



Raisins: World Markets and Trade

Global Raisin Production to Rebound

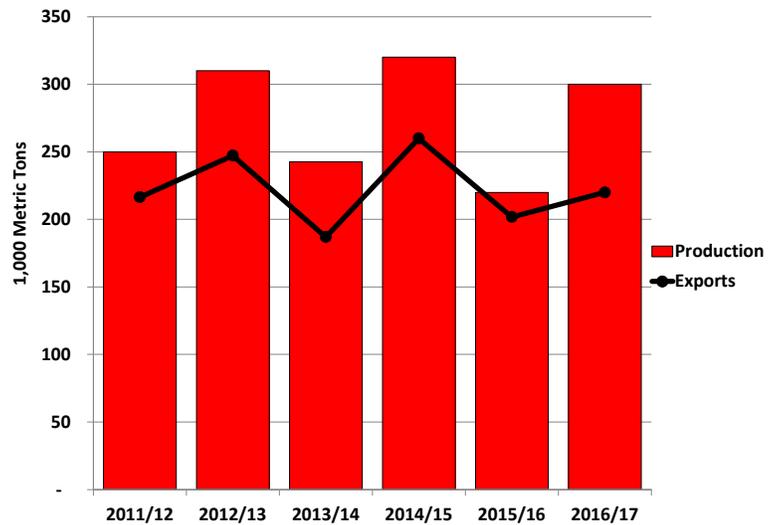
Global raisin production for 2016/17 is forecast to rebound nearly 5 percent to 1.25 million metric tons (tons) as gains in Turkey and Iran more than offset losses in the United States, Chile and China. World consumption is expected to keep pace, rising to 1.23 million tons. Global exports are forecast up 4 percent to nearly 750,000 tons, primarily due to higher shipments from Turkey, the United States and Iran.

Turkey's production is forecast to rise 80,000 tons to 300,000 due to favorable weather following last year's frost damage. With higher available supplies, exports are expected to gain 18,000 tons to 220,000 on strong shipments to its primary market, the EU. Ending stocks are forecast to rise sharply and reach nearly 40,000 tons. In March 2016, Turkey banned the pesticide *chlorpyrifos* in response to the EU publishing a regulation limiting its use. Continued market access is expected.

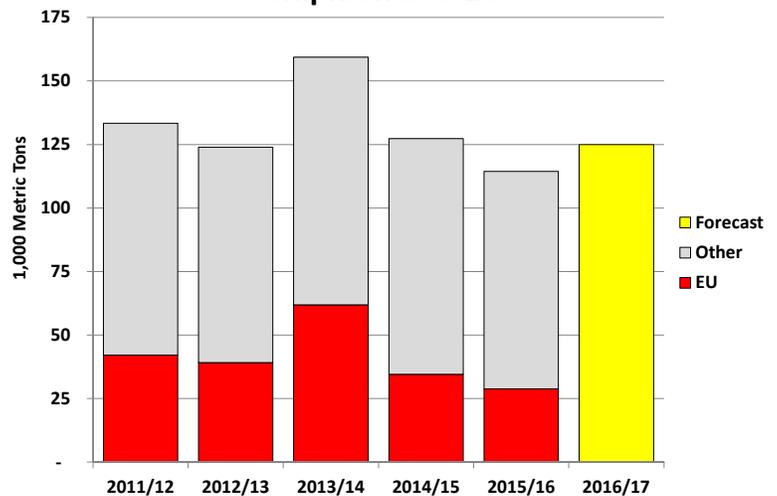
U.S. production is forecast down 33,000 tons to 315,000. Although the [California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Report](#) was not conducted, the National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed the industry and published the forecast for California's raisin type grape production in the August 2016 [Crop Production Report](#). Exports are forecast to gain 11,000 tons to reach 125,000 on higher shipments to China, and to a lesser extent, the EU. Ending stocks are expected to decline 25,000 tons to 107,418 following last year's build-up.

China's production is forecast down 5,000 tons to 185,000 as more grapes in the major growing region of Turpan are expected to move to the fresh market on improved prices. Thompson Seedless account for over 85 percent of acreage because this variety is suitable for fresh table grape consumption as well as processing into raisins. Green raisins account for approximately 60 percent of total production

Turkey's Exports Forecast Higher on Larger Crop



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



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and are mostly consumed as snack foods, while dark raisins account for the remainder and are used by the domestic food processing industry. Green raisins are mainly produced by individual farmers using special drying houses, while most dark raisins are produced in factories with sun-drying yards. Exports are forecast down slightly to 25,000 tons on stronger competition from Turkey and the United States.

Chile's production is forecast down 6,000 tons to 62,000 on lower yields, with exports dropping a similar amount. Most raisins are produced from discarded table grapes unsuitable for fresh consumption. Nearly all the raisins are destined for export markets such as Europe, the United States, and Mexico.

South Africa's production and exports are forecast unchanged at 53,000 tons and 45,000 tons, respectively, on expectations of normal growing conditions.

Argentina's production is forecast nearly unchanged at 40,000 tons on expectations of normal weather. About ninety-five percent of raisins are produced in the Province of San Juan, located alongside the Andes Mountains. Since this region averages only 8 inches of rain annually, plantations are irrigated from snowmelt from the Andes. Although land is available for additional plantings, area expansion is limited due to high irrigation costs and low farm-gate prices.

EU imports are forecast to gain 8,000 tons to 335,000 on slightly higher shipments from Turkey and the United States.

Revised 2015/16

World **production** is revised up from the September 2015 estimate by 58,000 tons to 1.2 million.

- Uzbekistan is raised 35,000 tons to 70,000 due to better-than-anticipated yields.
- Turkey is increased 20,000 tons to 220,000 on higher yields.

World **exports** are revised up 14,000 tons to 722,000.

- Uzbekistan is raised 35,000 tons to 68,000 on higher exportable supplies.
- Turkey is increased 27,000 tons to 202,000 on higher-than-anticipated shipments to the EU.
- United States is lowered 46,000 tons to 114,000 on lower-than-anticipated shipments to the EU.

World **imports** are revised higher 47,000 tons to 709,000.

- Kazakhstan is raised 22,000 tons to 42,000 on increased shipments from Uzbekistan.
- China is increased 9,000 tons to 34,000 on higher shipments from Uzbekistan.

World **ending stocks** are revised up 44,000 tons to 142,000.

- United States is raised 44,000 tons to 132,000, the highest level in 10 years, on lower-than-anticipated exports.

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Raisin Production, Supply and Distribution for Select Countries

Metric Tons (Dry Weight Basis)

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Sep 2016/17
Production						
United States	348,631	313,795	368,408	332,211	348,087	315,000
Turkey	250,000	310,000	242,635	320,000	220,000	300,000
China	100,000	150,000	165,000	180,000	190,000	185,000
Iran	150,000	180,000	160,000	130,000	139,000	150,000
Uzbekistan	35,000	22,000	18,000	51,700	69,800	73,000
Chile	74,000	68,500	69,200	65,000	68,000	62,000
South Africa	37,900	46,000	46,000	65,900	53,000	53,000
Argentina	31,500	32,000	20,500	37,000	41,000	40,000
Afghanistan	30,000	24,000	31,000	37,000	33,000	35,000
Australia	13,400	12,500	10,000	12,000	15,000	18,000
Other	22,000	21,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total	1,092,431	1,179,795	1,150,743	1,250,811	1,196,887	1,251,000
Domestic Consumption						
European Union	325,800	344,000	330,900	333,800	326,000	335,000
United States	215,779	205,122	215,636	238,039	230,886	235,000
China	91,000	138,200	144,400	186,939	192,500	200,000
Turkey	35,900	47,133	58,100	55,225	42,500	50,000
Kazakhstan	15,000	6,300	13,200	36,500	42,000	45,000
Australia	36,900	33,600	32,175	27,100	33,300	36,500
Japan	29,500	29,800	30,000	31,000	31,500	32,000
Iran	28,200	30,300	29,300	27,800	26,300	30,000
Brazil	22,900	26,000	25,400	23,200	25,800	27,000
Canada	27,500	27,500	28,800	26,100	25,500	26,000
Other	223,900	238,350	220,800	212,700	200,600	211,100
Total	1,052,379	1,126,305	1,128,711	1,198,403	1,176,886	1,227,600
Ending Stocks						
United States	111,962	113,329	120,693	104,944	132,418	107,418
Turkey	3,500	21,167	20,602	28,177	6,177	39,177
Argentina	0	0	0	2,000	3,000	3,000
Chile	400	375	300	500	500	500
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	115,862	134,871	141,595	135,621	142,095	150,095
Exports						
Turkey	216,400	247,200	186,900	259,900	201,800	220,000
United States	133,302	123,899	159,389	127,279	114,393	125,000
Iran	121,800	149,700	130,700	102,200	112,700	120,000
Uzbekistan	32,900	20,000	15,700	49,400	67,800	70,000
Chile	73,600	67,150	66,000	62,000	67,000	60,000
South Africa	24,800	31,900	35,050	52,900	45,000	45,000
Argentina	29,100	29,050	16,300	29,700	35,000	35,000
Other	70,500	65,300	78,700	70,000	78,400	74,000
Total	702,402	734,199	688,739	753,379	722,093	749,000
Imports						
European Union	322,200	340,200	328,900	332,800	327,000	335,000
Kazakhstan	15,000	6,300	13,200	36,500	42,000	45,000
China	22,500	20,900	18,700	29,339	34,000	40,000
Japan	29,500	29,800	30,000	31,000	31,500	32,000
Brazil	22,900	26,000	25,400	23,200	25,800	27,000
Canada	27,500	27,500	28,800	26,100	25,500	26,000
Russia	44,700	47,500	34,100	26,600	26,600	26,000
Australia	24,600	23,800	24,375	19,200	24,000	25,000
United States	18,013	16,593	13,981	17,358	24,666	20,000
Iraq	18,500	20,900	18,300	14,100	16,000	18,000
Other	133,500	140,225	137,675	138,800	131,500	139,600
Total	678,913	699,718	673,431	694,997	708,566	733,600

The marketing year begins in August of the first year for Northern Hemisphere countries and January of the second year for Southern Hemisphere countries.