



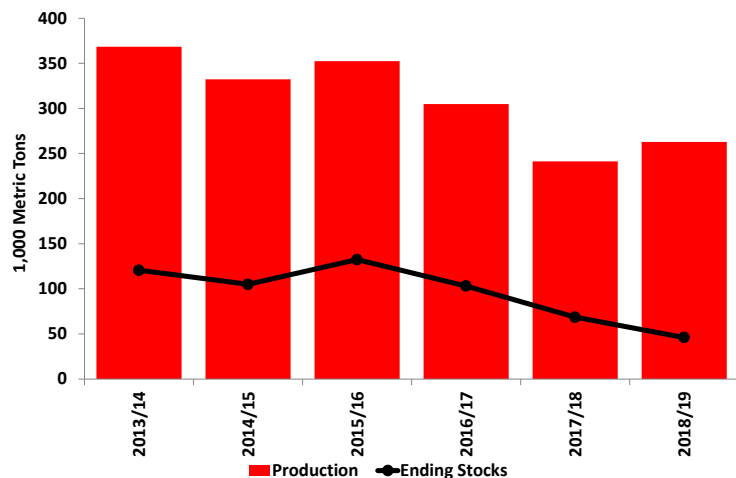
Raisins: World Markets and Trade

Global Raisin Production to Rebound

Global raisin production for 2018/19 is forecast to rebound 5 percent to 1.2 million metric tons (tons) as gains in Iran, the United States, and China more than offset lower output in Turkey. In response to higher supplies, world consumption is expected to rebound 3 percent to 1.2 million tons. However, total ending stocks are expected to tighten a third consecutive year to just 50,000 tons. Global exports are forecast up 4 percent to 779,000 tons, as higher shipments from Iran and Uzbekistan more than offset lower exports from Turkey.

United States production is forecast up 22,000 tons to 263,000. Although the [California Raisin Grape Objective Measurement Report](#) has not been conducted since 2015, the National Agricultural Statistics Service surveyed industry and published a forecast for California's raisin-type grape production in the August 2018 [Crop Production Report](#). Exports are forecast up 2,500 tons to 110,000 on slightly higher shipments to the European Union. Despite declining 6,000 tons from last year's record, imports are forecast to remain elevated at 30,000 tons. Ending stocks are expected to plummet one-third to 46,000 tons.

U.S. Ending Stocks to Continue Declining Despite Uptick in Production



China's production is forecast up 10,000 tons to 190,000 on higher yields following favorable weather 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 and the country is a net importer, exports are forecast only slightly higher at 20,000 tons.

Turkey's production is forecast to drop 26,000 tons to 280,000 due to heavy rains and hail damage during the late spring and summer in some districts in Izmir and Manisa Province. Approximately half of raisin output occurs in the districts of Alasehir, Salihli, and Saruhanli in Manisa Province. With lower available supplies, exports are expected down 29,000 tons to 250,000 on smaller shipments to the European Union, its primary market. Almost all raisin exports are the Sultana variety.

Chile's production and exports are forecast 3,000 tons higher at 60,000 and 58,000 tons, respectively. Most raisins are produced from table grapes in the northern regions of Atacama, Coquimbo, and Valparaiso. Whereas Atacama and Coquimbo received abundant rainfall during 2016/17 that replenished water reservoirs for irrigation, water availability continues to be a problem in Valparaiso. Flame and

Thompson are the main varieties produced, and key export markets include the European Union, the United States, and Mexico.

South Africa's production is forecast 2,500 tons higher to 73,000 based on increased area and favorable growing conditions. The Thompson variety accounts for over half of output, followed by Sultana and Golden raisins. Sun drying is the most common processing method for Thompson, because it is quick and inexpensive, whereas Golden raisins are usually treated with sulfur dioxide and dried in a ventilated facility. Exports are expected marginally higher to 60,000 tons, with the majority shipped to the European Union.

Argentina's production is forecast to remain nearly unchanged at 42,000 tons on expectations of normal weather. Nearly all 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 expansion, area planted is expected to remain unchanged at 6,600 hectares due to the combination of high input costs and low prices. Exports are forecast up 1,000 tons to 39,000 on slightly higher shipments to Brazil.

European Union's imports are forecast to gain 12,000 tons to 335,000 on slightly higher shipments from Iran, Uzbekistan, and the United States.

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Raisin Production, Supply and Distribution for Select Countries

Metric Tons (Dry Weight Basis)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Sep 2018/19
Production						
Turkey	242,635	320,000	220,000	310,000	306,000	280,000
United States	368,408	332,211	352,441	304,723	241,402	263,000
China	165,000	180,000	190,000	165,000	180,000	190,000
Iran	160,000	130,000	139,000	170,000	110,000	150,000
South Africa	46,000	65,900	60,000	62,300	70,500	73,000
Uzbekistan	18,000	52,000	70,000	71,000	65,000	70,000
Chile	69,200	65,000	57,000	53,700	57,000	60,000
Argentina	20,500	37,000	40,000	31,000	41,000	42,000
Afghanistan	31,000	37,000	35,000	26,000	36,500	38,000
Australia	10,000	12,000	15,000	18,000	20,000	20,000
Other	20,000	21,000	19,500	19,000	22,000	19,000
Total	1,150,743	1,252,111	1,197,941	1,230,723	1,149,402	1,205,000
Domestic Consumption						
European Union	330,900	334,800	320,500	335,800	327,300	337,000
China	144,400	186,939	192,400	183,100	200,000	206,000
United States	215,636	238,039	235,136	220,909	205,000	205,564
Japan	30,000	31,000	31,800	35,750	39,700	42,000
Australia	32,175	27,100	30,100	38,700	36,000	37,500
Kazakhstan	13,200	36,500	42,800	53,200	32,100	37,000
Turkey	58,100	55,225	42,500	49,200	30,077	31,800
Brazil	25,400	23,200	25,800	27,800	26,800	28,000
Canada	28,800	26,100	25,200	27,000	26,900	28,000
Iran	29,300	27,800	26,300	36,000	24,300	25,000
Other	221,000	212,950	204,425	214,625	195,100	205,100
Total	1,128,911	1,199,653	1,176,961	1,222,084	1,143,277	1,182,964
Ending Stocks						
United States	120,693	104,944	132,418	103,139	68,564	46,000
Argentina	0	2,000	3,000	1,000	1,500	2,000
Turkey	20,602	28,177	6,177	2,977	1,500	1,200
Chile	300	500	500	500	350	550
Afghanistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	141,595	135,621	142,095	107,616	71,914	49,750
Exports						
Turkey	186,900	259,900	201,800	265,700	278,900	250,000
Iran	130,700	102,200	112,700	134,000	85,700	125,000
United States	159,389	127,279	114,497	127,114	107,457	110,000
Uzbekistan	15,200	49,800	67,600	68,100	63,000	67,500
South Africa	35,050	52,900	46,500	48,800	58,000	60,000
Chile	66,000	62,000	55,600	51,800	55,000	58,000
Argentina	16,300	29,700	34,200	27,500	38,000	39,000
Other	78,700	70,000	79,100	51,700	62,300	69,500
Total	688,239	753,779	711,997	774,714	748,357	779,000
Imports						
European Union	328,900	332,800	321,600	333,200	323,200	335,000
Japan	30,000	31,000	31,800	35,750	39,700	42,000
Kazakhstan	13,200	36,500	42,800	53,200	32,100	37,000
China	18,700	29,339	33,600	35,500	35,000	36,000
United States	13,981	17,358	24,666	14,021	36,480	30,000
Brazil	25,400	23,200	25,800	27,800	26,800	28,000
Canada	28,800	26,100	25,200	27,000	26,900	28,000
Russia	34,100	26,600	27,300	29,200	24,100	24,000
Australia	24,375	19,200	20,300	24,400	21,000	23,000
India	12,100	16,100	15,500	15,900	18,000	19,000
Other	143,575	137,150	128,925	135,625	123,250	132,800
Total	673,131	695,347	697,491	731,596	706,530	734,800

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