

SESAME

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SUMMARY

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- A South Korean tender of 10,000 MT was issued on February 20.
- The sesame marketing campaign in Burkina Faso is nearing its end, with supply decreasing in production areas. Prices have firmed towards the higher range, as traders shift focus to raw cashew nuts.
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INTERNATIONAL

CHINA

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EUROPEAN UNION

Total Border Rejection Counts from EU Based on Origins (In 2025)

Country	Rejection Counts
Turkey	05
Sudan	05
Nigeria	05
Pakistan	01
India	02
Bolivia	01
Mexico	01

Source: EU, RASFF portal

- The most common reason for sesame seed rejections was Salmonella contamination, affecting shipments from Nigeria, Türkiye, and Pakistan.
- India faced rejections due to excessive pesticide residues, while Sudan's primary issue was the absence of health certificates.
- Türkiye also encountered aflatoxin contamination, while Pakistan's sesame faced aflatoxin-related rejections.
- Mexico and Bolivia saw rejections due to high levels of Alternariol mycotoxins, posing health risks.

SOUTH KOREA

- South Korea's sesame imports increased significantly by 26.4% in 2024, rising from 71,595 MT in 2023 to 90,460 MT in 2024. However, the average import price declined slightly, from 2,258 USD/MT in 2023 to 2,150 USD/MT in 2024.
- China remained the top supplier, though its exports to South Korea declined by 22.5%, from 32,289 MT to 25,017 MT, India saw significant growth, increasing its exports by 22.9% from 17,613 MT to 26,421 MT.
- Nigeria's exports declined by 10.4%, from 13,666 MT to 12,242 MT, Pakistan's exports surged by 51.3%, from 5,583 MT to 8,446 MT.

2025 Sesame WTO TRQ Government Trade 2nd Purchase Bid Announcement

- A South Korean tender of 10,000 MT was issued on February 20.
- The details of the tender are as follows:

Commodity	Invitation No.	Quantity	Period of Arrival	Destination Port	Time-Limits for Registration	DATE of Bids
Sesame Seed	AT2836-SI-25(220)	6,000 M/T	11/04/2025	Busan	14:00 KST, 28/02/2025	10:00–11:00 KST, 04/03/2025
Sesame Seed	AT2837-SI-25(221)	6,000 M/T	09/05/2025	Busan	14:00 KST, 28/02/2025	10:00–11:00 KST, 04/03/2025

INDIA

- Sesame prices stable due to good imports from abroad.
- India's sesame exports increased by 13.9% in 2024, reaching 255,878 MT, compared to 224,618 MT in 2023. However, the average export price declined from 2,179 USD/MT in 2023 to 2,084 USD/MT in 2024.
- South Korea became the top buyer, increasing its imports by 52.3% from 17,642 MT to 26,866 MT, The USA, previously the largest importer, fell to second place, with exports rising by 4.9% from 18,504 MT to 19,415 MT and Vietnam significantly increased imports (+38.6%), from 12,566 MT to 17,425 MT.

BURKINA FASO

- The sesame marketing campaign in Burkina Faso is nearing its end, with supply decreasing in production areas. Prices have firmed towards the higher range, as traders shift focus to raw cashew nuts.
- In Boucle du Mouhoun, East, South-West, and Cascades, stocks are dwindling, market supply is slowing, and demand remains weak. Prices have slightly increased, ranging from 700–750 FCFA/kg.
- In Center-West and Hauts Bassins, fewer wholesalers and exporters are active, and prices remain stable at 750–775 FCFA/kg, with a slight rise in the minimum price.

CHAD

- Sesame marketing activity in Chad is beginning to slow down, with decreasing supply in rural areas, as reported by traders. Currently, only trader-held stocks remain available, enabling foreign buyers to source sesame directly from exchange hubs.
- Despite the decline in supply from rural areas, central markets remain active, supported by large stocks held by Chadian traders, who are quick to fulfill buyer demand. Major market hubs, including Moundou, Fianga, Pala, Doba, Sarh, and Kélo, are experiencing steady trade, with prices ranging between 770 and 890 FCFA/kg.

SENEGAL

- ✚ Sesame marketing in Senegal is nearing completion, with no farm-gate stocks remaining and trade at this level ceasing.
- ✚ Residual stocks are now held by large traders in production areas.
- ✚ In the central regions, intermediaries are inactive due to a lack of available stock, while wholesale prices remain stable at 625 FCFA/kg (1,030 USD/MT).
- ✚ At the port of Kaolack, prices stand at 650 FCFA/kg (1,070 USD/MT).
- ✚ In Casamance (Ziguinchor, Sédhiou, and Kolda), stocks are at their lowest, with some areas like Faoune completely depleted.
- ✚ Wholesale trade continues at last week's price of 550 FCFA/kg (905 USD/MT).

Table 1: International offers

Country	Variety	Offer prices (USD/MT)
Brazil		1300-1350 CFR (Feb/Mar shipment)
India		1900- 1920 FOB (Feb/Mar shipment)
Pakistan		1380-1430 FOB (Feb/Mar shipment)
Ethiopia	Humera	1650-1700 (Feb/Mar shipment)
Sudan	White	1575-1650 (Feb/Mar shipment)

Annexures: SESAME SEEDS

Export trend of Sesame Seeds: INDIA

Table 2.1: India- Country-wise Sesame Export Data (Jan) 2025 / (Jan) 2024

(Jan) 2025			(Jan) 2024		
Country	Quantity (MT)	Average Price (USD/MT)	Country	Quantity (MT)	Average Price (USD/MT)
USA	2,324	2,175	Russia	1,418	2,351
South Korea	2,078	1,793	Morocco	1,401	2,370
Iraq	1,959	1,862	Iraq	1,393	2,359
Vietnam	1,707	1,562	USA	1,387	2,482
Russia	1,218	1,933	Taiwan	1,184	1,725
Israel	1,202	1,973	Indonesia	1,082	2,369
Indonesia	1,015	1,833	Saudi Arabia	969	2,419
Taiwan	1,015	1,727	Israel	954	2,408
Others	13,377	1,893	Others	8,440	2,268
Total	25,895	1,883	Total	18,229	2,292

Table 2.2: India Export; Year-on-Year Comparison: (Jan) 2025 / (Jan) 2024

Months	Quantity (MT)	Value (1000 USD)	Average Price (USD/MT)
Jan 2025	25,895	48,757	1,883
Jan 2024	18,229	41,775	2,292
% Change	42%	17%	-18%

Export trend of Sesame Oil: INDIA

Table 3.1: India Sesame oil country-wise export: (Jan) 2025 / (Jan) 2024

(Jan) 2025			(Jan) 2024		
Country	Quantity (MT)	Average Price (USD/MT)	Country	Quantity (MT)	Average Price (USD/MT)
Mexico	197	2,331	Netherlands	178	2,813
Vietnam	196	2,267	UAE	93	3,163
USA	161	3,625	USA	61	5,191
Netherlands	67	2,422	Vietnam	43	2,769
UAE	59	3,030	Malaysia	23	3,892
Italy	37	3,121	Kuwait	20	2,811
UK	29	4,371	Italy	19	3,439
Malaysia	24	3,751	Saudi Arabia	16	4,407
Singapore	21	8,322	UK	16	4,479
Others	90	3,871	Others	57	3,589
Total	880	3,044	Total	526	3,400

Table 3.2: India Sesame oil Export, Year-on-Year comparison: (Jan) 2025 / (Jan) 2024

Months	Quantity (MT)	Value (1000 USD)	Average Price (USD/MT)
Jan 2025	880	2,679	3,044
Jan 2024	526	1,787	3,400
% Change	67%	50%	-10%

Export trend of Sesame Seeds: TURKEY

Table 4.1: Turkey- Country-wise Export Data: Jan-Dec 2024/ Jan-Dec 2023

Jan-Dec 2024			Jan-Dec 2023		
Country	Quantity (Tons)	Average Price (USD/MT)	Country	Quantity (Tons)	Average Price (USD/MT)
Greece	4,452	2,141	Poland	3,617	2,388
Poland	3,408	2,450	Iraq	3,520	2,196
Germany	3,102	2,427	Greece	2,187	2,119
Israel	2,500	2,183	Israel	1,782	2,114
Iraq	2,483	2,265	Italy	1,260	2,069
USA	1,543	2,546	Germany	1,246	2,599
Romania	1,438	2,383	Romania	1,005	2,497
Italy	1,256	1,930	Lebanon	890	2,388
Syria	831	1,763	Syria	889	1,926
Others	8,633	2,456	Others	7,744	2,472
Total	29,647	2,325	Total	24,141	2,324

Table 4.2: Turkey Monthly Export Data: Jan-Dec 2024/ Jan-Dec 2023

Jan-Dec 2024			Jan-Dec 2023		
2025	Quantity (Tons)	Average Price (USD/MT)	2023	Quantity (Tons)	Average Price (USD/MT)
Jan	3,963	2,457	Jan	2,001	2,194
Feb	3,715	2,406	Feb	947	2,343
Mar	2,949	2,392	Mar	1,479	2,256
Apr	2,018	2,476	Apr	1,399	2,325
May	2,658	2,366	May	1,551	2,416
Jun	1,556	2,381	Jun	1,610	2,363
Jul	1,928	2,294	Jul	1,962	2,303
Aug	1,654	2,163	Aug	1,547	2,466
Sep	2,470	2,150	Sep	2,223	2,304
Oct	2,590	2,238	Oct	2,737	2,357
Nov	2,437	2,301	Nov	3,248	2,262
Dec	1,709	2,052	Dec	3,438	2,359
Total	29,647	2,325	Total	24,141	2,324

Table 4.3: Turkey Export, Year-on-Year Comparison: Jan-Dec 2024/ Jan-Dec 2023

Months	Quantity (Tons)	Value (1000 USD)	Average Price (USD/MT)
Dec 2024	1,709	3,508	2,052
Dec 2023	3,438	8,110	2,359
% Change	-50%	-57%	-13%
Jan-Dec 2024	29,647	68,941	2,325
Jan-Dec 2023	24,141	56,112	2,324
% Change	23%	23%	0%

Table 5: FOREX (Against USD) – (17 Feb to 24 Feb) WoW % Change and Year-to-Date % Change

Currency	17 Feb 2025	24 Feb 2025	WoW %	Year to Date % Change
Japanese Yen (JPY)	151.79	149.91	-1.24%	-4.44%
Indian Rupee (INR)	87.491	86.690	-0.92%	1.22%
Brazilian Real (BRL)	5.7874	5.7320	-0.96%	-7.31%
Chinese Yuan (CNY)	7.3045	7.2476	-0.78%	-0.71%
West African Franc (XOF)	632.500	620.000	-1.98%	-1.08%
Pakistani Rupee (PKR)	278.700	279.550	0.30%	0.51%
Ethiopia Birr (ETB)	125.4718	125.9309	0.37%	-1.31%
Sudanese Pound (SDG)	598.7002	598.8502	0.03%	0.01%
Nigeria Naira (NGN)	1,497.410	1,500.730	0.22%	-2.40%
Turkish Lira (TRY)	36.0053	36.4210	1.15%	3.00%
Tanzania (TZS)	2,520.00	2,569.00	1.94%	7.04%
EURO West African France (EURXOF)	651.850	648.890	-0.45%	-0.02%
Euro (EURUSD)	1.0301	1.0461	1.55%	1.02%
Korean WON (USDKRW)	1,452.78	1,429.65	-1.59%	-3.19%

Note: In % change, '+' represents a depreciation in the value of the currency against the USD.

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