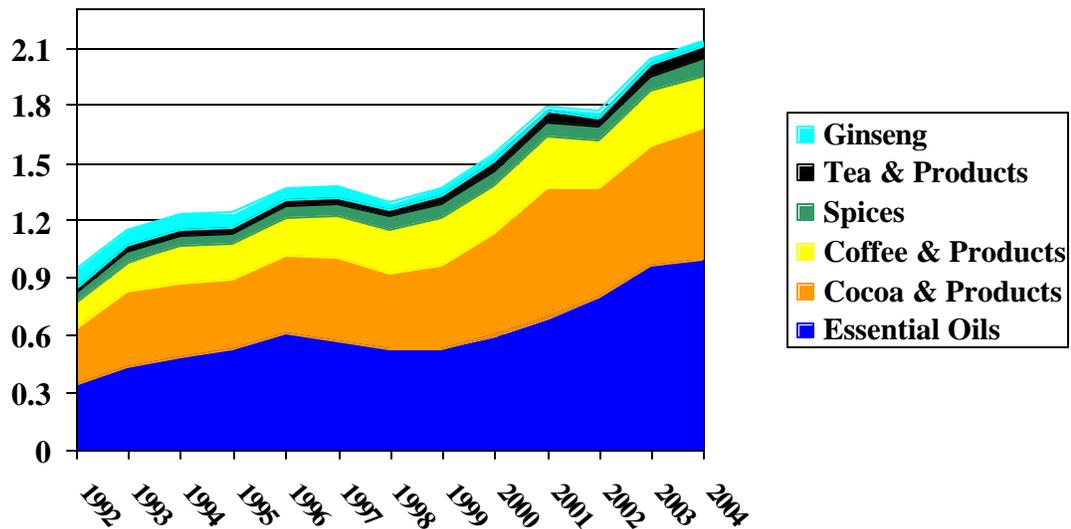




Tropical Products: World Markets and Trade

U.S. Exports of Tropical Products* Climbed Again in 2004

\$ Billion



*Essential Oils and Ginseng are included in this total.

U.S. tropical product exports--essential oils, cocoa and cocoa products, coffee and coffee products, spices, tea (including herbal) and tea products, and ginseng—rose nearly 5 percent to \$2.14 billion in calendar year (CY) 2004. U.S. exports of essential oils reached a new record of nearly \$1 billion, up 3 percent from 2003. The value of ginseng exports in 2004 declined somewhat to \$33.1 million. U.S. exports of cocoa and cocoa products increased to \$680.8 million, up nearly 9 percent from the previous year, but still down from the \$685.7-million level of 2001. Note: Essential oils and ginseng export statistics are also included in the export value total for horticultural products.