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Among the agricultural commodities imported by India, which one of the following accounts for the highest imports in terms of value in the last five years? (a) Spices (b) Fresh fruits (c) Pulses (d) Vegetable oils Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Spices are imported, but their value is far below vegetable oils. Not the key.

(b)

(b) Fresh fruits (including apples, dry fruits in some baskets) are a large line, still below edible oils. Not the key.

(c)

(c) **Pulses** were a big import in deficit years, but over the five-year window vegetable oils led in value. Not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) Vegetable oils (palm, soybean, sunflower) are India's largest agricultural import by value in that window. That is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d). Edible/vegetable oils dominate India's agri-import bill. **Pulses**, fresh fruit and spices are smaller in value. Honour (d).

Related possible facts

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Palm oil

Largest share of edible-oil imports; Indonesia and Malaysia

Soybean / sunflower oil

Other large import streams

Domestic oilseeds

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Pulses

Imports rose in drought years; still below oils in value

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