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**Report Highlights:**

With a gross domestic product of \$548.6 billion and projected growth of 3.7 percent in 2025, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) ranks as the second-largest economy in the Arab world, with substantial consumer spending driven by high per capita income. Notably, it is the largest export market for U.S. agricultural products in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2024, U.S. exports of agricultural and agricultural related products to the UAE reached \$1.4 billion, an 8.41 percent increase over 2023. More than 81 percent of the increase came in consumer-oriented goods. The UAE's efforts to diversify economically has resulted in a resilient economy, less reliance on oil revenues, and more focus on sectors like tourism, retail, and technology. As a major regional trade hub, bolstered by favorable trade agreements and modern infrastructure, the UAE has positioned itself as a leading re-export hub.

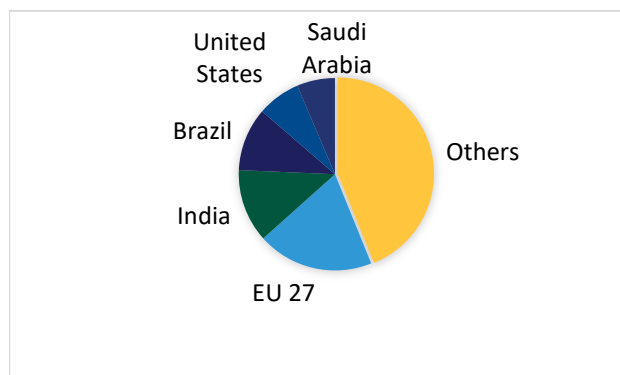
## MARKET FACT SHEET

### Executive Summary

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is the second largest economy in the Arab world after Saudi Arabia, with a gross domestic product (GDP) of \$548.6 billion and a projected growth rate of 3.7 percent in 2025. Foreign nationals comprise almost 89 percent of the population. Approximately 80 percent of the UAE's agricultural products are imported. In 2024, the United States exported \$1.4 billion in agricultural and related products to the UAE, making it the largest export market for U.S. agricultural products in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

### Consumer-Oriented Agricultural Imports

The UAE imported \$16.2 billion in consumer-oriented products in 2024. Primary suppliers are the European Union, India, Brazil, the United States, and Saudi Arabia. The market is highly competitive but significant potential for U.S. export growth exists, including in dairy products, beef and beef products, poultry meat and products, fresh fruits, and tree nuts.



### Food Retail Industry

The UAE's food e-commerce retail sales reached \$1.1 billion in 2024. The UAE's grocery retail market had a total revenue of \$18 billion in 2024.

### Food Processing Industry

Over 570 food and beverage processors, relying heavily on imported commodities and ingredients, operate in the UAE and produce 5.96 million metric tons annually.

### Food Service Industry

The UAE food service market was valued at \$8.5 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach \$14.2 billion by 2032, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 6.25 percent from 2025 to 2032.

### Quick Facts in 2024

**Consumer-Oriented Products Imports:** \$16.2 billion

#### Top 10 Consumer-Oriented Products Imports

Dairy	\$2 billion
Beef and beef products	\$1.6 billion
Poultry meat and products	\$1.3 billion
Fresh fruit	\$1.2 billion
Tree nuts	\$1.1 billion
Bakery Goods	\$857 million
Soup and Food Preparations	\$832 million
Spices	\$695 million
Chocolate and Cocoa Products	\$663 million
Fresh Vegetables	\$597 million

**Top Retailers:** Carrefour, Lulu Hypermarket, Nesto Hypermarket, Union Co-operative Society, Sharjah Co-operative Society, Al Madina Hypermarket, Emirates Co-operative Society, and ADCOOP

**GDP:** \$548.6 billion

**GDP per capita:** \$53,916

**Population:** 11.35 million

Sources: Trade Data Monitor, Euromonitor, Market Data Forecast, International Monetary Fund

### Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats

Strengths	Weaknesses
UAE is a modern transit hub in the MENA region	Specialized labeling and restrictive shelf-life requirements
U.S. brand recognition is prevalent among consumers	Long shipping time and high freight costs
Opportunities	Threats
Import regulations are transparent and not complex	Proximity to India, Europe, and other MENA agricultural producers with cheaper prices

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## Section I: Market Overview

### Overall Business Climate

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) enjoys a vibrant and dynamic business climate, characterized by rapid economic growth, strategic diversification away from oil dependency, and a favorable regulatory environment for businesses. Substantial government investment in infrastructure, a burgeoning tourism sector, and a strong emphasis on innovation and technology are driving this growth. The UAE's strategic location as a trade hub between Asia, Europe, and Africa further enhances its business appeal. The government offers numerous incentives for businesses, including tax exemptions and free zones that allow for full foreign ownership. As of 2025, the UAE is ranked second globally for ease of doing business, according to the 2025 IMD World Competitiveness Ranking, reflecting its strong performance in economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency, and infrastructure.<sup>1</sup> This marks continued momentum from its 16th place in the 2020 World Bank Ease of Doing Business Report. This environment fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, making the UAE a hub for both established companies and startups.

### Population and Key Demographic Trends

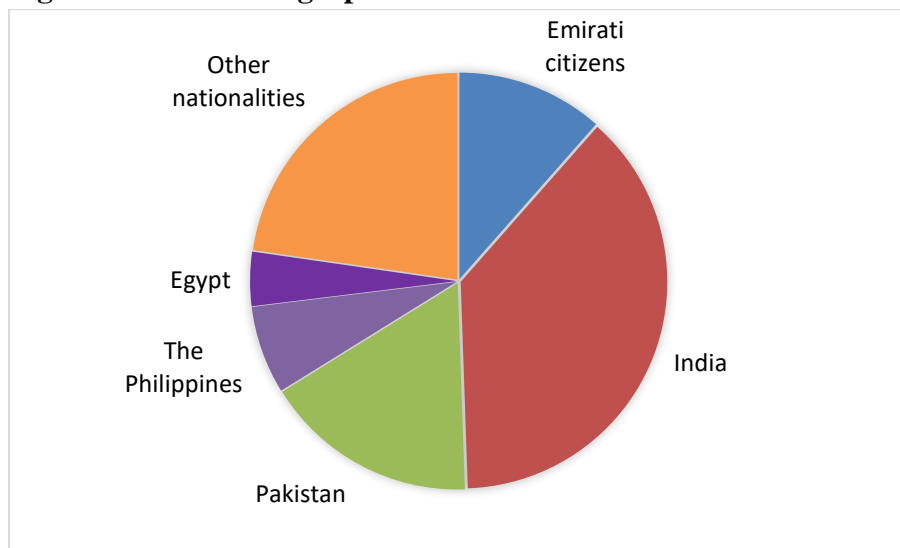
With a population over 11 million, foreign nationals comprise nearly 89 percent of the UAE's population (Figure 1), attracted by its promising employment landscape, socio-political stability, lucrative tax-free wages, and favorable currency exchange rates. Emirati citizens make up the remaining 11 percent. There is a wide variety of expatriates, with significant representation from South Asian countries, notably India (38 percent), Pakistan (17 percent), and the Philippines (7 percent). Additionally, the population includes a substantial presence of individuals from Arab countries, predominantly Egyptians (4 percent), with many other nationalities including Iranians and Westerners.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "UAE is ranked 5th globally," Dubai Protocol Department, <https://www.protocol.dubai.ae/en/media-listing/news-events/mohammed-bin-rashid-uae-is-ranked-5th-globally-by-2025-imd-world-competitiveness-ranking/>.

<sup>2</sup> Global Media Insight.

**Figure 1: UAE Demographics**



Source: Global Media Insight

The UAE possesses a vibrant and rapidly growing demographic picture with a sizable expatriate presence. This influences consumption trends, especially within the growing middle class, fueled by burgeoning economic opportunity. Premium, organic, and health-conscious food choices are increasingly favored among middle-class consumers, reflecting a rising emphasis on food safety and nutrition. The largest age bracket representing 7 million people falls between 25 and 54 years.<sup>3</sup> The youthful population with a median age of 33.8 years<sup>4</sup> demonstrates a strong inclination towards convenience and technology-driven food solutions, such as online grocery shopping and meal delivery services.

### **Size of Economy, Purchasing Power, and Consumer Behavior**

The UAE is the second largest economy in the Arab world after Saudi Arabia, with a gross domestic product of \$548.6 billion and a projected growth rate of 3.7 percent in 2025.<sup>5</sup> It is the largest export market for U.S. agricultural products among the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, and the 22nd largest in the world. In 2024, U.S. exports of agricultural and related products to the UAE reached \$1.4 billion, an 8.41 percent increase from 2023, and over 81 percent coming in the form of consumer-oriented goods. High per capita income, coupled with significant purchasing power, underpins strong consumer spending. The population's disposable income is driving increased consumption of high-quality food products. Consumers in the UAE are known for their brand consciousness and preference for international food brands, but a trend towards supporting local and sustainable products is growing.

<sup>3</sup> Global Media Insight.

<sup>4</sup> Euromonitor.

<sup>5</sup> International Monetary Fund.

Economic diversification has led to a more resilient economy that is less reliant on oil revenues and more focused on sectors such as tourism, retail, and technology.

In 2024, the UAE’s total imports of agricultural products reached over \$25 billion, around 12 percent increase from 2023.<sup>6</sup> The UAE is the major regional trade hub for the Middle East and North Africa due to its favorable geographic location and modern infrastructure. It is also a member of the Pan-Arab Free Trade Agreement, which eliminated nearly all tariffs among its signatories, and a founding member of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). Economically friendly regulation, low duties, and extensive free trade zones throughout the country have enabled the UAE to become one of the world’s leading re-export hubs.

### Recent Trends

In 2025, the UAE continues to strengthen its reputation as a top destination for expatriates seeking high quality of life, safety, and political stability. Ongoing economic reforms, tax incentives, and long-term residency programs, such as the golden visa, have further increased the country’s appeal, especially among high net-worth individuals from Europe, Russia, China, and now emerging markets in South Asia and Africa. This continued influx has led to a sustained rise in home ownership among a more investment savvy expatriate population, contributing to a booming real estate sector and deeper integration of expats into the local economy. For retailers, this presents both challenges and opportunities (Table 1).

**Table 1: Advantages and Challenges Facing U.S. Exporters**

Advantages	Disadvantages
Wealthy consumer market with high per capita incomes.	Expatriates have access and preference for their national products.
UAE is a modern transit hub for the broader MENA region.	Specialized labeling and restrictive shelf-life requirements.
Import regulations are transparent and non-complex.	Developing rules, subject to change without prior notice.
Excellent infrastructure, facilities, and state-of-the-art ports.	Long shipping time and high freight cost.
Expanding online retail sector for food.	International and local food brands are available at competitive prices. Proximity to Indian, European, Arab, and Iranian agricultural products with cheaper prices.
USA brand recognition is prevalent among consumers.	Competitors dedicate significant resources for product branding and marketing.
Product visibility through market promotion is widely available.	Suppliers often required to bear the cost of market promotions.

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<sup>6</sup> Trade Data Monitor.

The UAE dirham is stable, secure, and pegged to the U.S. dollar.	Saturated market and highly competitive.
UAE importers frequently search for new-to-market products to update portfolio and have well established relationships with U.S. suppliers.	U.S. suppliers are not always willing to consolidate shipments and sell smaller quantities.

In 2025, global agricultural exports to the UAE are experiencing a noticeable decline across most product categories, driven by broader market dynamics and shifting trade relationships. Total agricultural imports by the UAE from all countries are projected to fall by approximately 13 percent, from \$25.4 billion in 2024 to around \$22.1 billion in 2025 (Table 2). This contraction reflects a combination of economic caution, logistical challenges, market normalization, and evolving sourcing strategies. This environment calls for exporters and importers to innovate, focus on efficiency, and adapt product offerings to changing consumer demands.

**Table 2: UAE’s Agricultural Imports by Category (In Thousands of Dollars)**

Product Category	From the World			From the United States			Market Share
	2024	2025*	Growth	2024	2025*	Growth	
Agricultural and Related Products Total	25,435,427	22,101,883	-13	1,438,087	1,300,054	-9.6	6 %
Consumer Oriented Agricultural Total	16,238,051	14,029,548	-13.6	1,173,219	1,081,272	-7.8	7%
Bulk Agricultural Total	3,233,345	3,346,540	3.5	27,244	16,258	-40.3	1%
Intermediate Agricultural Total	3,893,446	2,705,858	-30.5	189,552	158,342	-16.5	5%
Agricultural Related Product Total	2,070,587	2,158,756	4.3	48,072	46,408	-3.4	2%

Sources: USDA’s Global Agricultural Trade System and Trade Data Monitor

Note: 2025 is a Post forecast based on historic data.

The UAE remains focused on sustainability and food security, investing heavily in technologies like vertical farming and hydroponics to boost local production and reduce import dependence. Rising incomes and a growing female workforce have created a more sophisticated middle class, driving

demand for premium products.<sup>7</sup> Euromonitor Megatrends in UAE surveys show that most UAE consumers are open to trying new products and value convenience, health, and eco-friendly features. Many are willing to pay more for time-saving options and organic food, while personalization and unique brands are becoming increasingly important.

The UAE leads the way in digital innovation, with one of the highest smartphone penetration rates globally. Businesses are investing heavily in technologies like 5G, artificial intelligence, and blockchain, fueling growth in e-commerce, digital payments, and smart devices. The rise in smart device ownership supports the growth of e-commerce and digital payments. In October 2024, Dubai announced a goal for 90 percent of transactions to be digital by 2026, advancing its cashless society initiative. E-commerce saw impressive double-digit growth as more consumers embraced efficient delivery services and a wider variety of online products.<sup>8</sup> The surge in e-commerce sales was fueled by loyalty programs, convenience, and lifestyle trends. Retailers are continuously finding new ways to use technology to make the shopping experience even better not only on-line but also offline. These trends should continue to drive growth in the food sector, with a particular emphasis on technological integration and sustainability initiatives.

## Section II: Exporter Business Tips

### Market Research

Before entering the UAE market, U.S. suppliers are advised to conduct preliminary research covering both marketing and regulatory issues to determine if potential exists for their products. Suppliers should understand the overall business climate, market size and dynamics, consumption trends, food import procedures, and regulations. The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Office of Agricultural Affairs in Dubai offers [valuable information](#) at no cost about the food market in the UAE, in addition to Kuwait, Oman, and Qatar to help U.S. suppliers stay current on the latest news, trends, and regulations.

New-to-market U.S. suppliers should apprise themselves of relevant UAE governmental regulations. Interested exporters are strongly encouraged to visit UAE government websites for the latest updates; links may be found in Section VI of this report. It is also advisable to read the UAE's [Country Commercial Guide](#) published by the U.S. Department of Commerce as it provides important information on the UAE market including import tariffs, customs regulations, trade barriers, and more.

### Local Business Customs and Trends

To sell food products in the UAE, an exporter must find a reliable importer, agent, or distributor. Contact FAS Dubai for an up-to-date regional importer directory arranged by product category and

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<sup>7</sup> Euromonitor.

<sup>8</sup> Euromonitor.

country. Although the UAE has a rich Arabic culture and Islamic values, it is a cosmopolitan country and follows international business practices. Importers hail from different nationalities and established family trading businesses that have grown over many years. It is therefore imperative to visit the market to build connections with the industry, evaluate partnerships, and identify new opportunities, and an effort to make personal contact demonstrates commitment to the market. For more information about the business culture, consult the U.S.-UAE Business Council's [Doing Business in the United Arab Emirates: Fifth Edition](#) and [additional information](#) from the Embassy of the UAE to the United States.

FAS Dubai supports a wide range of food trade exhibitions in the UAE designed to facilitate market entry for U.S. suppliers. Each February, FAS endorses and organizes a U.S. pavilion at [Gulfood](#), the world's largest annual food and beverage show. For information on how to join the U.S. pavilion at Gulfood, exporters are encouraged to contact the pavilion's [organizer](#) directly. Other international food trade shows popular among UAE buyers include the [Summer Fancy Food Show](#), the [National Restaurant Association Show](#), the [Natural Products Expo West](#), [SIAL Paris](#), and [ANUGA Germany](#). FAS Dubai regularly recruits regional buyers to attend these shows.

New-to-market U.S. suppliers are advised to connect with [state regional trade groups](#) (SRTGs) as they provide training and education, market analysis, trade shows and buyer missions, as well as product promotion activities funded through the [Market Access Program](#). SRTGs work closely with state departments of agriculture. Additionally, some states and USDA cooperators have representative offices or marketing contractors in the UAE and may offer market entry assistance. You may contact a USDA cooperator directly or reach out to FAS Dubai.

### **General Consumer Tastes and Trends**

A wide range of needs for varied international ingredients exists due to significant differences in income between the highest and lowest earners in the UAE, as well as the large ethnic groups that call the country home. The Arabian Gulf has a significant preference for Western foods, especially when dining out or snacking at home. In 2024, exports of consumer-oriented products from the United States to the UAE increased from \$999,742 to \$1,173,219 (in thousands), approximately 17.4 percent.<sup>9</sup> This increase can be attributed to various factors, including shifts in UAE consumer preferences toward premium, and high-quality products, as well as businesses adapting to earlier supply chain disruptions, resulting in more reliable delivery and improved inventory management.

The UAE continues to see significant shifts in food trends and consumer behavior, with the growing millennial population playing a pivotal role. Millennials are driving demand for healthy ingredients and convenient food options, increasingly turning to online platforms for grocery shopping and food delivery. This generation's openness to new cuisines has led to a surge in dining experiences. Discounters in the UAE saw the strongest value growth among grocery retailers in 2024, driven by

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<sup>9</sup> USDA Global Agricultural Trade System.



consumers seeking value and a growing acceptance of private label products. Rapid discounters store expansion helped boost their market presence, increasing competition with supermarkets and convenience stores as discounters broaden their product ranges. Value sales are expected to keep growing in 2025 but at a slower pace as the market matures. Improving economic conditions and rising consumer confidence in premium products may slow growth. Increased competition from other retailers expanding private label and loyalty programs will challenge discounters.<sup>10</sup>

### **Section III: Import Food Standards, Regulations, and Procedures**

Agricultural products entering the UAE are subject to the country's federal food regulations and standards governing the importation and sale of such goods. FAS Dubai's [Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report](#) (FAIRS) provides an overview of relevant standards and regulations, while the [FAIRS Export Certificate Report](#) identifies certificate requirements for U.S. food and agricultural products destined for the UAE.

### **Section IV: Market Sector Structure and Trends**

As the UAE is dependent on agricultural imports it has an advanced supply chain that involves multiple layers (Figure 2). U.S. suppliers and manufacturers export products directly or through consolidators. Products are then received by UAE importers, agents, or distributors for sale to retailers, food processors, hotels, or restaurants where they finally reach end consumers. In recent years, major distributors have started selling directly to end consumers through online applications.

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<sup>10</sup> Euromonitor.

**Figure 2: UAE Supply Chain**



Source: Post

Most consumer ready products enter through Jebel Ali Port in Dubai, the world's tenth busiest seaport, and the biggest and busiest port in the Middle East. A container takes roughly 30 days from the eastern United States and 50 days from the Western United States to arrive in the UAE. Transportation from the UAE to other GCC countries takes roughly one week by air or sea. High-value products and perishables that come in small volumes are usually brought in via air cargo through Dubai International Airport.

Dubai and Abu Dhabi account for more than 70 percent of the total retail sales and 70 percent of the UAE's population. Although the retail sector in the other emirates is not yet as advanced, these emirates are only a 90 minute-drive away.

### **Retail Food Sector**

The retail market in the United Arab Emirates is poised for steady growth in 2025 despite some consumers feeling the pressure of rising living expenses. The sector benefits from ongoing population growth, an increasing number of affluent expatriates, and segments of the population enjoying higher disposable incomes. Retailers are shifting their focus from launching new outlets to strengthening the

performance of existing stores, emphasizing enhancements like technology upgrades and improved in-store experiences to attract shoppers.

Consumers are becoming more value-conscious, influenced by inflation and higher housing costs, which is encouraging a shift toward more affordable brands, private labels, and discount stores. Spending on non-essential items is expected to remain cautious as shoppers seek better deals. The overall retail environment will continue expanding, supported by government plans like the Dubai 2033 Economic Agenda, designed to promote economic diversification, trade, and investment.

Grocery retail is set to grow rapidly, especially in areas where convenience stores and discount retailers are underrepresented. Meanwhile, e-commerce will strengthen as retailers adopt omnichannel strategies and new competitors enter the market. In this competitive landscape, delivering personalized and localized shopping experiences will be vital for brands and stores to capture and retain customers. Loyalty programs will still play a role, but discounts and quick, efficient service will remain top priorities for many consumers.

In 2024, hypermarkets in the United Arab Emirates continued to dominate the grocery retail sector, largely due to their convenient one-stop-shop appeal.<sup>11</sup> However, their overall growth was modest, as rising competition from emerging retail formats like discount stores drew customers from various income segments by offering greater value. Additionally, hypermarkets that depend significantly on imported goods faced operational difficulties linked to the Red Sea security situation, which caused delays in shipments and increased transportation and insurance expenses.

**Table 3: Retail Value Including Sales Tax in Millions (USD)**

Segment	2021	2022	2023	2024
Hypermarkets	9,042	9,142	9,297	9,521
Supermarkets	4,326	4,518	4,753	5,059
Retail E-Commerce	5,369	6,440	7,848	8,825
Food E-Commerce	617	890	1,023	1,141
Small Local Grocers	932	979	1014	1,035
Convenience Stores	380	390	402	423
Discounters	64	117	197	265

Source: Euromonitor International

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<sup>11</sup> Euromonitor.

## **Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Sector**

The UAE food service market was valued at \$8.5 billion in 2024 and is projected to reach \$14.2 billion by 2032, growing at a compound annual growth rate of 6.25 percent from 2025 to 2032.<sup>12</sup> The food service sector encompasses businesses that prepare and sell meals and drinks for consumption outside the home, ranging from fast-food outlets to upscale restaurants. It includes various service types such as full-service dining, takeout, delivery, and catering, serving consumers seeking convenience and variety in culinary experiences. This industry operates in venues like restaurants, hotels, cafes, fast-food chains, and institutional providers including schools and hospitals.

Growth in the sector has been fueled by shifting consumer habits favoring convenience, healthier choices, and increased demand for delivery services, especially in urban areas. Looking ahead, rising population levels, tourism, and greater disposable income are expected to boost demand further. The industry is set to evolve with greater adoption of digital ordering platforms, sustainable ingredient sourcing, innovative packaging solutions, and advanced technologies like contactless payments, artificial intelligence-driven customer interfaces, and enhanced delivery logistics.

In 2025, the UAE hospitality sector continues to demonstrate robust growth, fueled by ongoing investments in hotel infrastructure and a dynamic calendar of international events. Dubai and Abu Dhabi have expanded their hotel capacities significantly, with Dubai nearing 160,000 rooms and Abu Dhabi surpassing 33,000. The steady increase in tourist arrivals, driven by the country's global appeal and strategic tourism initiatives, supports strong occupancy rates averaging around 75 percent in Dubai with an average daily rate of \$185, and rates of 73 percent and \$157 per night in Abu Dhabi.<sup>13</sup> These positive trends reflect the sector's resilience and adaptability to evolving market demands, driven by government efforts to enhance visitor experiences and promote sustainable tourism.

Significant projects underway, including the planned Disney Theme Park Resort on Yas Island and various other entertainment initiatives, are expected to support steady, long term growth in Abu Dhabi's hospitality industry. For additional details, review FAS Dubai's Food Service-Hotel Restaurant Institutional [GAIN report](#).

## **Food Processing Sector**

The UAE's food processing sector is thriving, driven by robust economic growth and domestic consumption. The more than 570 predominantly small and medium-sized food and beverage processors cater primarily to local demand, while also aiming to meet regional and global needs. Limited local production means that processors rely heavily on imported ingredients, presenting a significant opportunity for U.S. companies to tap the expanding sector. E-commerce plays an increasingly important role in growth.

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<sup>12</sup> *United Arab Emirates Foodservice Market By Foodservice Type*, Verified Market Research, 2024.

<sup>13</sup> *Hotel Performance Reports*, Abu Dhabi Department of Culture and Tourism, <https://dct.gov.ae/en/who.we.are/reports.statistics.aspx>.

The food processing sector in the UAE is continuously growing, and is significant in the overall government effort to enhance food security. It is projected to gradually increase in the coming years, aligning with the country's National Food Security Strategy 2051. The UAE has more than 2,200 food and beverage manufacturing companies, contributing approximately \$7.6 billion in annual revenue. The country also hosts over 570 food and beverage processing facilities, mostly small and medium-sized enterprises. Dubai leads with 315 food and beverage factories while the remainder are spread across the other six emirates. These food processing companies depend on exports to sustain their operations; the top three U.S. exports are tree nuts, poultry meat, and food preparations. For additional details, review FAS Dubai's Food Processing Ingredients [GAIN report](#).

## Section V: Agricultural and Food Imports

**Table 4: Top 10 UAE Imports of Consumer Oriented Products and Market Share**

Product Category	Gross Imports (USD)	First Supplier	Second Supplier	U.S. Ranking
Dairy Products	2,022,675,979	EU 27 External Trade (Brexit) (32 percent of total)	New Zealand (21 percent)	7 (3 percent)
Beef and Beef Products	1,599,536,526	Brazil (38 percent)	India (19percent)	6 (4 percent)
Poultry Meat and Products (ex. eggs)	1,297,809,242	Brazil (73 percent)	United States Consumption (6 percent)	2 (6 percent)
Fresh Fruits	1,194,604,977	South Africa (27 percent)	India (13 percent)	10 (3 percent)
Tree Nuts	1,079,252,477	United States Consumption (52 percent)	China (18 percent)	1 (52 percent)
Bakery Goods, Cereals, and Pasta	856,682,995	EU 27 External Trade (Brexit) (28 percent)	Saudi Arabia (21 percent)	5 (4 percent)
Soup and Other Food Preparations	832,155,390	EU 27 External Trade (Brexit) (30 percent)	United States Consumption (13 percent)	2 (13 percent)
Spices	695,311,663	India (47 percent)	Guatemala (19 percent)	16 (0.2 percent)
Chocolate and Cocoa Products	663,039,171	EU 27 External Trade (Brexit) (50 percent)	Turkey (6 percent)	7 (4 percent)

Fresh Vegetables	596,822,479	China (32 percent)	India (19 percent)	11 (1 percent)
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Source: Trade Data Monitor

**Table 5: U.S. Exports of Agricultural and Related Products to the UAE (In Thousands of USD)**

Product	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Agricultural and Related Products	963,295	1,130,975	1,278,249	1,326,467	1,438,087
Consumer Oriented Total	734,474	895,842	1,036,868	999,742	1,173,219
Intermediate Total	162,415	139,546	173,332	257,547	189,552
Agricultural Related Products	27,049	33,313	42,776	37,736	48,072
Bulk Total	39,356	62,273	25,274	31,442	27,244
Total	963,295	1,130,975	1,278,249	1,326,467	1,438,087

Source: USDA Global Agricultural Trade System

**Table 6: Global Agricultural and Related Products Exports to the UAE (USD)**

Country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	15,127,232,038	18,286,532,041	22,224,609,487	22,787,971,582	25,435,666,126
EU 27 External Trade (Brexit)	2,682,500,354	3,076,717,458	3,751,176,905	4,048,939,780	4,134,841,985
India	1,908,485,160	2,611,307,534	3,187,045,062	3,151,772,038	3,641,247,082
Brazil	1,146,992,542	1,450,158,779	1,991,603,352	2,144,585,811	3,145,680,800
China	716,124,920	922,965,259	1,187,426,125	1,191,034,581	1,462,520,019
United States Consumption	963,294,915	1,130,917,298	1,278,220,523	1,326,467,059	1,438,122,525
Saudi Arabia	790,861,698	925,159,704	1,105,512,614	1,099,762,988	1,228,253,434
Australia	455,455,943	790,544,434	1,448,677,478	1,259,083,530	1,068,187,438
Pakistan	527,265,321	552,683,175	752,222,541	691,036,499	751,517,692
Indonesia	303,704,056	472,621,652	510,320,098	480,189,022	704,894,563
Thailand	338,673,061	457,931,275	564,390,589	545,207,687	689,930,068

Source: Trade Data Monitor

## Section VI: U.S. Exports of Agricultural and Related Products

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Source: USDA Global Agricultural Trade System

## Section VII: Key Contacts and Further Information

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<http://www.fas.usda.gov>

### Host Country Government

For information on federal laws, ministerial decrees, regulations as well as available business services: [Ministry of Climate Change and Environment](#).

For issues related to food safety, central laboratory, and accreditation in the Emirate of Dubai: [Dubai Municipality](#)

Municipalities in the other six emirates: [UAE | Government of Ras al Khaimah Links to UAE Municipalities](#)

For UAE national standards and regulations: [Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology/Standards Store](#)

## **AmChams and Local Chambers of Commerce and Industry in the Seven Emirates**

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[Fujairah Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#)

[Ras Al Khaimah Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#)

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### **Attachments:**

No Attachments