



Raisins: World Markets and Trade

Global Raisin Production to Drop

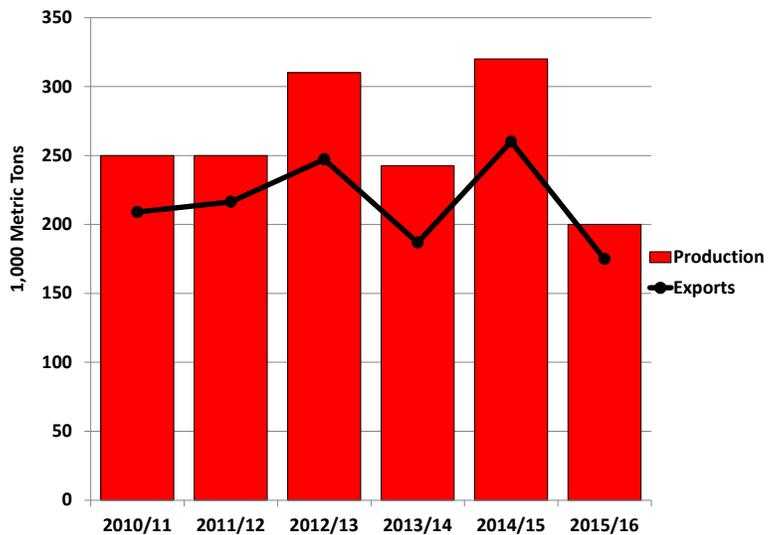
Global raisin production for 2015/16 is forecast to decline 6 percent to 1.14 million metric tons (tons) as losses in Turkey more than offset gains in the United States and Iran. World consumption is expected to be nearly unchanged at 1.13 million tons, drawing stocks lower in the United States and Turkey. Global exports are forecast 4 percent lower to 708,000 tons, primarily due to lower shipments from Turkey.

Turkey's production is forecast to decline 38 percent to 200,000 tons due to reduced yields following the April freeze in the Aegean Region where the vast majority of raisins are grown. With lower available supplies, exports are expected to fall 33 percent to 175,000 tons, slowing shipments to its primary market, the EU. Ending stocks are forecast nearly 80 percent lower from recent highs to just 6,200 tons.

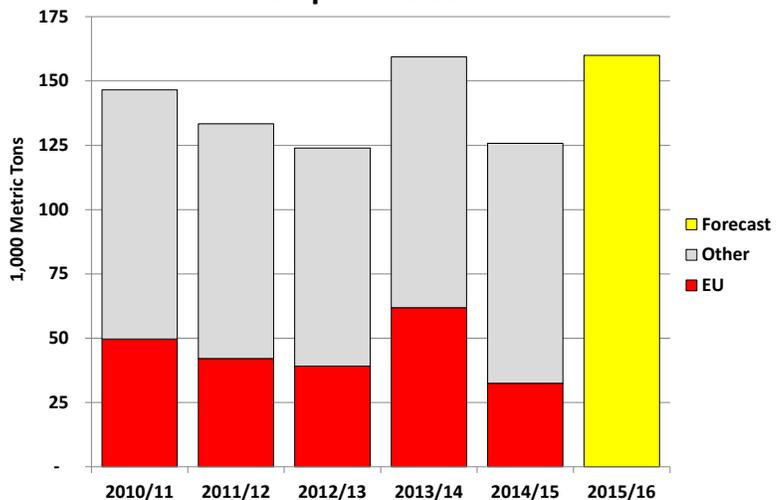
U.S. production is forecast to rise 9 percent to 340,000 tons based on higher yields as reported in the [California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Report](#). These gains are driven by a 19-percent increase in the number of bunches per vine, offset slightly as bearing acreage slips 2.6 percent to 185,000 acres. Growers continued to face drought conditions and lack of water availability. Despite the drought, many growers reported they were managing their water allocations this year more efficiently than in previous years. Exports are forecast to gain 26 percent to reach 160,000 tons following opportunities created by Turkey's reduced exportable supplies. Ending stocks are expected to decline a second consecutive year to total 88,000 tons.

China's production is forecast to increase 6 percent to 190,000 tons on higher yields following favorable weather in Xingjiang, the largest producing region. Green raisins account for 60 percent of total

Turkey's Exports Forecast Lower on Smaller Crop



U.S. Raisin Exports Forecast to Rebound on Higher Shipments to EU



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production and are mostly consumed as snack foods, while dark raisins account for 40 percent of output and are primarily used by low-end bakery shops. Since domestic consumption accounts for a vast majority of the harvest, exports are forecast only slightly higher at 25,000 tons.

Chile's production is forecast up 2 percent to 65,000 tons on moderately higher yields, with exports gaining a similar amount. Most raisins are produced from discarded table grapes unsuitable for fresh consumption. Nearly all the harvest is destined for export markets such as Europe, the United States, and Mexico.

South Africa's production is forecast 5 percent lower to 55,000 tons as output returns to normal following last year's record, which included a large quantity of wine grapes that had been diverted to raisins. Exports are expected unchanged at 45,000 tons, with the majority shipped to the EU.

Argentina's production is forecast nearly unchanged at 32,000 tons on favorable weather conditions. About ninety-five percent of Argentine raisins are produced in the Province of San Juan, which is located alongside the Andes Mountains in western Argentina. Area planted is unchanged from the previous two years and no significant land investment is expected in the near future since farm-gate prices have been relatively low. The industry's primary challenge during the past few years has been the dramatic increase of production costs combined with high inflation, which has decreased their competitiveness in export markets.

EU imports are forecast to slip 1 percent to 330,000 tons on lower shipments from Turkey's frost damaged harvest, which is expected to be mostly offset by increased supplies from the United States.

Revised 2014/15

World **production** is revised up from the September 2014 estimate by 13,000 tons to 1.22 million.

- Uzbekistan is raised 31,000 tons to 51,000 due to better-than-anticipated yields.
- Turkey is increased 10,000 tons to 320,000 on higher yields.
- Iran is slashed 30,000 tons to 130,000 on lower yields.

World **exports** are revised up 26,000 tons to 741,000.

- Uzbekistan is raised 31,000 tons to 49,000 on higher exportable supplies.
- Turkey is increased 25,000 tons to 260,000 on higher-than-anticipated shipments to Europe.
- Iran is lowered 23,000 tons to 102,000 on smaller exportable supplies.

World **imports** are revised lower 2,000 tons to 695,000.

- Australia is reduced 8,000 tons to 22,000 as consumption drops to lowest level in years.
- Iraq is lowered 8,000 tons to 14,000.
- EU is reduced 8,000 tons to 332,000 on lower shipments from the United States.
- Kazakhstan is raised 22,000 tons to 37,000 on increased shipments from Uzbekistan.

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Raisin Production, Supply and Distribution for Select Countries

Metric Tons (Dry Weight Basis)

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	Sep 2015/16
Production						
United States	358,157	348,631	313,795	368,408	311,255	340,000
Turkey	250,000	250,000	310,000	242,635	320,000	200,000
China	135,000	100,000	150,000	165,000	180,000	190,000
Iran	147,000	150,000	180,000	160,000	130,000	150,000
Chile	72,500	74,000	68,500	69,200	64,000	65,000
South Africa	23,475	37,900	46,000	46,000	58,000	55,000
Afghanistan	34,000	32,000	26,800	34,300	40,000	42,000
Uzbekistan	26,000	35,000	22,000	18,000	51,000	35,000
Argentina	34,000	31,500	32,000	20,500	33,000	32,000
Australia	7,400	13,400	12,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other	19,300	22,000	21,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total	1,106,832	1,094,431	1,182,595	1,154,043	1,217,255	1,139,000
Domestic Consumption						
European Union	339,400	325,800	344,000	330,900	333,300	330,000
United States	208,646	215,579	203,905	221,603	211,305	215,000
China	101,800	91,000	138,200	144,400	186,939	185,000
Turkey	43,200	35,900	47,133	58,100	55,000	50,000
Japan	29,300	29,500	29,800	30,000	31,000	31,000
Australia	36,100	36,900	33,600	32,175	28,700	27,500
Canada	33,600	27,500	27,500	28,800	26,000	27,000
Iran	24,500	28,200	30,300	29,300	27,800	25,000
Mexico	19,700	27,000	24,300	25,300	25,400	25,000
Brazil	23,000	22,900	26,000	25,400	23,000	21,000
Other	206,375	211,400	220,150	207,100	222,600	195,200
Total	1,065,621	1,051,679	1,124,888	1,133,078	1,171,044	1,131,700
Ending Stocks						
United States	93,952	111,714	114,294	115,677	106,251	88,251
Turkey	4,500	3,500	21,167	20,602	28,177	6,177
Argentina	0	0	0	0	2,000	3,000
Chile	400	400	375	300	500	500
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	98,852	115,614	135,836	136,579	136,928	97,928
Exports						
Turkey	209,000	216,400	247,200	186,900	260,200	175,000
United States	146,538	133,302	123,904	159,401	126,717	160,000
Iran	122,600	121,800	149,700	130,700	102,200	125,000
Chile	70,200	73,600	67,150	66,000	61,000	62,000
South Africa	16,800	24,800	31,900	35,050	45,000	45,000
Afghanistan	30,300	28,900	22,600	30,100	35,000	37,000
Uzbekistan	22,700	32,900	20,000	15,700	48,700	33,000
Other	91,700	73,200	74,750	67,800	62,000	71,000
Total	709,838	704,902	737,204	691,651	740,817	708,000
Imports						
European Union	337,100	322,200	340,200	328,900	332,300	330,000
Japan	29,300	29,500	29,800	30,000	31,000	31,000
Canada	33,600	27,500	27,500	28,800	26,000	27,000
China	16,200	22,500	20,900	18,700	29,339	25,000
Australia	29,500	24,600	23,800	24,375	22,000	21,000
Brazil	23,000	22,900	26,000	25,400	23,000	21,000
Kazakhstan	7,000	15,000	6,300	13,200	36,500	20,000
Russia	51,300	44,700	47,500	32,100	24,400	20,000
United Arab Emirates	19,000	20,200	22,100	23,300	19,700	20,000
Mexico	15,000	20,100	17,400	17,300	17,200	17,000
Other	129,301	129,712	138,219	129,354	133,516	129,700
Total	690,301	678,912	699,719	671,429	694,955	661,700

Split Marketing Year (example: 2013/14) For Northern Hemisphere countries, the marketing year begins in August of the first year (2013/14). For Southern Hemisphere countries, the marketing year begins in January of the second year (2013/14).