



Tree Nuts: World Markets and Trade

Pistachios

Global production for 2020/21 surged nearly 40 percent to a record 985,000 metric tons (tons) as harvests in the United States and Turkey entered the on-year of the alternate bearing crop cycle. As a result of higher available supplies, world consumption, trade, and ending stocks are all expected to rise.

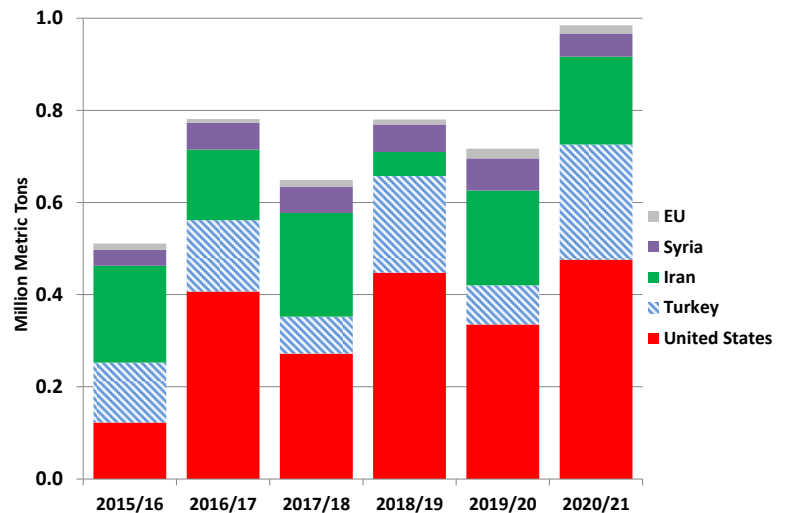
Iran production, reported by the Iranian Pistachio Association, is forecast to drop 7 percent to 190,000 tons due to the off-year of the alternate bearing crop cycle. However, exports are forecast nearly 15 percent higher to 185,000 tons, fueled in part from last year's inventory. Although shipments in the first 4 months of the marketing year were brisk, particularly to China, the pace is expected to slow on dwindling supplies. Domestic consumption is expected unchanged while ending stocks drop to just 10,000 tons.

U.S. production is forecast to gain 42 percent to a record 476,000 tons due to high yields from the on-year of the alternate bearing crop cycle as well as increased bearing acreage. Please note that this forecast is based on shipments data from the Administrative Committee for Pistachios. Prior years are based on data from the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) as reported in the *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts* report. Exports are forecast nearly 20 percent higher to 225,000 tons on strong shipments to top markets China and European Union. Despite record consumption, ending stocks are expected to soar to a record 139,000 tons.

Turkey production is forecast to nearly triple to 250,000 tons due to high yields from the on-year of the alternate bearing crop cycle. Large swings in output are typical, but last year's off-year output was especially low due to adverse rainfall during pollination. Approximately 80 percent of output is concentrated in the southeastern part of Turkey in Gaziantep and Sanliurfa provinces, and trees in this area benefited from favorable growing conditions this year. Higher production will have a limited effect on trade as almost the entire harvest is consumed domestically.

China imports are forecast to gain 45 percent to 150,000 tons on rising shipments from Iran, and to a lesser extent, the United States. While China lowered its Most Favored Nation duty for imported pistachios in 2021 from 10 percent to 5 percent, product from the United States is assessed an additional 15 percent for the Section 232 case and 30 percent for the Section 301 case. However, in

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March 2020, China's State Council Tariff Commission launched a tariff exclusion process where importers can apply for tariff exclusions on specific consignments from the United States. If an exclusion application is successfully approved, the Section 301 tariffs imposed on U.S. pistachios are exempt for a year from the date of approval.

EU production is forecast down 3,000 tons to 18,000 on slight losses in Spain and Italy. Imports are expected to increase 15 percent to 120,000 tons, with the United States supplying most of the market.

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Pistachio Summary
Metric Tons, In-shell Basis

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Feb 2020/21
Production						
United States	122,470	406,646	272,292	447,696	335,658	476,332
Turkey	130,000	155,000	80,000	210,000	85,000	250,000
Iran	210,000	153,000	225,000	52,000	205,000	190,000
Syria	35,000	58,000	56,500	60,000	70,000	50,000
European Union	13,800	8,400	15,000	10,610	21,600	18,330
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	511,270	781,046	648,792	780,306	717,258	984,662
Domestic Consumption						
Turkey	124,300	157,400	110,350	190,050	122,000	211,000
United States	69,742	127,965	127,238	157,866	143,493	180,000
China	71,100	115,100	115,900	106,500	103,200	150,000
European Union	87,400	93,700	106,000	114,535	124,900	137,730
Syria	31,400	52,700	55,300	56,500	65,700	45,500
Iran	38,483	31,506	36,128	11,105	30,016	30,000
India	13,700	17,400	20,500	23,700	20,900	25,000
Saudi Arabia	8,700	11,700	10,100	9,800	11,600	15,000
Iraq	8,325	8,400	10,100	6,700	11,100	13,000
United Arab Emirates	21,175	15,100	16,275	10,900	13,500	12,000
Other	56,700	74,300	71,100	56,300	53,200	60,900
Total	531,025	705,271	678,991	743,956	699,609	880,130
Ending Stocks						
United States	46,528	115,507	47,456	59,926	65,349	139,281
Turkey	8,500	10,000	500	22,500	500	38,500
Iran	17,000	3,000	35,000	22,000	35,000	10,000
European Union	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,500
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	73,528	130,007	84,456	105,926	102,749	189,281
Exports						
United States	82,308	211,247	214,902	278,815	188,588	225,000
Iran	159,517	135,494	156,872	53,895	161,984	185,000
Turkey	9,200	6,600	3,150	14,950	4,700	24,000
Syria	3,900	6,000	2,300	4,600	5,300	5,000
European Union	1,900	1,700	2,100	1,475	1,100	1,000
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	256,825	361,041	379,324	353,735	361,672	440,000
Imports						
China	71,100	115,100	115,900	106,500	103,200	150,000
European Union	75,500	87,000	93,100	105,400	104,800	120,000
India	13,700	17,400	20,500	23,700	20,900	25,000
Turkey	7,000	10,500	24,000	17,000	19,700	23,000
Saudi Arabia	8,700	11,700	10,100	9,800	11,600	15,000
Iraq	8,325	8,400	10,100	6,700	11,100	13,000
United Arab Emirates	21,175	15,100	16,275	10,900	13,500	12,000
Hong Kong	18,300	30,200	25,600	15,500	5,700	10,000
Pakistan	6,500	5,900	7,800	4,900	5,500	8,000
Russia	2,300	2,200	4,900	6,000	8,400	7,500
Other	31,205	38,245	35,697	32,455	36,446	38,500
Total	263,805	341,745	363,972	338,855	340,846	422,000

The marketing year begins in September of the first year of the split year.