



# Raisins: World Markets and Trade

## Global Raisin Production Up Marginally

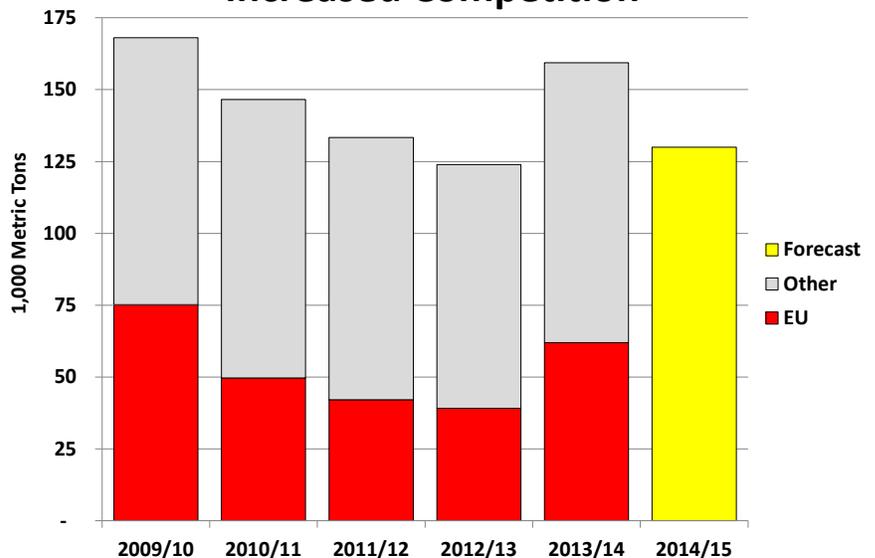
Global raisin production for 2014/15 is forecast at a record 1.2 million metric tons, up 5 percent from the previous year as gains in Turkey more than offset losses in the United States. Consumption, which lagged production the previous four years, is also at a record 1.2 million tons. World trade is nearly 5 percent higher, primarily due to rising shipments to the European Union.

U.S. production is forecast to drop 14 percent to 320,000 tons based on lower yields as reported in the [California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Report](#). The crop has struggled with the lack of water, while hail in the spring hit some vineyards during bloom. Exports are set to decline nearly 20 percent to 130,000 tons on increased competition from Turkey, particularly in the EU. Ending stocks, which expanded over the last 4 years, are down 13 percent to 99,000 tons on lower available supplies.

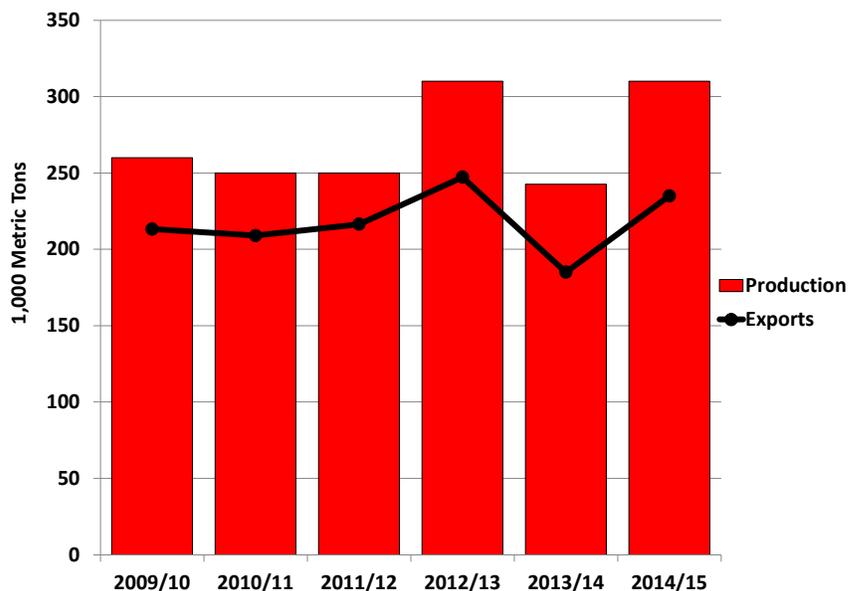
Turkey's production is forecast to rebound, reaching the previous record of 310,000 tons on favorable weather and expanding area following last year's spring freeze and hail damage. With higher available supplies, exports are projected to rise nearly 30 percent to 235,000 tons as Turkey reclaims market share in the EU. Ending stocks are forecast to reach 27,000 tons, the highest level in nearly a decade, despite a recent rise in domestic consumption.

China's production is forecast to increase 10 percent to 180,000 tons as disruptions in fresh grape sales

## U.S. Raisin Exports Forecast Lower on Increased Competition



## Turkey's Exports Forecast Higher on Larger Crop



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are expected to divert higher volumes to raisin processing, more than offsetting the effects of an April frost in Xinjiang, the largest producing region. Green raisins account for 60 percent of total 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 limited at just 35,000 tons.

**Chile's** production is forecast to rebound 5 percent to 66,000 tons following last year's frost that lowered grape output. Most raisins are produced from discarded table grapes, unsuitable for fresh consumption. Nearly all the harvest is destined for export markets such as the EU, United States and Mexico.

**South Africa's** production is forecast almost 10 percent higher to 50,000 tons based on increased area and yield following last year's frost damage. Exports are expected marginally higher with the majority shipped to the EU.

**Afghanistan's** production is forecast 5 percent higher to 36,000 tons due mostly to increased area. Farmers typically dry 25 percent of their grape crop, but a higher percentage of grapes are dried if travel into and through Pakistan becomes problematic. However, the drying process is a major constraint for the industry as it predominately occurs in conditions that produce lower quality raisins. Top export markets include India and Russia.

EU imports are forecast to rise 3 percent to 340,000 tons on increased demand from households as well as the manufacturing sector.

## Revised 2013/14

World **production** is revised down from the September 2013 estimate by 35,000 tons to 1.14 million.

- Uzbekistan is slashed 18,000 tons to 17,000 on lower yields.
- Chile is lowered 14,000 tons to 62,000 due to frost damage.
- Argentina is decreased 9,500 tons to 24,500 as a late frost combined with excessive rain to lower yields.

World **exports** are revised down 55,000 tons to 687,000.

- Turkey is cut 35,000 tons to 185,000 on smaller exportable supplies resulting in lower shipments to the EU.
- Chile is lowered 15,000 tons to 59,000 on smaller exportable supplies.
- Uzbekistan is revised down 15,000 tons to 15,000 on smaller exportable supplies.
- United States is raised 19,000 tons to 159,000 due to higher-than-anticipated shipments to Europe.

World **imports** are revised down 34,000 tons to 671,000.

- Russia is reduced 16,000 tons to 29,000.
- EU is lowered 10,000 tons to 330,000.

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## Raisin Production, Supply and Distribution for Select Countries

Metric Tons (Dry Weight Basis)

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Sep 2014/15
<b>Production</b>						
United States	304,361	358,157	348,631	313,795	371,492	320,000
Turkey	260,000	250,000	250,000	310,000	242,635	310,000
China	185,000	135,000	100,000	150,000	165,000	180,000
Iran	145,000	147,000	150,000	180,000	160,000	160,000
Chile	65,000	72,500	74,000	68,500	62,200	65,500
South Africa	43,000	23,475	37,900	46,000	46,000	50,000
Afghanistan	31,000	34,000	32,000	26,727	34,300	36,000
Argentina	27,000	34,000	31,500	32,000	24,500	33,000
Uzbekistan	26,000	26,000	35,000	22,000	17,000	20,000
Australia	13,600	7,400	13,400	12,500	10,000	10,000
Other	20,300	19,300	22,000	21,000	20,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,120,261</b>	<b>1,106,832</b>	<b>1,094,431</b>	<b>1,182,522</b>	<b>1,153,127</b>	<b>1,204,500</b>
<b>Domestic Consumption</b>						
European Union	342,500	339,400	325,800	344,000	332,000	342,000
United States	206,492	208,646	215,579	203,885	226,767	220,000
China	150,300	101,800	91,000	138,200	144,700	165,000
Turkey	51,047	43,200	35,900	47,133	60,000	70,000
Australia	33,500	36,100	36,900	33,600	34,700	37,500
Iran	24,100	24,500	28,200	30,300	29,300	35,000
Canada	29,300	33,600	27,500	27,500	29,000	30,000
Japan	29,700	29,300	29,500	29,800	30,000	30,000
Russia	71,700	51,300	44,700	46,600	29,000	30,000
Brazil	27,000	23,000	22,900	26,000	25,400	26,000
Mexico	22,300	19,700	27,000	24,300	25,000	25,000
United Arab Emirates	19,500	19,000	20,200	22,100	23,300	25,000
Iraq	15,900	16,300	18,500	20,900	18,300	22,000
Ukraine	17,600	18,800	18,600	20,900	16,000	16,000
Kazakhstan	1,100	7,000	15,000	6,300	12,300	15,000
South Africa	4,000	7,775	13,400	14,200	11,300	13,000
India	9,300	7,600	8,500	8,800	12,500	10,000
Algeria	8,500	8,400	8,900	8,500	9,000	9,500
Malaysia	6,800	6,800	7,500	7,900	7,000	8,000
New Zealand	7,900	8,000	7,900	7,300	7,500	7,500
Other	61,670	55,400	48,200	55,600	55,400	58,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,140,209</b>	<b>1,065,621</b>	<b>1,051,679</b>	<b>1,123,818</b>	<b>1,138,467</b>	<b>1,195,200</b>
<b>Ending Stocks</b>						
United States	71,578	93,952	111,714	114,294	113,611	98,611
Turkey	4,700	4,500	3,500	21,167	20,702	26,702
Chile	100	400	400	368	368	668
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Algeria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	800	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,178</b>	<b>98,852</b>	<b>115,614</b>	<b>135,829</b>	<b>134,681</b>	<b>125,981</b>

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).

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Metric Tons (Dry Weight Basis)

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Sep 2014/15
<b>Imports</b>						
European Union	339,300	337,100	322,200	340,200	330,000	340,000
Australia	22,700	29,500	24,600	23,800	27,000	30,000
Canada	29,300	33,600	27,500	27,500	29,000	30,000
Japan	29,700	29,300	29,500	29,800	30,000	30,000
Russia	71,700	51,300	44,700	46,600	29,000	30,000
Brazil	27,000	23,000	22,900	26,000	25,400	26,000
United Arab Emirates	19,500	19,000	20,200	22,100	23,300	25,000
Iraq	15,900	16,300	18,500	20,900	18,300	22,000
China	13,300	16,200	22,500	20,900	18,700	20,000
Mexico	16,900	15,000	20,100	17,400	17,000	17,000
Ukraine	17,600	18,800	18,600	20,900	16,000	16,000
Kazakhstan	1,100	7,000	15,000	6,300	12,300	15,000
United States	21,123	19,401	18,012	16,594	13,979	15,000
India	9,300	7,600	8,500	8,800	12,500	10,000
Algeria	8,500	8,400	8,900	8,500	9,000	9,500
Malaysia	6,800	6,800	7,500	7,900	7,000	8,000
New Zealand	7,900	8,000	7,900	7,300	7,500	7,500
Taiwan	7,200	8,000	6,700	7,400	7,500	7,500
Colombia	6,400	6,100	6,100	7,400	6,700	7,000
Peru	6,900	6,200	6,100	6,200	6,100	6,000
Other	34,000	23,700	22,900	26,322	24,600	25,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>712,123</b>	<b>690,301</b>	<b>678,912</b>	<b>698,816</b>	<b>670,879</b>	<b>697,000</b>
<b>Exports</b>						
Turkey	213,200	209,000	216,400	247,200	185,000	235,000
United States	168,021	146,538	133,302	123,924	159,387	130,000
Iran	122,000	122,600	121,800	149,700	130,700	125,000
Chile	63,600	70,200	73,600	67,154	59,000	62,500
South Africa	40,200	16,800	24,800	31,900	35,000	37,200
China	48,000	49,400	31,500	32,700	39,000	35,000
Afghanistan	27,400	30,300	28,900	22,677	29,300	30,800
Argentina	23,250	29,200	29,100	29,050	22,000	29,000
Uzbekistan	22,700	22,700	32,900	20,000	15,000	18,000
European Union	8,800	8,700	9,400	8,200	8,000	8,000
Other	5,700	4,400	3,200	4,800	4,300	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>742,871</b>	<b>709,838</b>	<b>704,902</b>	<b>737,305</b>	<b>686,687</b>	<b>715,000</b>

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