

EXPLORING THE GLOBAL DEMAND FOR MAIZE STARCH AND EGYPT'S EXPORT POTENTIAL

HS Code: 110812

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Product Overview

Product Name: Maize starch.


HS Code: 110812

- Maize starch, also known as corn starch, is a fine, white powder extracted from the endosperm of corn kernels. It is widely used in the food industry as a thickening, stabilizing, and gelling agent in products such as soups, sauces, gravies, baked goods, and confectionery. Beyond food applications, maize starch is also utilized in pharmaceuticals, paper manufacturing, textiles, and adhesives due to its binding and film-forming properties. It is gluten-free, easily digestible, and provides a smooth texture and consistency in various formulations.
- **Based on type, maize or corn starch is categorized into three main categories:** modified, native, and sweeteners.


Source: ITC (Trade Map)

Introduction

This report highlights the promising global market for Maize Starch, with a focus on Egypt's export potential under HS code 110812. The global import value for this product reached \$1.6 billion, with 2.5 million tons traded worldwide.



In 2023 Egypt ranked 21st globally in terms of corn production, producing 7 million tons. In **2024**, Egypt's maize starch exports were valued at **\$36 million USD and 79 thousand ton**, according to data from the **GOEIC**.

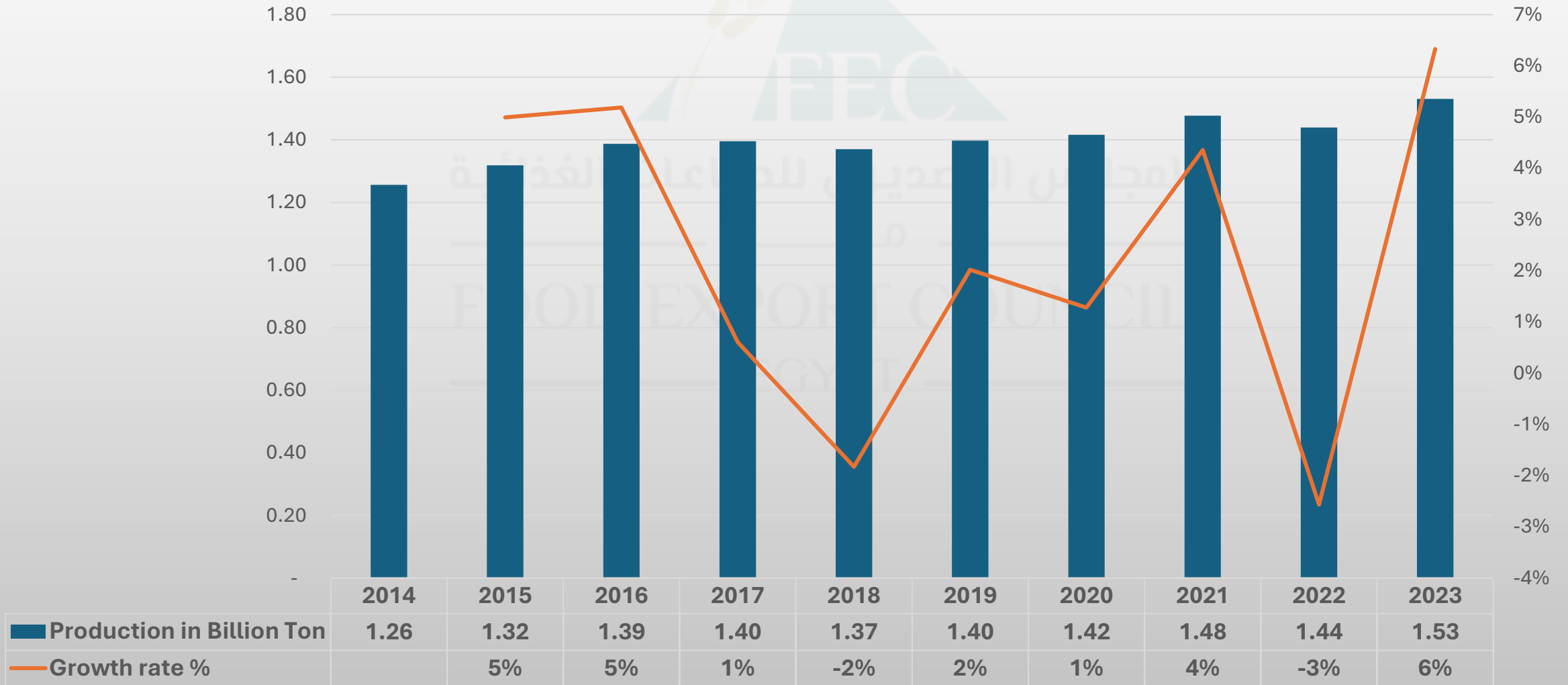


The report aims to explore whether Egypt can expand its foothold in this market and identify countries with the most potential for increased market share. Detailed analysis will uncover where Egypt can leverage its production capabilities and target new growth opportunities in global markets.

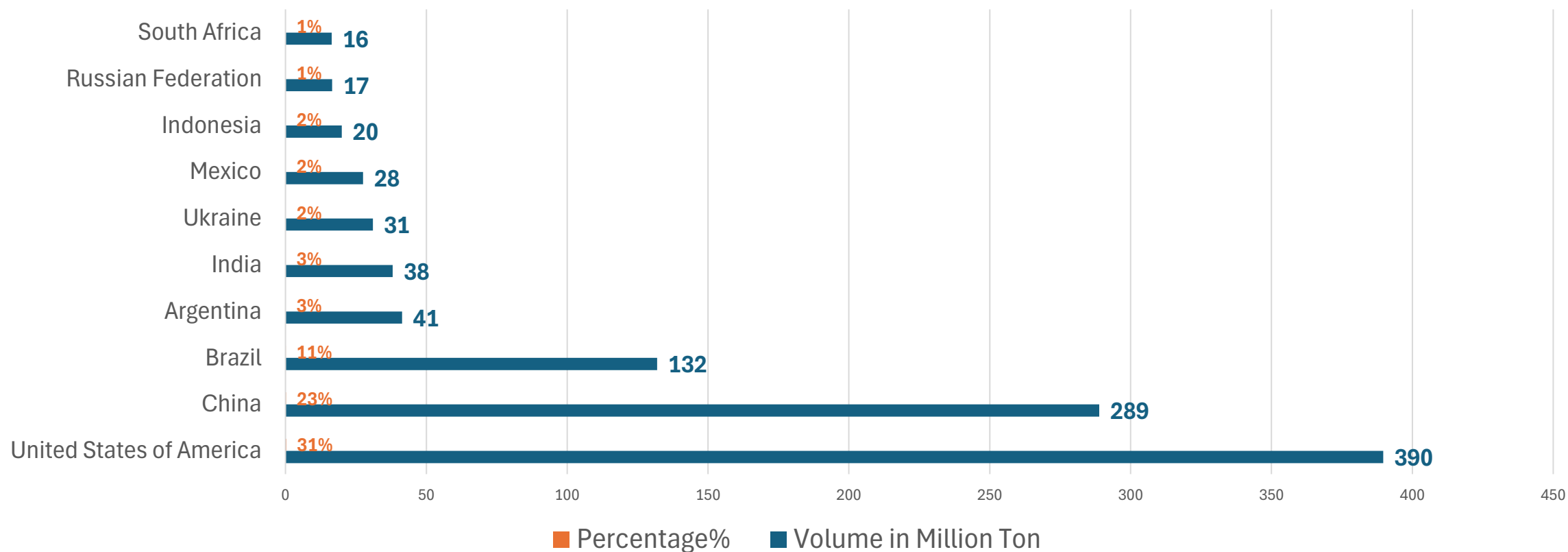
Global Maize Production



Global Maize Production (2014–2023)



TOP 10 MAIZE (CORN) PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN 2023



In 2023, global maize production totaled **1.5 billion tons**. The top 10 maize-producing countries accounted for approximately 83% of this amount, producing around 1 billion tons. **Egypt ranked 21st globally, with a production volume of 7 million tons.**

Source: FAO

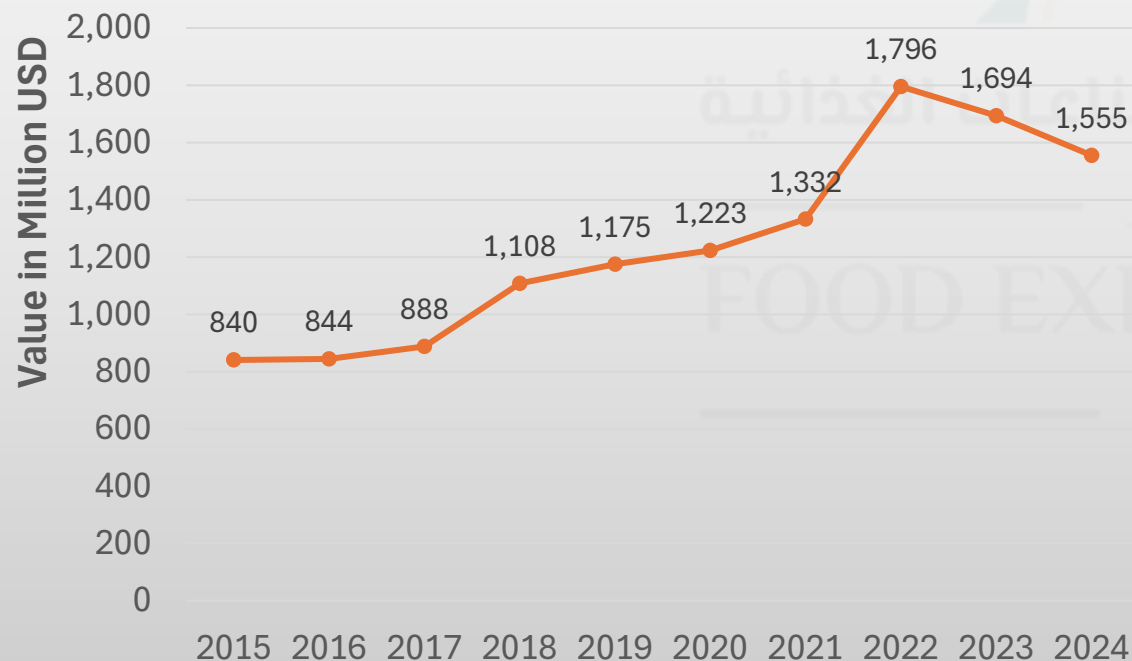
Analysis of HS Code 110812

Maize Starch Export Opportunities

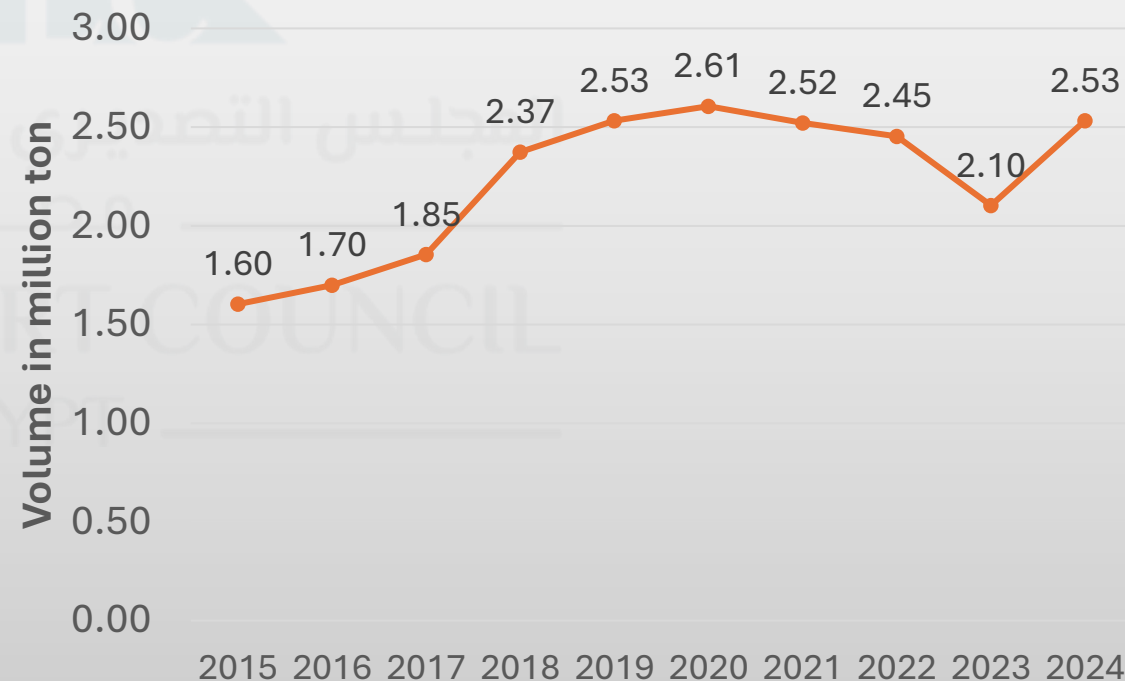


Global Imports and Trend Analysis HS Code 110812

Global Import Values from 2015 to 2024 (in Million USD)

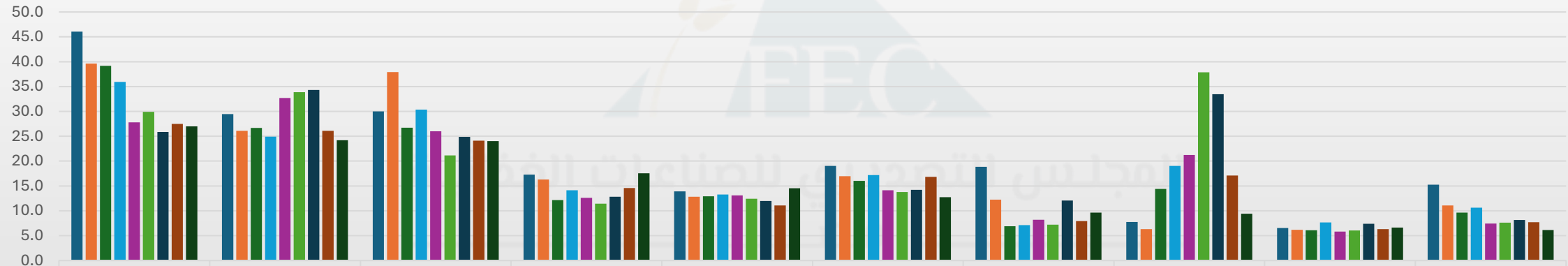


Global Import Volume from 2015 to 2024 (in Million Ton)



Global import analysis for 2024 revealed a total import value of \$1.6 billion and a quantity of 2.53 million tons. **Between 2020 and 2024, import values grew at an annual rate of 9%, while quantities declined by 1% annually. From 2023 to 2024, there was a 6% decrease in value, with an average unit value of \$614.**

Global Import Value from Q1 2023 to Q1 2025 by Country in Million USD

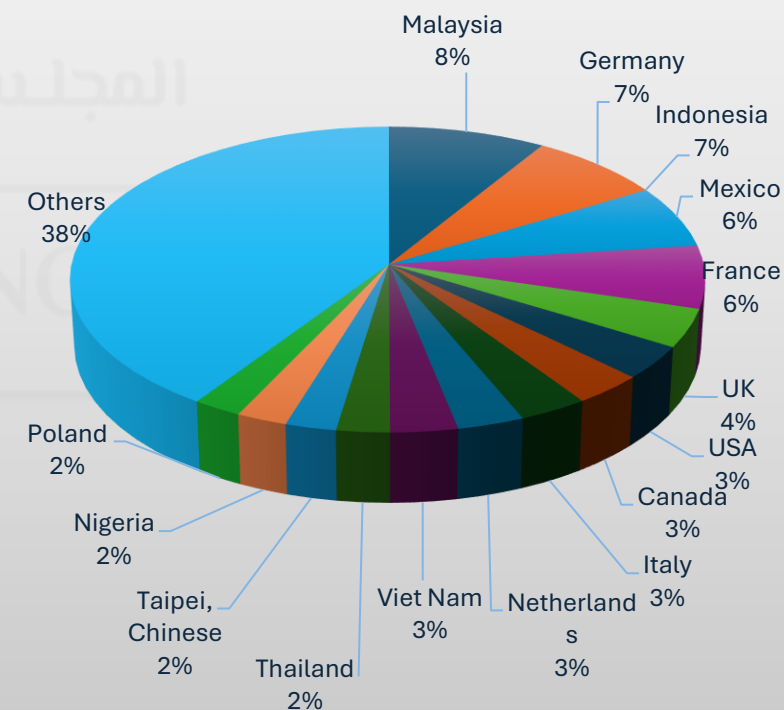


	Germany	Malaysia	France	United States of America	Canada	United Kingdom	Thailand	Indonesia	Chile	Spain
2023-Q1	46.0	29.4	30.0	17.3	13.9	19.0	18.8	7.8	6.5	15.3
2023-Q2	39.6	26.1	37.9	16.3	12.8	17.0	12.2	6.3	6.2	11.1
2023-Q3	39.2	26.7	26.7	12.2	12.9	16.0	6.9	14.4	6.1	9.6
2023-Q4	35.9	24.9	30.4	14.1	13.3	17.2	7.1	19.0	7.6	10.6
2024-Q1	27.8	32.7	26.0	12.6	13.1	14.1	8.2	21.2	5.8	7.4
2024-Q2	29.9	33.9	21.1	11.4	12.4	13.8	7.2	37.9	6.0	7.6
2024-Q3	25.9	34.3	24.9	12.8	12.0	14.2	12.0	33.5	7.4	8.1
2024-Q4	27.5	26.1	24.1	14.6	11.1	16.8	7.9	17.1	6.3	7.7
2025-Q1	27.0	24.2	24.0	17.5	14.5	12.8	9.6	9.4	6.6	6.1

Top Importing Markets Globally in 2024

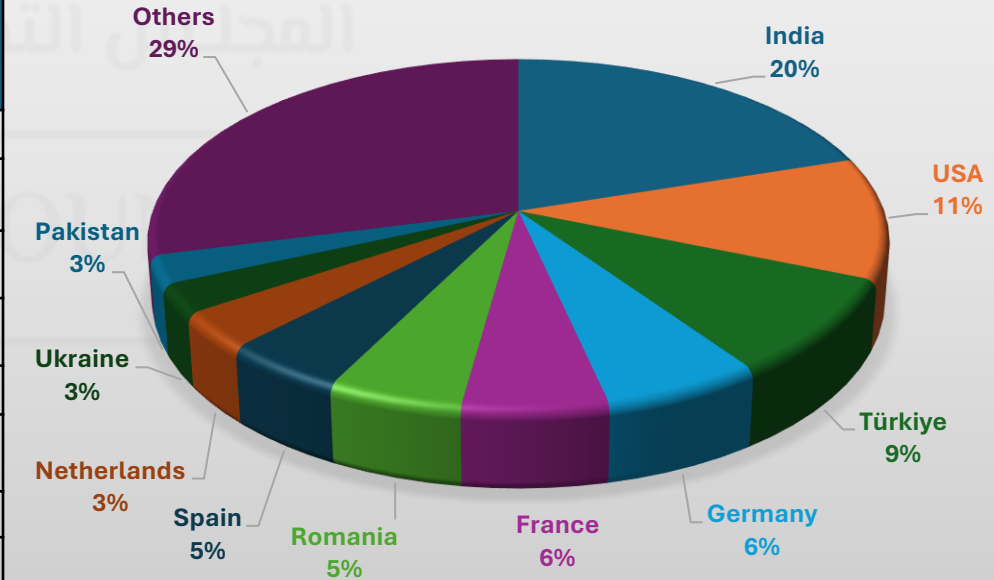
Rank	Country	Import Value in Million USD	Trade balance in 2024 (USD thousand)	Import Quantity in Thousand Ton	Share in Global Imports	Annual Growth (Value, 2020-2024)	Annual Growth (Quantity, 2020-2024)	Annual Growth (Value, 2023-2024)	Unit value (USD/unit)
	World	1,555	-165390	2,532		9%	-1%	19%	614
1.	Malaysia	127	-126634	277	8.2%	9%	2%	19%	459
2.	Germany	111	-24155	163	7.1%	11%	-2%	-31%	680
3.	Indonesia	110	-74464	249	7%	-7%	-13%	131%	440
4.	Mexico	97	-77318	155	6%	24%	7%	-7%	624
5.	France	96	-17466	102	6%	8%	-10%	-23%	943
6.	UK	59	-57108	49	4%	6%	-11%	-15%	1,192
7.	USA	51	103823	80	3.3%	15%	9%	-14%	640
8.	Canada	49	-36218	50	3%	14%	3%	-8%	974
9.	Italy	47	-14459	82	3%	17%	6%	-14%	567
10.	Netherlands	46	1038	36	3%	18%	0%	-19%	1,278

Top Importing markets Globally



Top Exporting Markets Globally in 2024

TOP EXPORTING MARKETS GLOBALLY



Rank	Exporters	Value exported in 2024 (USD Million)	Trade balance in 2024 (USD thousand)	Quantity exported in thousand-ton 2024	Share in world exports (%)	Annual growth in value between 2020-2024 (%)	Annual growth in quantity between 2020-2024 (%)	Annual growth in value between 2023-2024 (%)	Unit value (USD/unit)
	World	1,390	-165390	2,421	100	10	-1	-6	574
1.	India	278	271,081	634	20	29	20	9	439
2.	USA	155	103,823	200	11.2	14	4	-8	776
3.	Türkiye	126	123,924	286	9.1	16	9	14	442
4.	Germany	87	-24,155	36	6.2	-2	-29	-16	2,437
5.	France	79	-17,466	115	5.7		-3	-23	683
6.	Romania	74	69,169	136	5.3	97	94	5	544
7.	Spain	67	37,783	115	4.8	5	-7	-24	588
8.	Netherlands	47	1,038	36	3.4	14	-6	-14	1,287
9.	Ukraine	37	30,423	79	2.7	4	-7	21	470
10.	Pakistan	36	36,153	81	2.6	32	27	65	450

Egypt ranked 26th globally, with a 0.7% share of total exports in this HS code 110812.

Source: ITC (Trade Map)

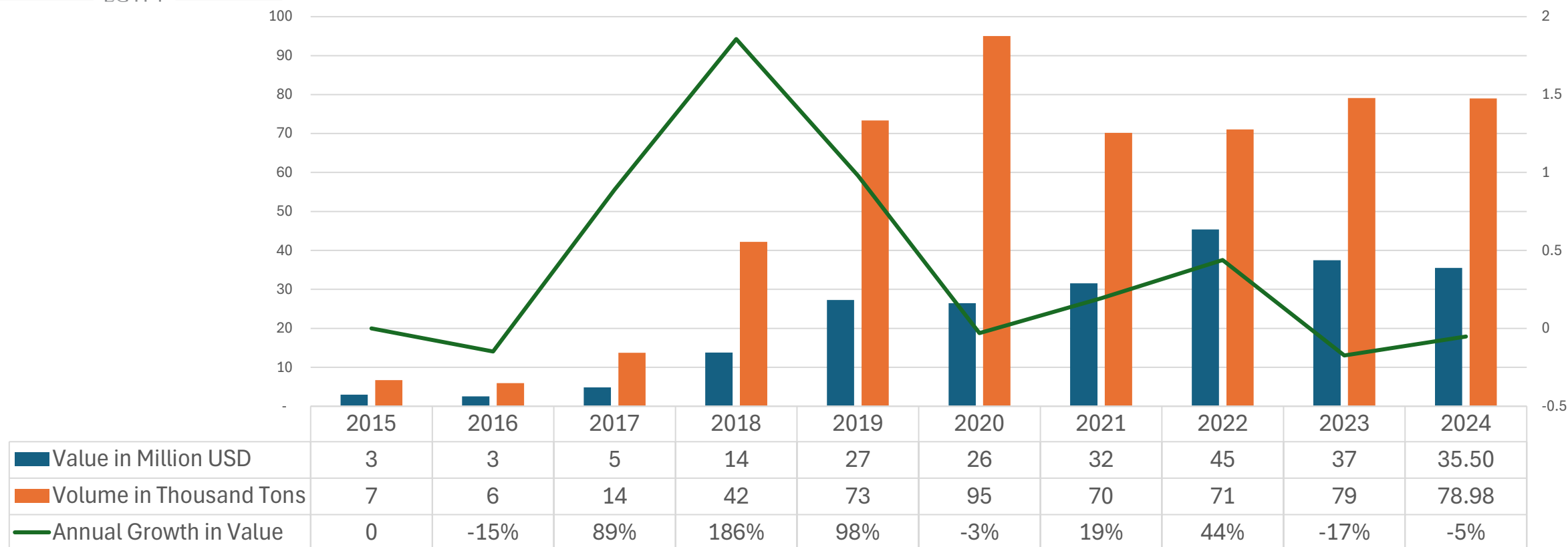
Top 10 Corn Starch Manufacturers Globally

#	Company	Country	Founded	Website	Key Activities	Recent Highlights
1	Cargill, Incorporated	USA	1865	www.cargill.com	Food, agriculture, industrial products; focus on sustainability	Supports local communities and food systems
2	Archer Daniels Midland (ADM)	USA	1902	www.adm.com	Nutrition for humans and animals, plant-based alternatives	Emphasizes sustainable agriculture and food innovation
3	Ingredion Incorporated	USA	1906	www.ingredion.com	Starches, sweeteners, nutrition ingredients in 120+ countries	Launched Novation Indulge 2940 (Dec 2024); functional starch (Nov 2023)
4	Tate & Lyle PLC	UK	1859	www.tateandlyle.com	Sugar/calorie reduction, functional food ingredients	Strong presence in health & wellness sector
5	Roquette Freres S.A.	France	1933	www.roquette.com	Plant-based ingredients for food, pharma, and nutrition	Operations in over 100 countries
6	Tereos SA	France	N/A	tereos.com	Sugar, starch, alcohol; cooperative with 11,200 members	Operations in 15 countries
7	AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG	Austria	1988	www.agrana.com	Sugar, starch, fruit processing	55 production sites worldwide
8	Grain Processing Corporation (GPC)	USA	N/A	www.grainprocessing.com	Corn-based products for food, pharma, and personal care	Subsidiary of Kent Corporation
9	HL Agro Products Pvt. Ltd.	India	~1960s	hlagro.com	Sesame, corn starch, corn derivatives	Trusted supplier in the food ingredients industry
10	Associated British Foods plc (ABF)	UK	N/A	www.abf.co.uk	Food ingredients, retail (Primark), consumer goods	Global sales over £17 billion

EGYPT'S CURRENT EXPORT STATUS



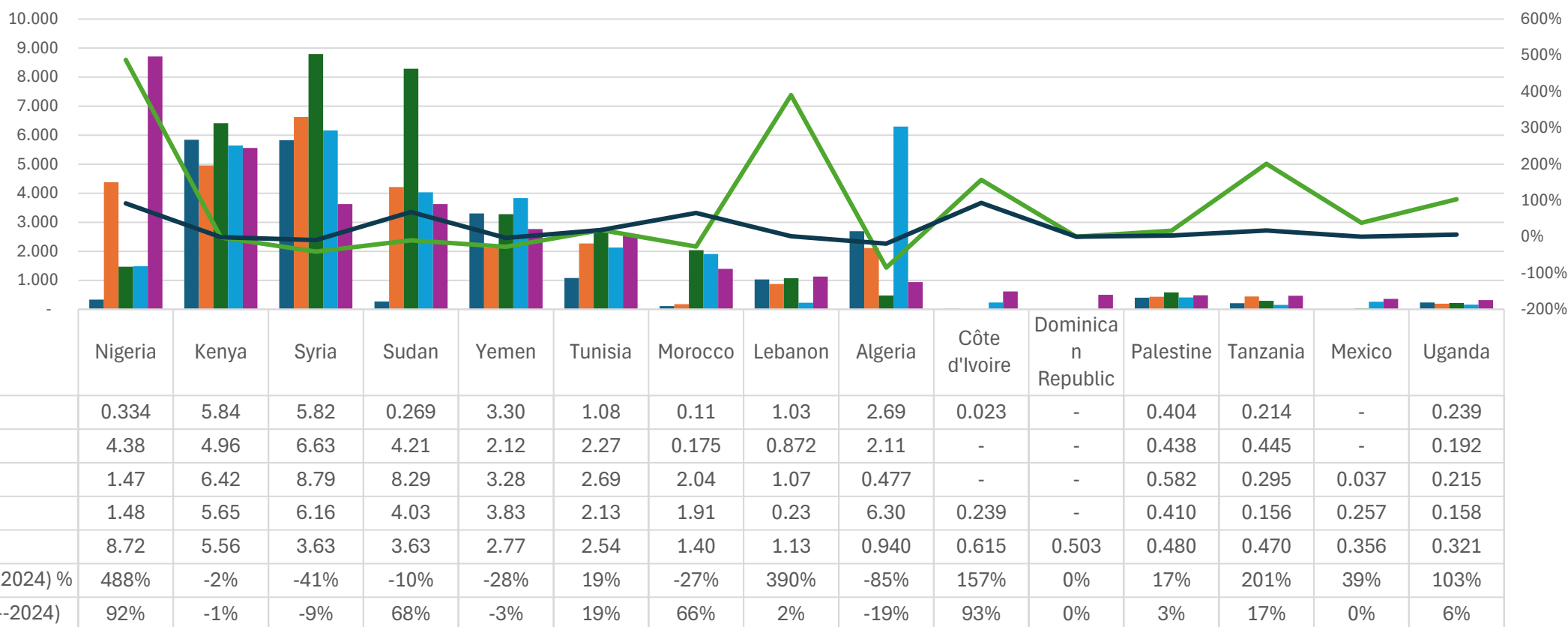
EGYPT MAIZE STARCH EXPORT: VALUE AND VOLUME (2015-2024) (110812)



- In 2024, Egypt's total maize starch exports reached 35 million USD, according to GOEIC.
- According to GOEIC. A total of **7 companies** were involved in exporting maize starch. Notably, **two of these companies exported over 10 million USD**, and together they accounted for **80% of the total export value of maize starch**.

Source: GOEIC

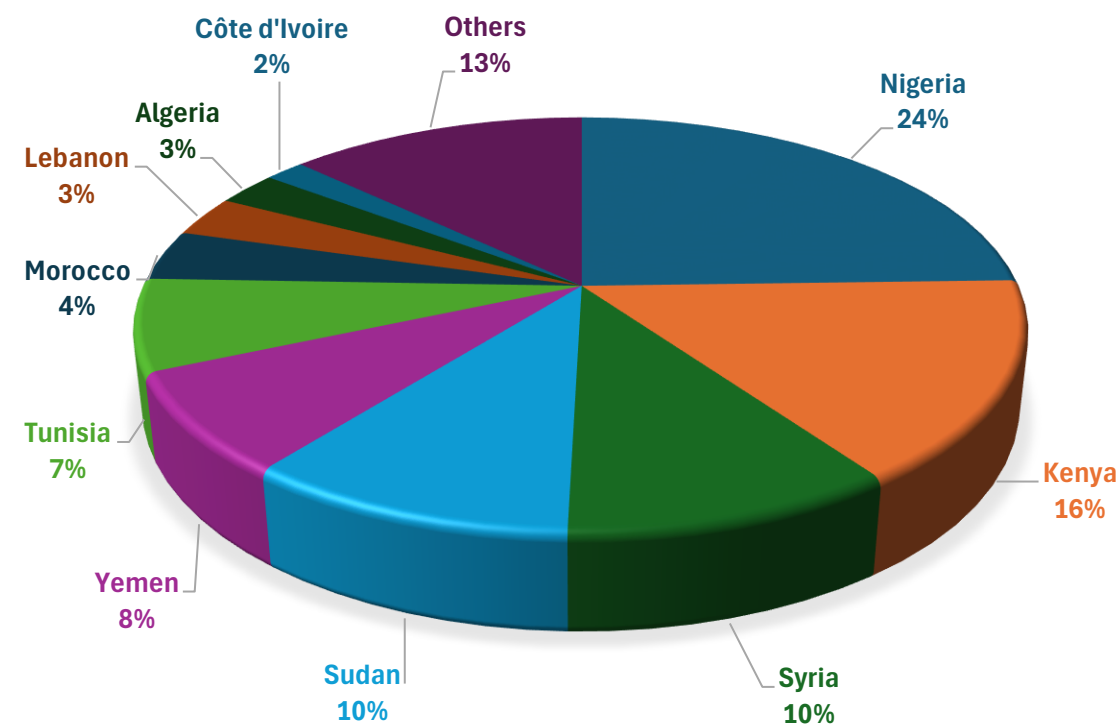
EGYPT MAIZE STARCH: TOP EXPORT VALUE DESTINATIONS AND GROWTH TRENDS IN **MILLION USD**



- These 15 countries account for **93% of Egypt's total maize starch export value**, representing approximately **33 million USD**.

EGYPTIAN EXPORT MARKET SHARE BY COUNTRY IN 2024 GOEIC DATA

Rank	Importers	Export Value (2024) in Million USD	Export Quantity in Ton (2024)	Average Unit value (USD/unit) in 2024
1.	Nigeria	9	18,464	468
2.	Kenya	6	12,365	447
3.	Syria	3.6	8,417	428
4.	Sudan	3.6	8,274	440
5.	Yemen	2.8	6,835	421
6.	Tunisia	2.5	5,551	455
7.	Morocco	1.4	3,174	439
8.	Lebanon	1.2	2,422	457
9.	Algeria	0.940	2,173	427
10.	Côte d'Ivoire	615	1,339	438



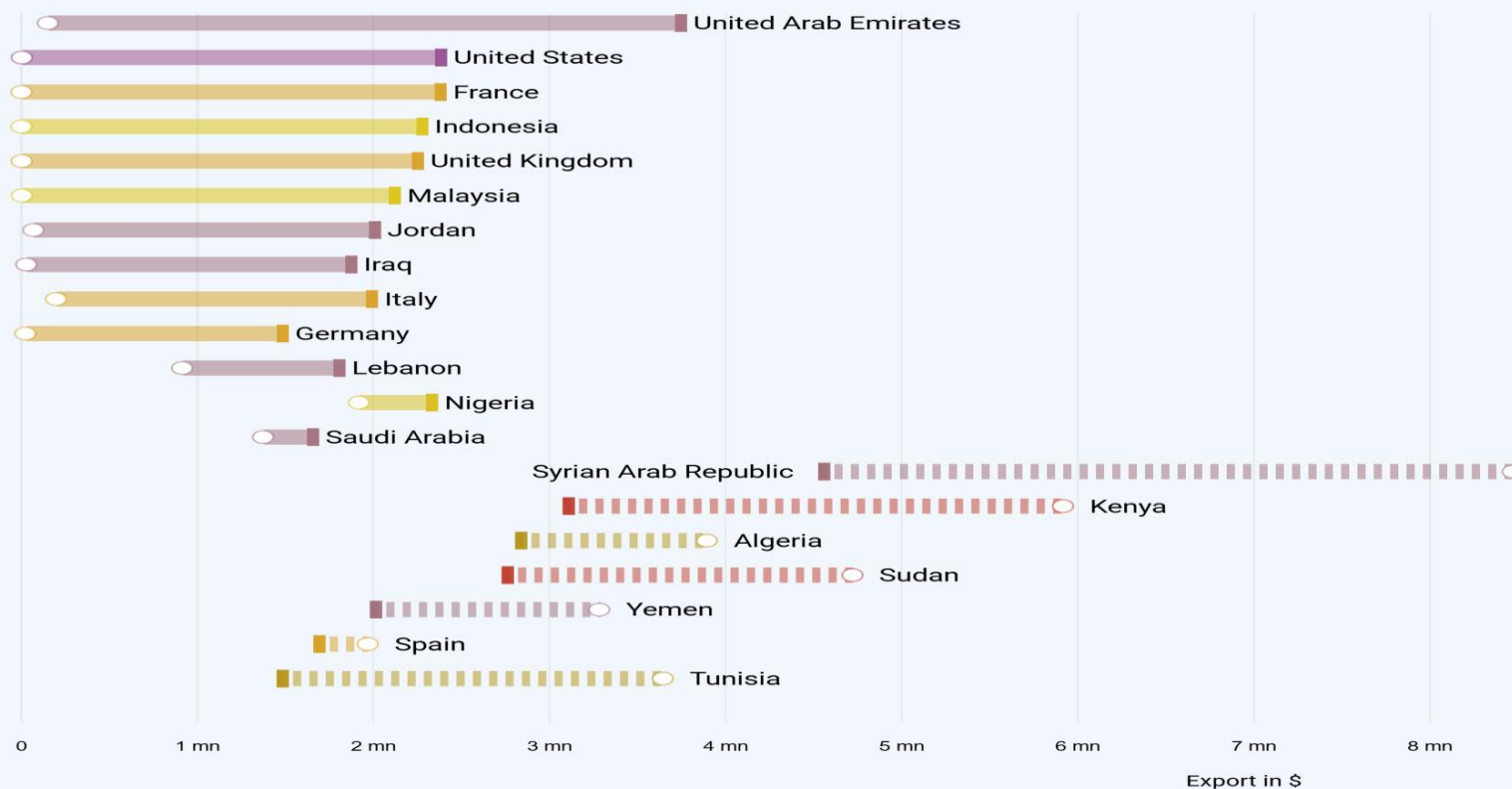
EGYPTIAN FOOD EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES **SHOW STRONG PERFORMANCE** (2023–2024) *VALUES IN THOUSAND USD*

Country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Growth Rate 2023-2024%
Ghana	48	176	125	27	287	944%
South Africa	54	54	23	23	237	914%
Honduras	-	-	-	13	106	700%
Nigeria	334	4,378	1,468	1,483	8,715	488%
Lebanon	1,032	872	1,074	230	1,126	390%
Israel	-	-	28	25	108	329%
Liberia	-	-	-	9	32	236%
Tanzania	214	445	295	156	470	201%
Côte d'Ivoire	23	-	-	239	615	157%
Angola & Cabinda	8	30	165	125	302	142%
Mauritius	-	12	-	20	47	133%
Cameroon	-	48	194	24	55	132%
Uganda	239	192	215	158	321	103%
Mexico	-	-	37	257	356	39%
Senegal	9	-	119	44	59	34%
Madagascar	70	73	207	107	130	21%
Tunisia	1,077	2,267	2,687	2,132	2,537	19%
Palestine	404	438	582	410	480	17%

EGYPTIAN FOOD EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES SHOWING **DECLINING** (2023–2024) VALUES IN THOUSAND USD

Country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Rate 2023-2024%
Spain	-	-	4,665	1,396	52	-63%
Greece	-	252	1,757	677	44	-94%
Romania	-	-	17	107	9	-92%
Algeria	2,688	2,110	477	6,300	940	-85%
Italy	-	14	344	28	10	-64%
Zambia	15	103	57	255	108	-58%
Syria	5,823	6,627	8,791	6,164	3,628	-41%
Germany	-	-	30	24	15	-39%
Yemen	3,305	2,121	3,277	3,832	2,767	-28%
Morocco	112	175	2,038	1,910	1,396	-27%
UAE	200	203	111	31	23	-26%
Libya	21	609	270	235	180	-23%
Sudan	269	4,211	8,291	4,032	3,626	-10%
Kenya	5,841	4,961	6,416	5,648	5,557	-2%

Markets with potential for Egypt's exports of Maize Starch HS Code: 110812



Markets with potential for Egypt's exports of Maize starch

Legend

- Export potential
- Actual exports
- Potential to actual exports gap
- Middle East
- EU & West Europe
- Eastern Africa
- Southeast Asia
- Northern Africa
- North America
- Western Africa

ITC Export Potential Map
exportpotential.intracen.org

Key findings: The markets with greatest potential for Egypt's exports of 110812 Maize starch are Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates and Kenya. United Arab Emirates shows the largest absolute difference between potential and baseline exports in value terms, leaving room to realize additional exports worth \$3.5 mn, representing 9.7% of unrealized export potential.

Source: ITC (Export Potential Map)

Export Potential of Egypt Across Top Countries Under HS Code 110812

	Country	Export Potential	Actual Export Value	Unrealized Potential Remaining
	UAE	\$3.7 mn	\$150 k	\$3.5 mn
	USA	\$2.3 mn	\$2.4 k	\$2.3 mn
	France	\$2.3 mn	\$0	\$2.3 mn
	Indonesia	\$2.2 mn	\$0	\$2.2 mn
	UK	\$2.2 mn	\$1.3 k	\$2.2 mn
	Malaysia	\$2 mn	\$1.9 k	\$2
	Jordan	\$1.9 mn	\$68 k	\$1.9 mn
	Iraq	\$1.8 mn	\$28 k	\$1.8 mn
	Italy	\$1.9 mn	\$196 k	\$1.7 mn
	Germany	\$1.4 mn	\$22 k	\$1.4 mn

Egypt's maize starch exports under HS code 110812 have an unrealized potential of \$21 million across the top ten markets. 21

Focus Markets for Growth

Based on the gap between export potential and current performance, we will prioritize expanding into **four high-potential markets**, selecting the top key country from each strategic region:

UAE (Middle East) unrealized potential of **\$3.5 million**



United States (North America) - (**\$2.3 million**)



France (Europe) - (**\$2.3 million**)



Malaysia (Asia – Pacific) - (**\$2 million**)





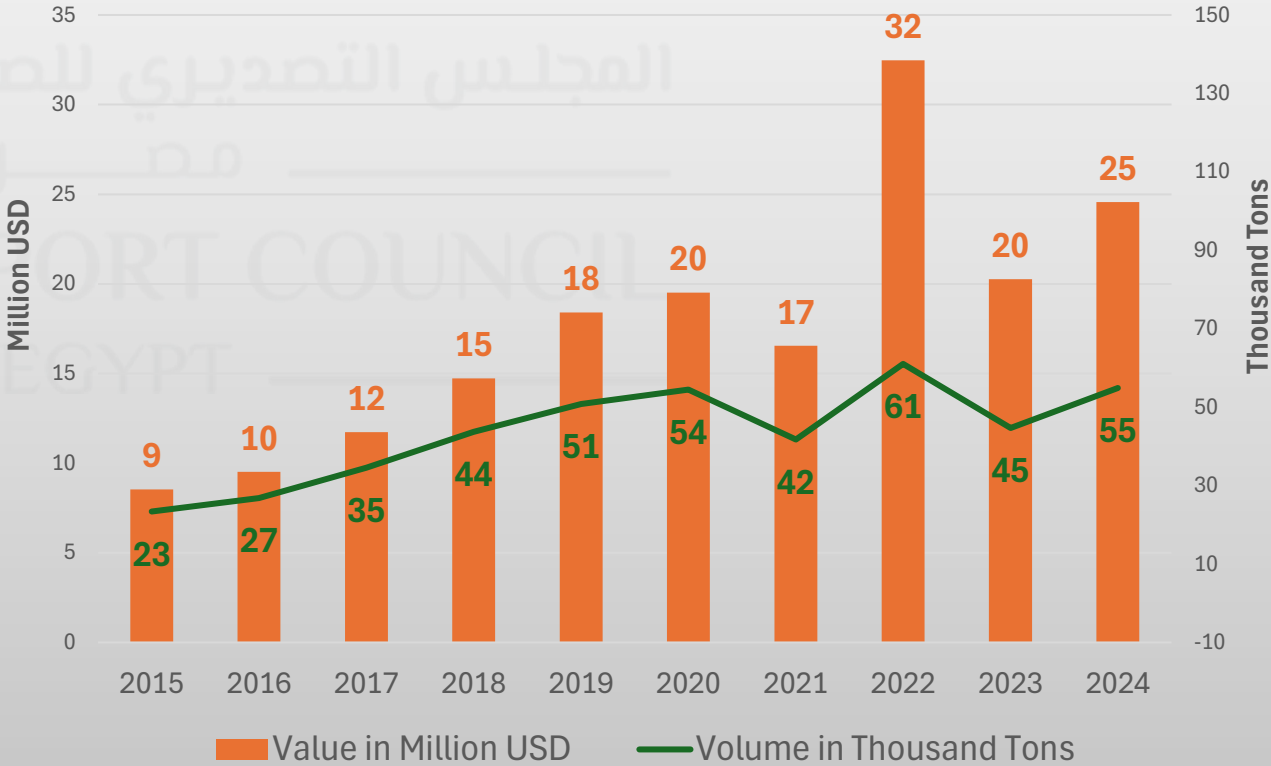
Overview of
UAE’s Import
Performance
in 2024

- UAE’s imports represent 1.6%.
- Its ranking in world imports is 19th .
- Total Imports: 25 million USD
- Import Quantity: 55 thousands tons
- Unit Value(USD/unit): 447

Annual
Growth
Analysis

- Annual Growth Value (2020-2024): 8%
- Annual Growth Quantity (2020-2024): 8%
- Annual Growth Value (2023-2024): 22%

UAE Maize Starch: Value and Volume Trends
(2015-2024)





UAE Market in 2024

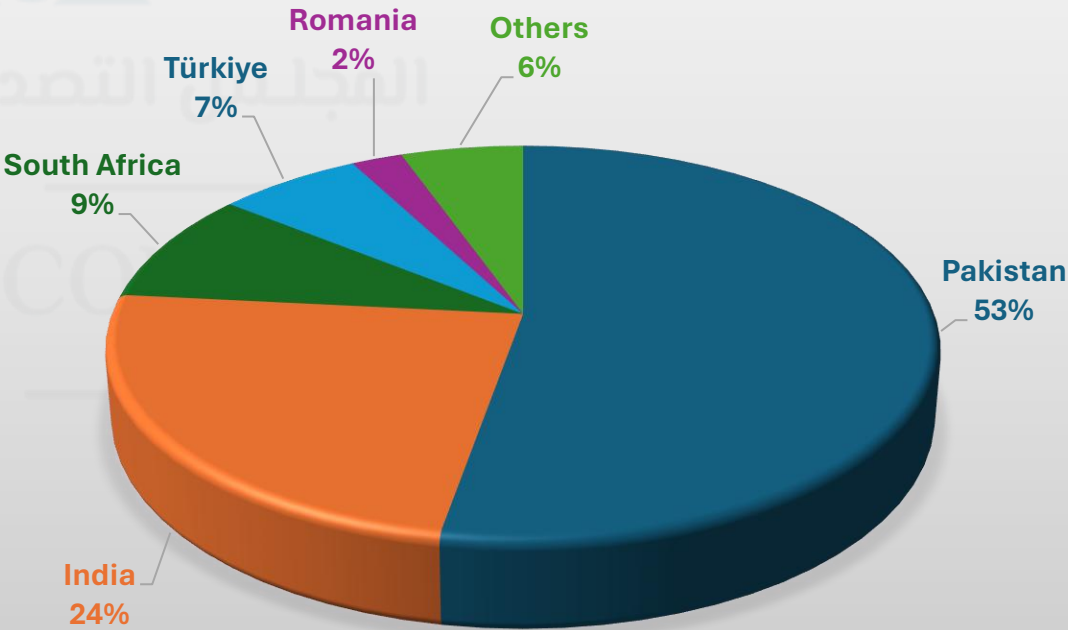
Top Exporters to UAE by Share in Imports: Import Value, Volume, and Unit Value in 2024

Rank	Exporters	Imported Value in Million USD	Imported Volume in thousand tons	Share in UAE's Import	Annual Growth in Value (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Volume (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Value (2023-2024) %	Unit value (USD/unit)
Total		25	55		8%	8%	22%	447
1.	Pakistan	13	31	53%	48%	42%	115%	423
2.	India	6	13	24%	-2%	-9%	-42%	447
3.	South Africa	2	4.1	9%	25%	13%	72%	545
4.	Türkiye	1.6	4.4	7%	9%	6%	16%	361
5.	Romania	0.574	1.5	2%	-	-	2,023%	393

Source: ITC (Trade Map)

To explore the market access conditions in UAE: [Market Access Map](#) There, you can find comprehensive information about the market entry requirements and regulations in UAE.

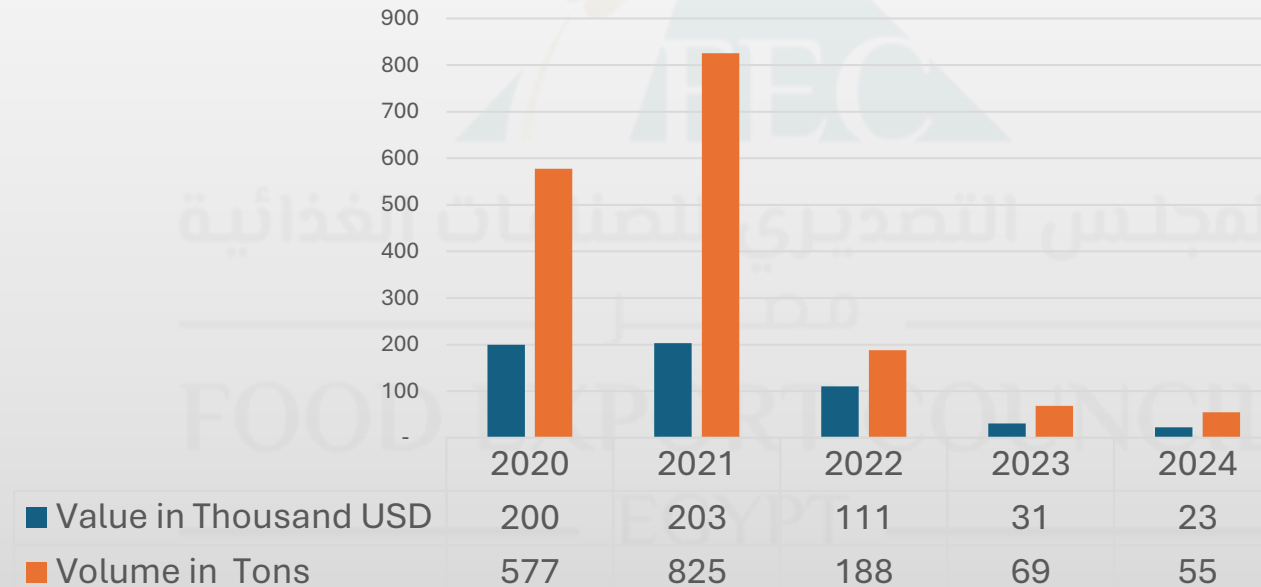
TOP EXPORTERS TO UAE BY SHARE IN IMPORTS





Egypt's Maize Starch Exports to the UAE: Value, Volume, and Unit Price Trends (GOEIC)

Egypt Maize Starch Export to UAE: Value and Volume



- Between 2020 and 2024, Egypt's exports of maize starch to the UAE showed a consistent downward trend in both value and volume. Export value decreased from \$200,000 in 2020 to just \$23,000 in 2024, while export volume declined from 577 tons to 55 tons over the same period. The export growth rate turned negative starting in 2022, with a sharp -72% drop in 2023 and a further -26% decline in 2024.
- The average unit value also decreased, indicating increasing price pressure. In 2023, the unit value stood at **\$455 per ton**, dropping to **\$415 per ton** in 2024.
- This trend highlights a significant contraction in Egypt's maize starch exports to the UAE, both in terms of market size and price competitiveness.

Egypt's Maize Starch Exports to the UAE: Navigating Challenges and Trade Advantages

1. Decline in Egypt's Exports (2020–2024):

- Egypt's maize starch exports to the UAE decreased significantly from **\$200,000 in 2020** to **\$23,000 in 2024**, indicating a substantial drop in both value and volume.

2. UAE's Increased Imports from Competitors:

- During the same period, the UAE increased its maize starch imports from countries like **Romania** and **Turkey**, suggesting a shift in sourcing preferences.

3. Price Competitiveness:

- In 2024, the average export price of Egyptian maize starch to the UAE was **\$415 per ton**.
- In contrast, **Turkey** exported at **\$361 per ton**, and **Romania** at **\$393 per ton**, offering more competitive pricing.

4. Emergence of Local Production in the UAE:

- In August 2024, **Al Ghurair Foods** initiated the construction of the UAE's first maize starch manufacturing plant in the **Khalifa Economic Zones Abu Dhabi (KEZAD)**.
- The facility is projected to process **650 tons of corn daily**, with plans to scale up to **1,000 tons per day**, aiming to serve both local and international markets.

5. Tariff Advantages:

- Egypt benefits from a **0% preferential tariff** when exporting maize starch to the UAE, under the Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) agreement.
- In contrast, **Turkey** and **Romania** face a **5% Most Favored Nation (MFN) duty** on maize starch exports to the UAE.



USA Market



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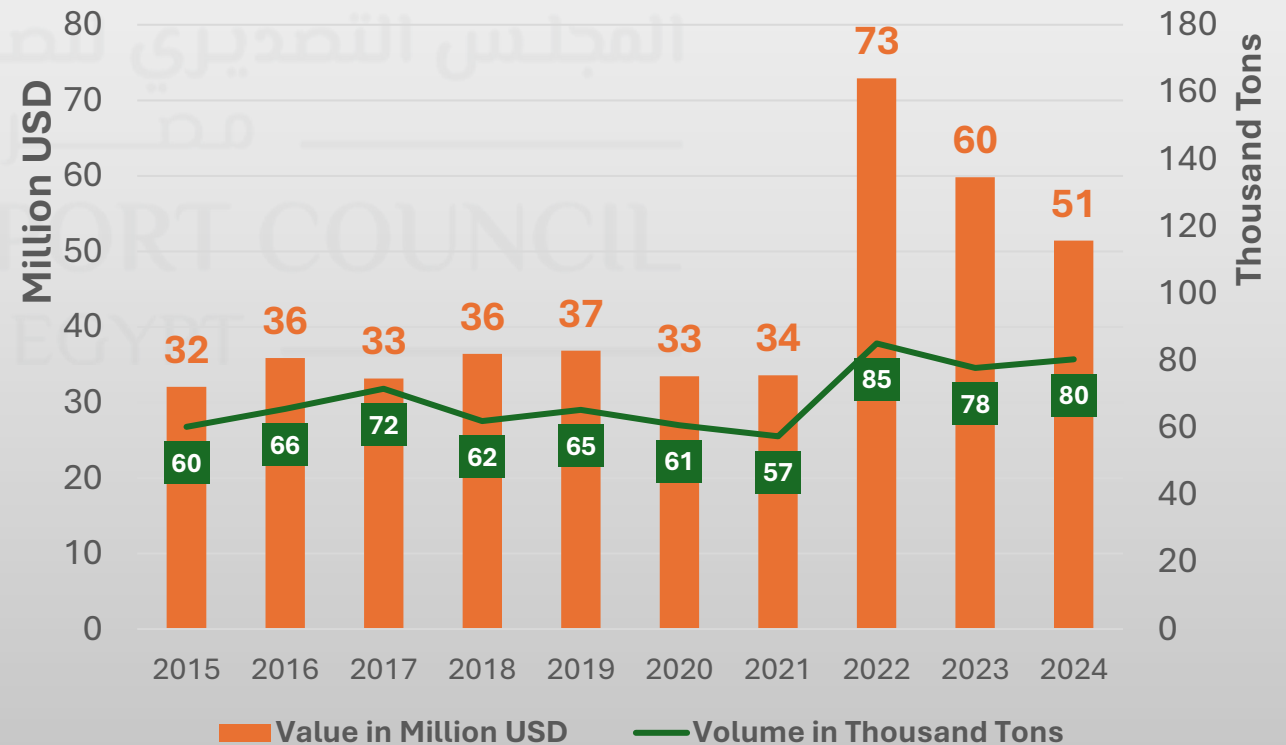
Overview of USA's Import Performance in 2024 (Trade Map)

- USA's imports represent 3.3%.
- Its ranking in world imports is 7th.
- Total Imports: 51 million USD
- Import Quantity: 80 thousands tons
- Unit Value(USD/unit): 640

Annual Growth Analysis

- Annual Growth Value (2020-2024): 15%
- Annual Growth Quantity (2020-2024): 9%
- Annual Growth Value (2023-2024): -14%

USA Maize Starch: Value and Volume Trends (2015-2024)





USA Market



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Top Exporters to USA by Share in Imports: Import Value, Volume, and Unit Value in 2024 based on available data

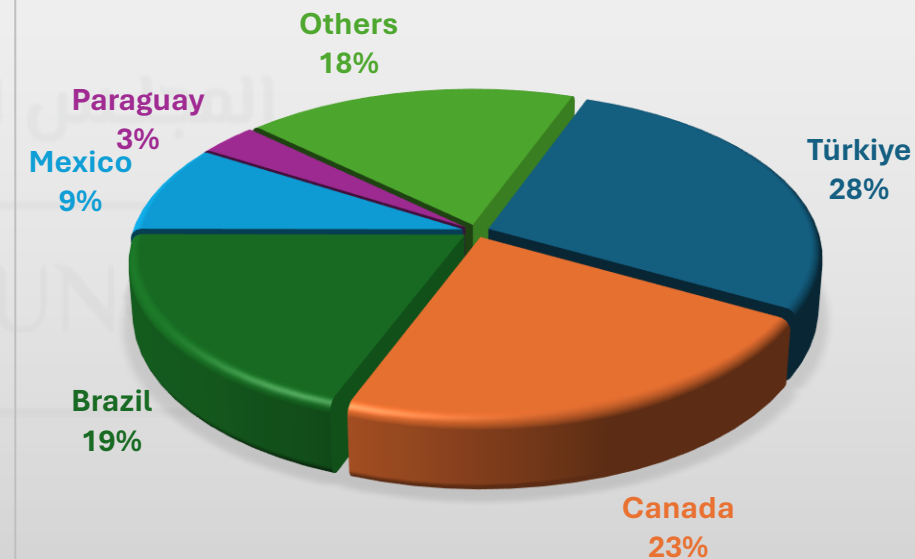
Rank	Exporters	Imported Value in Million USD	Trade balance 2024 (USD Million)	Imported Volume in thousand tons	Share in USA's Import	Annual Growth in Value (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Volume (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Value (2023-2024) %	Unit value (USD/unit)
Total		51	104	80		15%	9%	-14%	640
1.	Türkiye	14	-14	24	28%	107%	103%	-21%	603
2.	Canada	12	34	35	23%	-7%	-8%	-18%	329
3.	Brazil	10	-9	8	19%	43%	40%	-17%	1,236
4.	Mexico	5	87	4	9%	78%	129%	99%	1,191
5.	Paraguay	2	-1.7	3	3%	-	-	-17%	600

Source: ITC (Trade Map)

Note: Egypt currently does not have a presence in the U.S. market for maize starch.

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TOP EXPORTERS TO USA BY SHARE IN IMPORTS





French market



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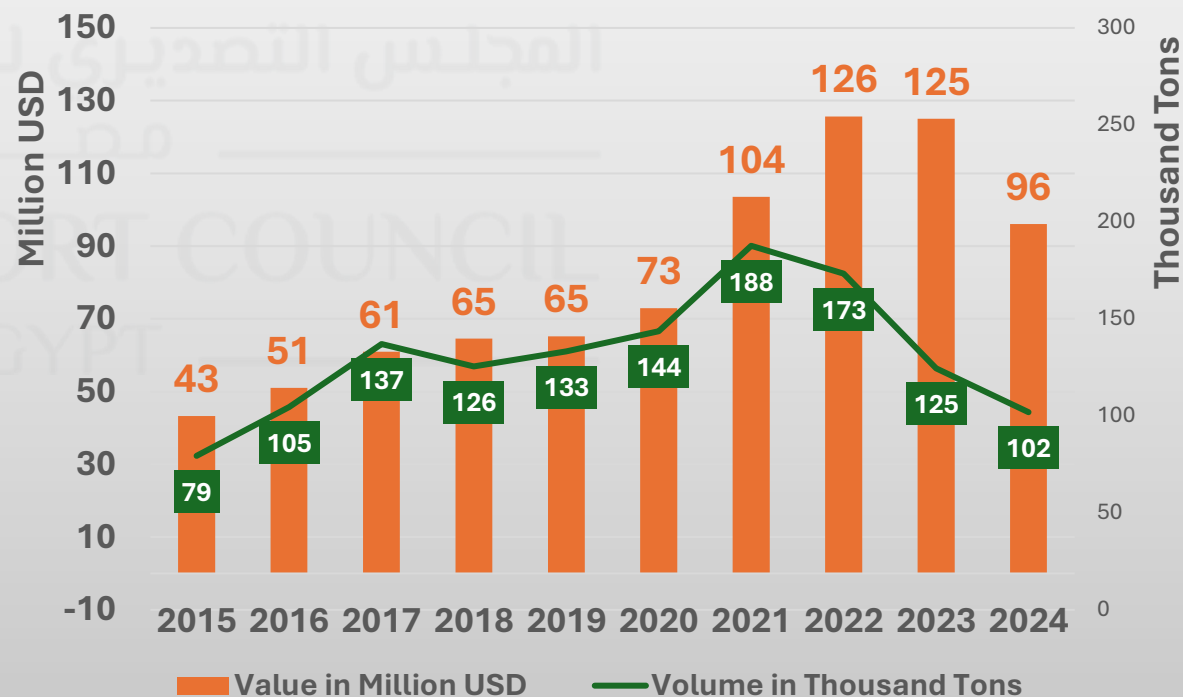
Overview of France's Import Performance in 2024 (Trade Map)

- France's imports represent 6.2%.
- Its ranking in world imports is 5th.
- Total Imports: 96 million USD
- Import Quantity: 102 thousands tons
- Unit Value(USD/unit): 943

Annual Growth Analysis

- Annual Growth Value (2020-2024): 8%
- Annual Growth Quantity (2020-2024): -10%
- Annual Growth Value (2023-2024): -23%

French Maize Starch: Value and Volume Import Trends (2015-2024)





French market



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Top Exporters to France by Share in Imports: Import Value, Volume, and Unit Value in 2024 based on available data

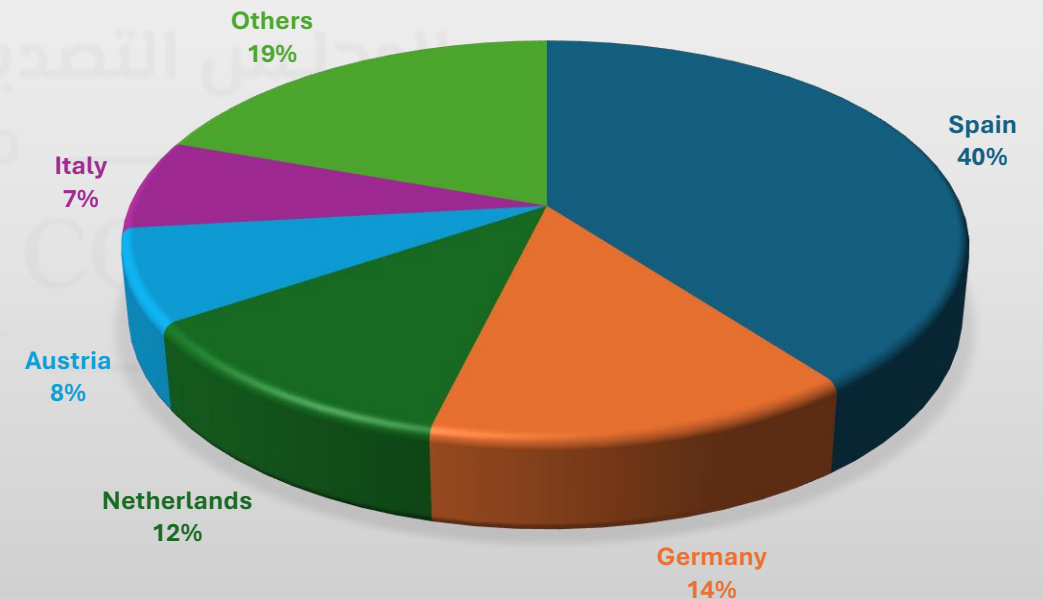
Rank	Exporters	Import ed Value in Million USD	Trade balance 2024 (USD Million)	Importe d Volume in thousan d tons	Shar e in Fran ce's Imp ort	Annual Growth in Value (2020- 2024) %	Annual Growth in Volume (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Value (2023- 2024) %	Unit value (USD/u nit)
Total		96	-17	102		8%	-10%	-23%	943
1.	Spain	38	-30	49	40%	5%	-9%	-10%	783
2.	Germany	14	13	4	14%	-10%	-47%	-38%	3,331
3.	Netherlands	11	-7.5	12	12%	12%	-7%	-17%	933
4.	Austria	7.3	-6.7	7	8%	21%	3%	27%	1,091
5.	Italy	7	-5.8	12	7%	23%	9%	-36%	564

Source: ITC (Trade Map)

Note: Egypt currently does not have a presence in the French market for maize starch.

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TOP EXPORTERS TO FRANCE BY SHARE IN IMPORTS





Malaysian market



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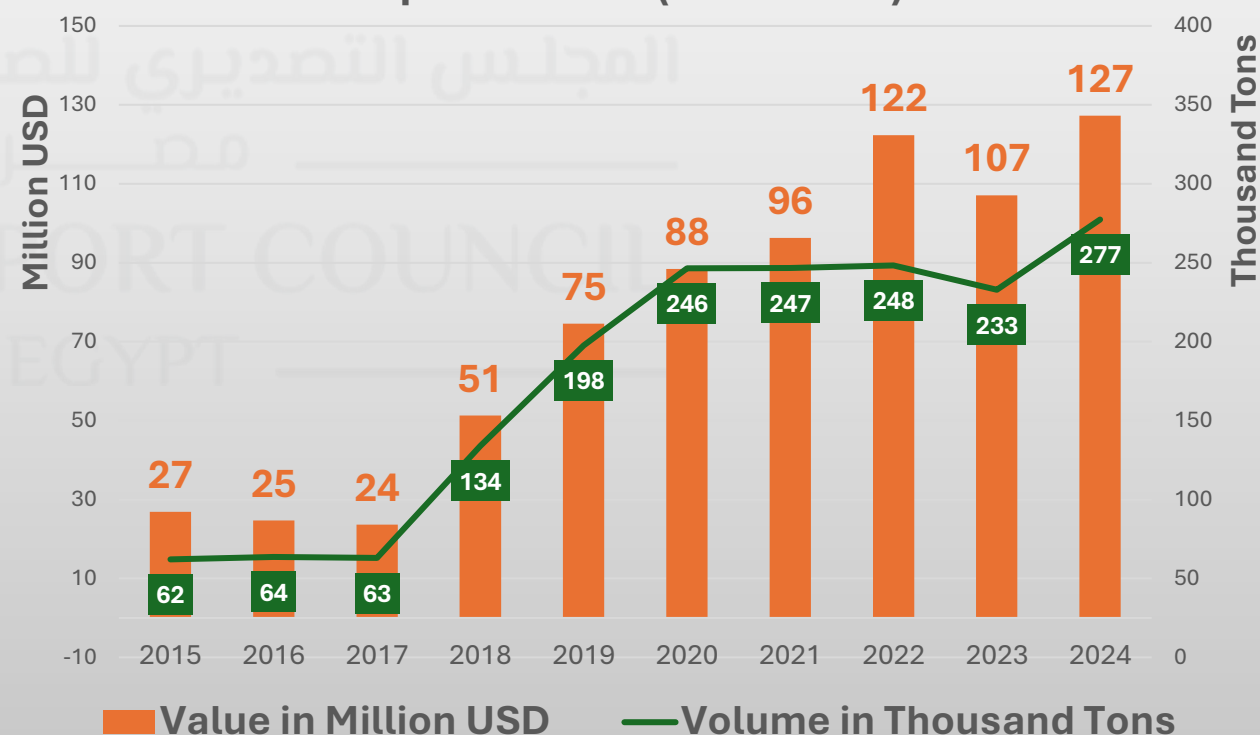
Overview of Malaysia's Import Performance in 2024 (Trade Map)

- Malaysia's imports represent 8.2%.
- Its ranking in world imports is 1st.
- Total Imports: 127 million USD
- Import Quantity: 277 thousands tons
- Unit Value(USD/unit): 459

Annual Growth Analysis

- Annual Growth Value (2020-2024): 9%
- Annual Growth Quantity (2020-2024): 2%
- Annual Growth Value (2023-2024): - 19%

Malaysia Maize Starch: Value and Volume Import Trends (2015-2024)





Malaysian market



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Top Exporters to Malaysia by Share in Imports: Import Value, Volume, and Unit Value in 2024 based on available data

Rank	Exporters	Imported Value in Million USD	Imported Volume in thousand tons	Share in Malaysia's Import	Annual Growth in Value (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Volume (2020-2024) %	Annual Growth in Value (2023-2024) %	Unit value (USD/unit)
Total		127	277		9%	2%	19%	459
1.	India	104	235	82%	42%	32%	14%	444
2.	Korea	13	24	10%	12%	4%	12%	555
3.	France	3	4	2%	21%	15%	135%	653
4.	Pakistan	1.5	2.9	1%	34%	35%	189%	505
5.	Ukraine	1.4	3.2	1%	-56%	-14%	-	447

Source: ITC (Trade Map)

Note: Egypt currently does not have a presence in the Malaysian market for maize starch.

To explore the market access conditions in Malaysia: [Market Access Map](#) There, you can find comprehensive information about the market entry requirements and regulations in Malaysia.



Challenges Facing Egypt's Maize Starch Export Sector

1. High Domestic Competition for Corn Resources

Egypt's corn consumption is heavily driven by the poultry sector, which accounts for the majority of demand. The poultry industry is rebounding from a 40% production drop in 2023, pushing corn consumption to a forecasted 15.8 Million ton in MY 2025/26. However, domestic corn production is only 7.25 Million ton, forcing Egypt to rely on imports (8.7 million ton) to meet demand. This competition between the poultry sector and starch processors for limited corn supplies raises domestic prices, reducing the cost-competitiveness of maize starch exports.

2. Dependency on Volatile Global Corn Imports

Egypt imports over half of its corn needs, primarily from Brazil, Ukraine, and Argentina. This reliance exposes the sector to:

- Geopolitical risks: Conflicts (e.g., Russia-Ukraine war) or trade disruptions in supplier countries could destabilize supply chains.
- Price volatility: Global corn prices are influenced by weather events, tariffs, and energy costs (e.g., fertilizer expenses linked to natural gas prices).

3. Domestic Agricultural Constraints

- Water scarcity: Limited water resources hinder efforts to expand corn cultivation, despite government initiatives to boost production.
- Policy focus: While Egypt aims to increase corn production by 56% by 2025/26 for self-sufficiency, incentives like procurement price hikes are more prominent for wheat than corn.

Challenges Facing Egypt's Maize Starch Export Sector

4. Global Trade and Macroeconomic Pressures

- Trade wars: Proposed U.S. tariffs (e.g., 10–20% on all trading partners) could disrupt global grain markets, raise import costs and reduce export competitiveness.
- Energy costs: Rising natural gas prices increase fertilizer and transportation expenses, indirectly inflating production costs for maize starch.

5. Climate and Environmental Risks

- Weather volatility: Adverse conditions in corn-exporting countries (e.g., droughts in Brazil) could reduce global supply, driving up import costs.

6. Infrastructure and Policy Gaps

- Limited milling capacity: While Egypt has expanded milling infrastructure for wheat flour, similar investments in starch processing remain unclear.
- Subsidy priorities: The government's focus on bread subsidies (consuming 20.4 MMT of wheat annually) may overshadow support for corn-based industries.

Conclusion

- The global demand for maize starch under HS Code 110812 reached \$1.6 billion in 2024, with 2.53 million tons traded. From 2020 to 2024, the market grew at an annual rate of 9% in value but decreased by 1% in volume. Between 2023 and 2024, there was a 6% decline in value, with the average unit value reaching \$614 per ton. In 2024, Egypt's maize starch exports were valued at \$36 million, with a volume of 79 thousand tons, according to data from GOEIC.
- Key importing countries in 2024 included Malaysia, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, France, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, Vietnam, and Thailand. These markets collectively accounted for approximately 55% of global maize starch imports. Malaysia led with an 8% share, followed by Germany and Indonesia at 7% each. Mexico and France each held 6%, the United Kingdom held 4%, and the United States, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands, and Vietnam each accounted for 3%. Thailand represented 2% of global imports.
- In 2024, the top maize starch exporting countries were India, the United States, Türkiye, Germany, France, and Romania. These countries collectively represented 57% of global exports. India held the largest share at 20%, followed by the United States at 11%, Türkiye at 9%, and Germany and France at 6% each. Romania accounted for 5%. Egypt ranked 26th globally, with a 0.7% share of total exports under HS Code 110812.
- The markets with the greatest potential for expanding Egypt's maize starch exports include the United Arab Emirates, the United States, France, and Malaysia. The United Arab Emirates shows the largest gap between potential and actual exports, with room for an additional \$3.5 million in exports. The United States and France each present an unrealized export potential of \$2.3 million, while Malaysia offers an additional potential of \$2 million. These figures indicate promising opportunities for Egypt to grow its presence in these markets.

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General Organization for Export and Import Control (GOEIC)

ITC (International Trade Centre)

TradeMap

Market Access Map

Export Potential Map

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Appendix

- [Maize Starch Attachments - Google Drive](#)

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