

## Module 7      Unit Title 4

### Current Issues in Ag Trade: Resources to assist clients in participating in International trade

Time needed to complete unit      60 minutes

Why is this important to know?      Resources would be appropriate to help clients learn more about International trade.

Objectives/Purpose      Explore appropriate web sites on various aspects of international trade.

#### How to use this information

Review the three sites in the supporting materials for further exploration of international trade. The Agricultural Marketing Resource Center provides a wide array of issues ranging from unresolved biotechnology issues, global market for fresh produce, geographical property rights, meat traceability to name a few. It also has information on general country and agricultural information, exchange rates, trade barriers, regulatory considerations, and the World Trade Organization. Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States (FATUS) is a standard USDA aggregation of several thousand HTS codes into 213 agricultural groups most used by the public. USDA Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) [U.S. Trade Internet System](#) contains information on the [country composition of FATUS regions](#) and the HTS content of FATUS commodity groups for [exports](#) and [imports](#).

Supporting materials      Activity 1: [www.agmrc.org/markets/foodinternational.html](http://www.agmrc.org/markets/foodinternational.html)  
International Food Issues

Activity 2: [www.agmrc.org/markets/international.html](http://www.agmrc.org/markets/international.html)  
International Markets

Activity 3: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/fatus>  
United States Department of Agriculture  
foreign agricultural trade data