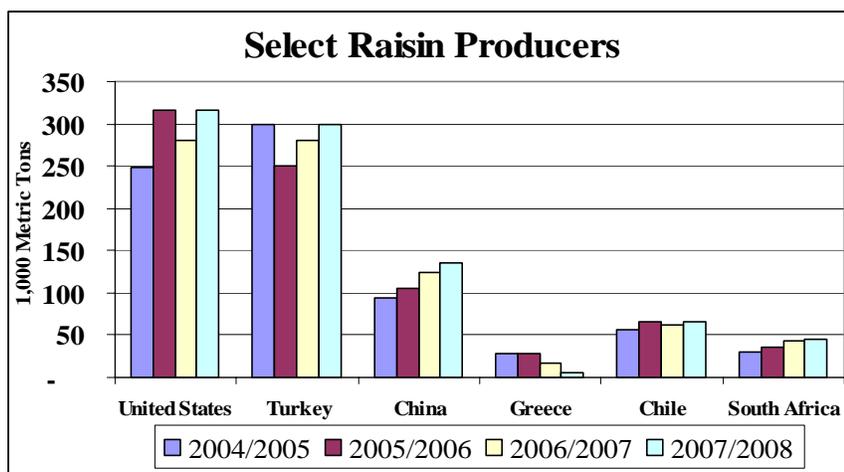


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Raisin Update

Raisin Production in Select Countries

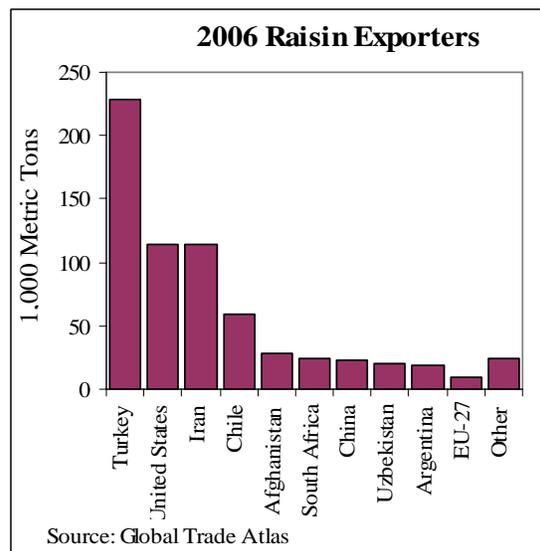
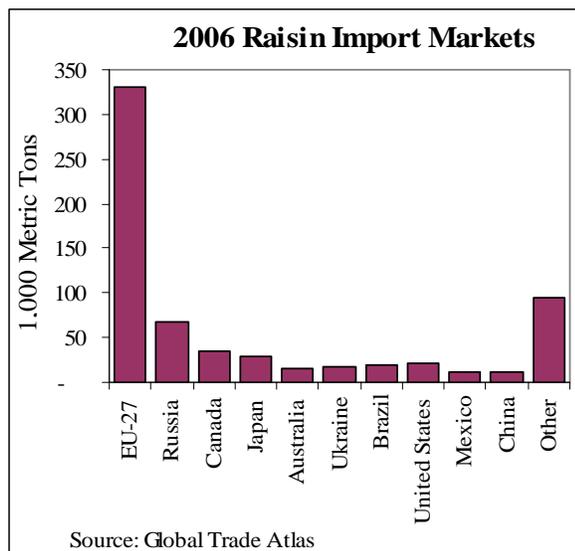
For marketing year (MY) 2007/08, raisin production in selected northern hemisphere countries has been forecast at 757,525 metric tons, an 8-percent increase from the previous year's total of 701,502 tons. U.S. raisin production is forecast to increase due to favorable weather conditions and the vines look good. Turkey's raisin production is forecast to increase slightly due to favorable growing conditions. China's raisin production is forecast to increase over the next two years due to higher yielding acreage entering into production. Greece's raisin production is forecast to decrease significantly due to high temperatures and forest fires that have damaged vineyards. Production in southern hemisphere countries is forecast to total 110,000 tons for MY 2007/08, a 4-percent increase from last year's level. Chile's raisin production is forecast to increase due to recently planted vineyards entering into production. In the coming years, Chile's raisin output is expected to face less competition from the wine industry as more vineyards with wine varietals come into production. South Africa's raisin production is forecast to increase slightly due to favorable weather conditions.



Global Raisin Trade

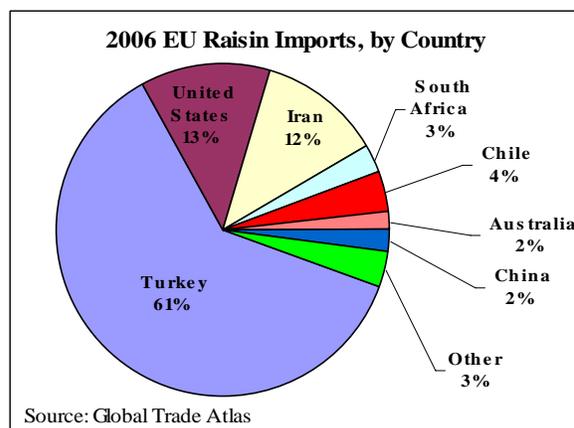
According to Global Trade Atlas (GTA) data, world raisin imports in calendar year (CY) 2006 totaled 658,000 tons, a 5-percent increase from the previous year. The EU was the leading import market for raisins, importing 331,000 tons in CY 2006. Other important raisin import markets included Russia, Canada, and Japan, whose imports totaled 68,000 tons, 36,000 tons, and 29,000 tons, respectively. Also, the United States imported 22,000 tons of raisins in CY 2006, primarily from Chile. In CY 2006, Turkey remained the top exporter, shipping 229,000 tons of raisins to various markets. Other

important raisin exporters included the United States, Iran, and Chile, whose exports totaled 114,000 tons, 114,000 tons, and 59,000 tons, respectively.



Top Raisin Importers

EU raisin imports increased from 275,000 tons in CY 2001 to 331,000 tons in CY 2006 (EU data exclude intra-EU trade). The major EU countries importing raisins in CY 2006 included the United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands, and had imports of 99,000 tons, 66,000 tons, and 42,000 tons, respectively. Of the countries supplying raisins to the EU, Turkey accounted for 61 percent market share, the United States held 13 percent market share, and Iran had 12 percent market share.



Canada's raisin imports increased from 31,000 tons in CY 2001 to 36,000 tons in CY 2006. Of the countries supplying raisins to Canada in CY 2006, the United States accounted for 43 percent market share, South Africa held 16 percent market share, and Iran had 13 percent market share. Over the last several years, U.S. market share has decreased due not only to competition from longtime suppliers such as South Africa and Iran, but also newer market entrants such as Chile, Turkey, and China.

Japan's raisin imports increased from 28,000 tons in CY 2001 to 29,000 tons in CY 2006. Of the countries supplying raisins to Japan in CY 2006, the United States accounted for 83 percent market share, Turkey held 10 percent market share, and Chile had 3 percent market share.

Russia's raisin imports increased from 47,000 tons in CY 2001 to 68,000 in CY 2006. Of the countries supplying raisins to Russia in 2006, Iran accounted for 47 percent market share, Afghanistan held 25 percent market share, and Uzbekistan had 13 percent market share.

Top Raisin Exporters

Turkey's raisin exports increased from 226,000 tons in CY 2001 to 229,000 tons in CY 2006. In CY 2006, Turkey's top export markets included the United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands, totaling 62,000 tons, 45,000 tons, and 31,000 tons, respectively. In fact, 87 percent of Turkey's raisin exports were shipped to EU countries.

U.S. raisin exports increased from 106,000 tons in CY 2001 to 114,000 tons in CY 2006. In CY 2006, the United States top export markets included the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, and Germany, totaling 18,000 tons, 16,000 tons, 12,000 tons, and 10,000 tons, respectively.

Chile's raisin exports increased from 37,000 tons in CY 2001 to 59,000 tons in CY 2006. In CY 2006, Chile's top export markets included the United States, Mexico, and Peru, the United Kingdom, and Colombia, totaling 12,000 tons, 8,000 tons, and 5,000 tons, respectively.

South Africa's raisin exports decreased from 26,000 tons in CY 2001 to 24,000 tons in CY 2006. In CY 2006, South Africa's top export markets included Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom, totaling 7,000 tons, 3,000 tons, and 2,000 tons, respectively.

Additional Information

Raisin Annual Reports can be extracted from the Attaché Report search engine at:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/scriptsw/attacherep/default.asp>

Raisin Production, Supply, and Distribution (PSD) data can be extracted from the USDA PSD database located at:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/psdonline/psdQuery.aspx>

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