



Global Sesame Markets : Trends and Outlook (Middle East)

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Sesame and The Middle East



- Sesame crushed during the Ancient times for Oil requirements
- Used for Medical and Health Purposes
- Tahini – Most popular usage of sesame seeds

Current Importance of Sesame in the Middle East

- Tahini / Hummus
- An Favourite Flavour- Maker
- Confectionery Usage
- Used in Making Helva and Sweets



Consumption in the Middle East

- Jordan - 40,000 MT
- Lebanon - 30,000 MT
- Saudi Arabia - 40,000 MT
- Others - 50,000 MT

- Total - 160,000 MT



Current Challenges in the M/E

- Political Problems in the Lebanon/Syria
- Transit business stopped from Saudi Arabia to Yemen
- Sanctions on Iran
- High Freight Rates
- Current Stock levels



QUICK Overview - Egypt

- Local Crop – About 35/40 K MT
- Import – About 50,000 MT
- Main usage – Tahini and Helva
- Sudan/Egypt Border Trade
- Transit Business – Natural & Processed Sesame Seeds



QUICK Overview - Turkey



- Import – About 200,000 MT
- Main Usage – Tahini, Helva & Confectionery
- Sudan (Non Gedaref) and Tchad become most popular sesame
- Challenges of Sesame Trade in Turkey
- Considerable increase in the export of Hulled to Europe
- Currency Fluctuation
- Current Stock levels

THANK YOU,

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