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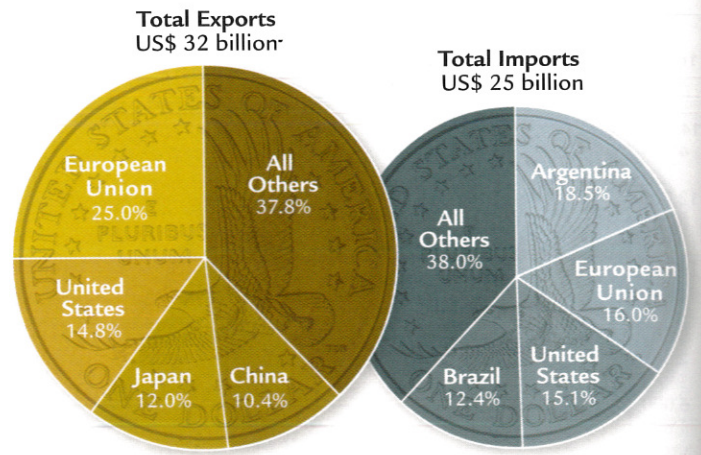
During an oil crisis, Brazil found an alternative to gasoline—the biofuel **ethanol**. Made from sugar cane, ethanol today accounts for 40 percent of all vehicle fuel in Brazil. It is cleaner and cheaper to produce than gasoline.



These derricks and pumps are in oil-rich Lake Maracaibo in northwestern Venezuela. Venezuela, a founding member of OPEC (see page 160), has the largest oil reserves in the Western Hemisphere and is the fifth largest exporter of oil in the world.

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