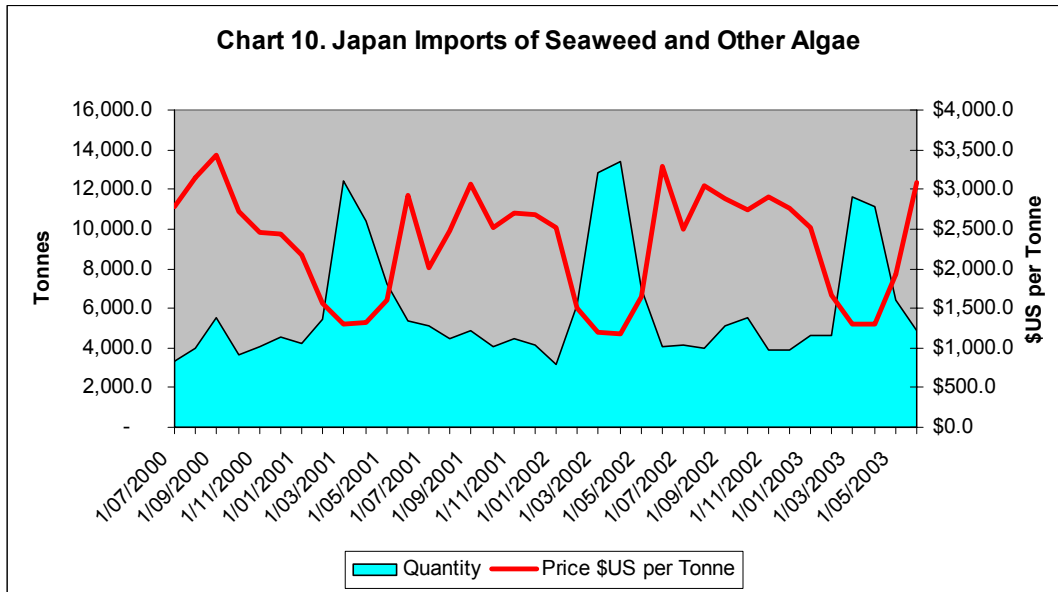


Chart 10. Japanese imports of Seaweeds by month, by volume, and average prices.

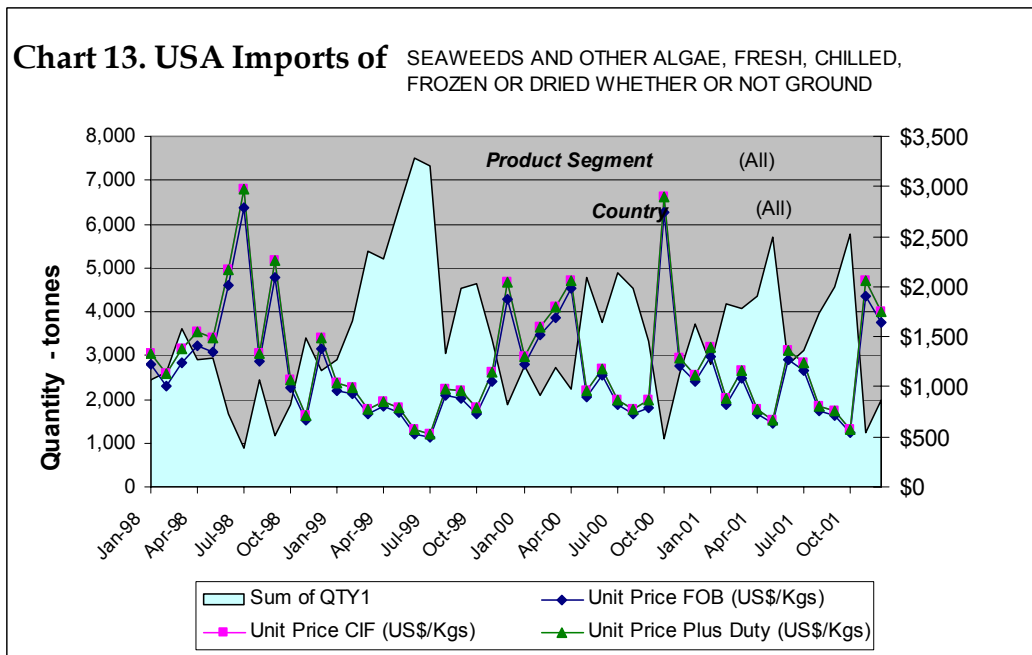


Chart 13. USA imports of Seaweeds and other Algae by month, by volume, and average price.

Chart 14. USA Imports by Country of Origin by Year

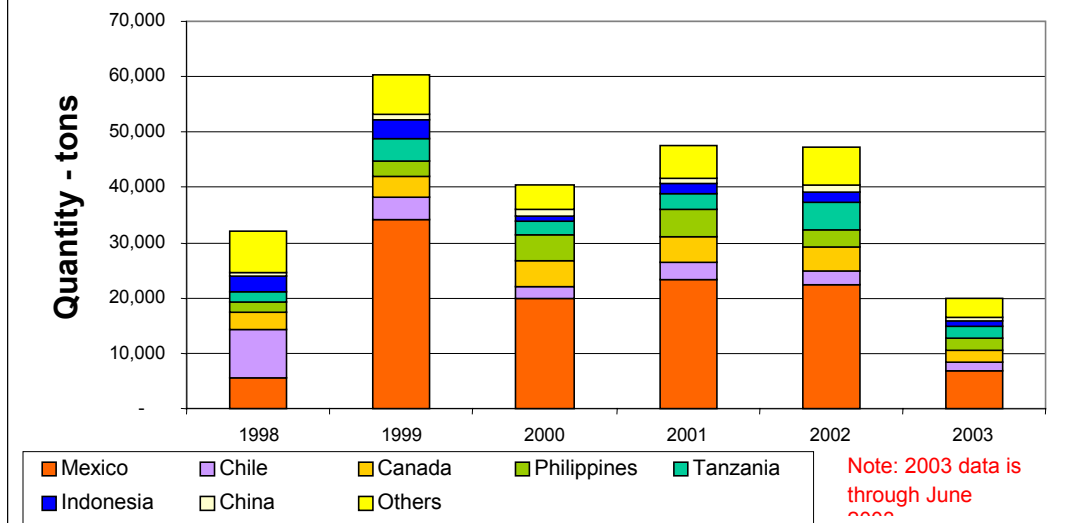


Chart 14. USA imports by major countries of origin, by year. Mexico contributes about 50%

percent of the U.S.'s imports of seaweed. (Sample analysis of the above graph: The total imports of seaweed in the U.S. in 2001 were about 47,000 tons. If Mexico contributed about 23,000 tons, this means that Mexico contributed 49% of the total imports of seaweed in the U.S. in 2001.)