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Report Highlights:

For marketing year (MY) 2026/27 (October–September), production is estimated at 1.82 million metric tons (MMT), with exports totaling 220,000 metric tons. A larger harvested area, increased varieties, better logistics, and compliance with trading partners' phytosanitary standards, increased growth and demand. Table grapes are Egypt's second-largest fruit crop by volume, after citrus.

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Production

Egyptian table grape production is forecast at 1.82 million metric tons (MMT) in marketing year (MY) 2026/27 (October-September), a slight increase of 1.1 percent from the previous marketing year. This is primarily due to an increase in area harvested of 600 hectares (HA), and the cultivation of high-quality new table grape varieties. FAS Cairo is also increasing its previous table grapes production estimate for MY 2025/26 by approximately 8 percent, driven by improved cultivation practices, enhanced water use efficiencies, favorable climate conditions, and the increased cultivation of new high yielding varieties.

Grapes are Egypt's second most widely grown fruit, after citrus and are grown across the country. Major producers test new varieties suited to local soil and climate. Their goals are higher yields, better quality, and longer shelf life, especially for mid-to-late-season varieties. Large export farms also focus on meeting EU and UK import standards to stay competitive. Grapes carry strong export prices, resulting in growers' expanding production, favoring early-season varieties that reach the export window first. For example, varieties such as Flame Seedless, Superior Seedless (Sugraone), and Early Sweet sell well in Europe and the Middle East.

Rising prices are also drawing growers to premium varieties such as Autumn Crisp and Arra, including newer seedless types that match changing consumer tastes and preferences. Despite this growth, small-scale farmers struggle with rising fertilizer and labor costs, and unpredictable sea freight rates. The early-variety harvest runs from late May through September, and the late-variety harvest runs from late June through November.

Consumption

Domestic consumption of fresh grapes in Egypt is projected to reach approximately 1.6 MMT in MY 2026/27, up marginally by approximately 1.0 percent from the previous marketing year. FAS Cario is also increasing its previous table grapes production estimate for MY 2025/26 by approximately 9 percent. This growth is primarily driven by increased supply, increases in population and a rise in immigrants from neighboring countries.

Local production meets most of Egypt's domestic grape demand, and it keeps grapes cheaper than other summer fruits such as mangoes. Egyptian consumer preference to local grapes stem from their natural sweetness, and the wide availability of many locally grown varieties that cost less than imported grape varieties. The domestic market matters both to growers who don't export and to exporters, who sell part of their harvest at home once they've filled out their export orders. Open markets are the main sales channel, especially in rural areas. These markets are highly seasonal, and vendors typically sell grapes fresh in open packaging. Modern retailers, by contrast, dominate retail sales in cities.

In MY 2025/26, retail channels accounted for the most of Egypt's grape consumption by volume, due to consumers mostly eating grapes fresh as a snack or dessert. Non-retail channels made up less than 5 percent, mainly food processors that make still and sparkling grape juice and nectar. Estimates indicate no major shifts in consumer habits or sales channels, so both shares should hold steady throughout MY 2026/27.

Consumers in Egypt increasingly see grapes as a convenient, healthy snack to eat on the go, and modern large retailers market them as a sweet, refreshing fruit. Many of these retailers suggest eating grapes as a snack or adding them to fruit salads, desserts, and cheese platters. Consumers value the fruit's nutritional value, with its rich antioxidants that support heart health and reduce inflammation.

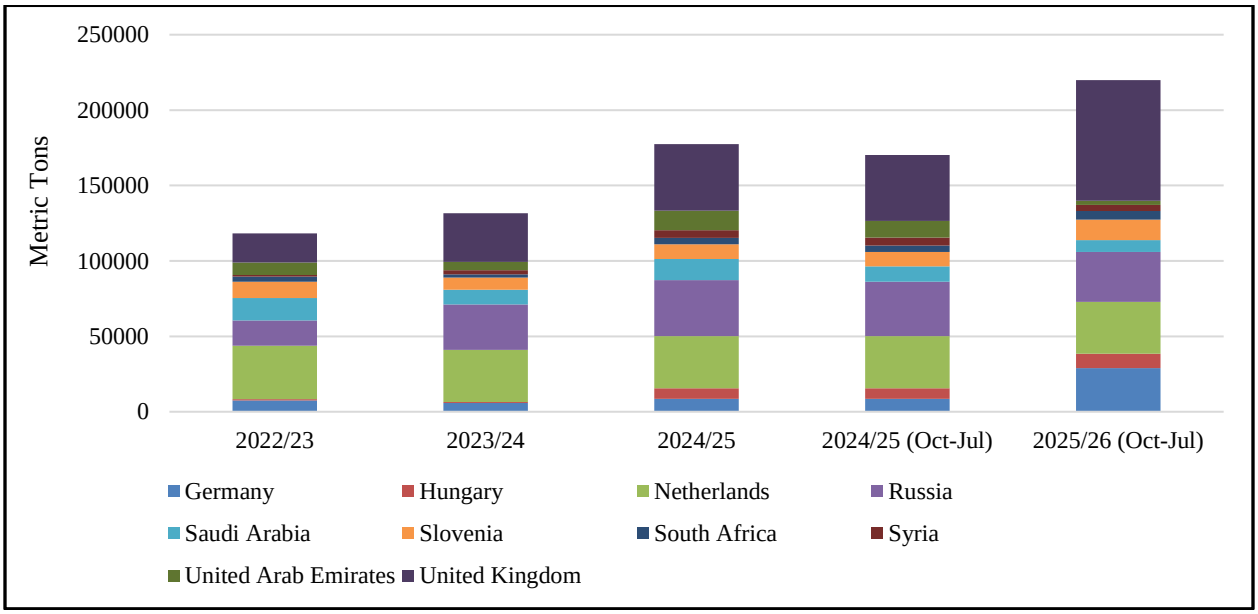
Trade

Egypt's table grape export season begins in May and continues until August, a period when production from other countries such as Italy and Spain is still limited. As such, this gives Egypt an advantage in meeting demand in the European Union, the United Kingdom, and other major markets. Post forecasts grape exports to reach 225,000 MT in MY 2026/27, an increase of approximately 3 percent from the previous marketing year.

Factors Driving Egypt's Grape Export Growth to the EU and New Markets: Growers planted a wider range of high yielding varieties with enhanced quality characteristics that could endure shipments into overseas markets. Modern packing and handling methods have also made Egyptian grapes more competitive abroad. Optimal weather conditions raised yields including improved crop quality. Egyptian exporters met trading partners' strict phytosanitary import requirements, which opened access to more markets, as well as the Government of Egypt's continuation to crack down on intellectual property violations. Logistics also improved with a new Egyptian/Italian roll-on/roll-off (Ro-Ro) cargo line between Damietta and Trieste. With this new line in place, grapes and other perishable goods arrive in Europe in three days, which will support higher export volumes.

Egypt has become a competitive exporter of grapes in the last decade, particularly to the EU market and the United Kingdom. Egypt's grape exports to top ten markets during MY 2025/26 (October-July) have increased by approximately 30 percent compared to the same period last year (Figure 1). This growth is largely attributed to a significant rise in exports to the United Kingdom (UK), Germany, and Slovenia.

Figure 1: Egyptian Grape Exports to the Top Ten Markets (HS 080610)



Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC

Egyptian Imports of Fresh Table Grapes:

Egypt imports only a small quantity of table grapes, which are typically sold at premium prices (averaging around 200 Egyptian pounds per kilogram)[1] in specialty retail stores. In MY 2026/27, imports are expected to remain low at 2,000 MT, consistent with the previous year. Most imported table grapes come from Lebanon,

[1] Approximately $3.55 USD as of October 25, 2026.

which accounted for nearly 93.0 percent of Egypt’s imports during MY 2025/26 (October–July), totaling 1,964 MT.

Policy

Egypt's Central Administration of Plant Quarantine (CAPQ) continue its policy to protect grape breeders' intellectual property rights. It now uses DNA testing and an improved export coding system to confirm that growers cultivate only licensed grape varieties. CAPQ has also penalized farms, packing stations, and export companies that grew or exported protected varieties without licenses from the rights holders. These violations break CAPQ regulations, Egyptian plant variety protection laws, and international intellectual property law. For more information related to the policy updates, see GAIN: Fresh Deciduous Fruit Annual EG 2024-0028.[2]

Grapes, Fresh Table	2024/2025		2025/2026		2026/2027	
Market Year Begins	Oct 2024		Oct 2025		Oct 2026	
Egypt	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (HA)	76000	76000	77000	77000	0	77500
Area Harvested (HA)	74000	74000	75000	75000	0	75600
Commercial Production (MT)	1650000	1650000	1670000	1800000	0	1820000
Non-Comm. Production (MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production (MT)	1650000	1650000	1670000	1800000	0	1820000
Imports (MT)	2000	2000	2000	2000	0	2000
Total Supply (MT)	1652000	1652000	1672000	1802000	0	1822000
Fresh Dom. Consumption (MT)	1437000	1437000	1452000	1582000	0	1597000
Exports (MT)	215000	215000	220000	220000	0	225000
Withdrawal From Market (MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution (MT)	1652000	1652000	1672000	1802000	0	1822000
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[2] https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Fresh%20Deciduous%20Fruit%20Annual_Cairo_Egypt_EG2024-0028.pdf