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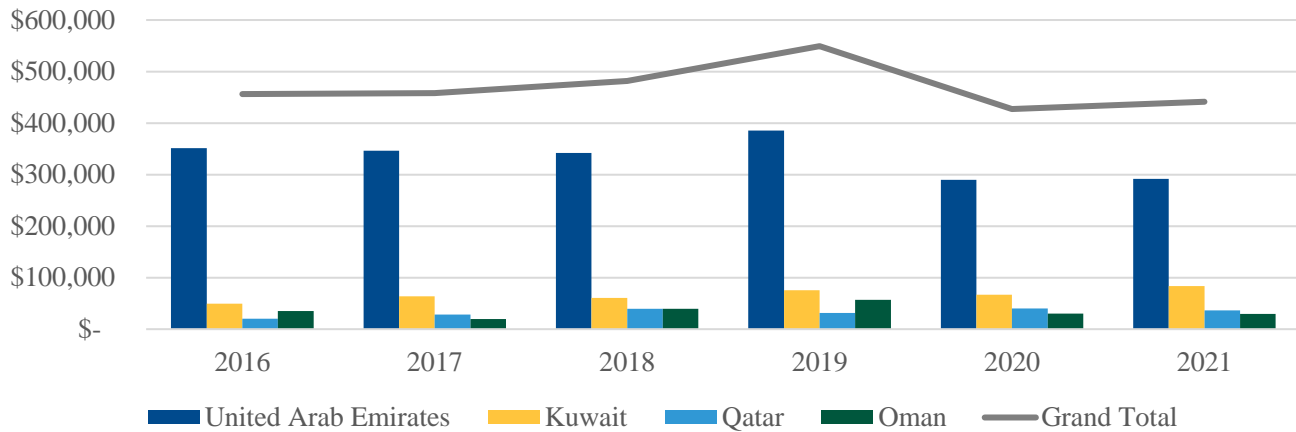
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Report Highlights:

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January to March U.S. Agricultural and Related Product Exports to the GCC-4, Last 5-Years



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United Arab Emirates

- U.S. agricultural and related product exports continue to recover, higher by 0.6 percent January to March 2021 compared to the same time last year.
- *Higher*
 - Bulk total up 82 percent driven by gains in corn and other grains.
 - Consumer oriented total up 3.7 percent including pork, fresh vegetables, tree nuts, confectionary, chocolate, condiments & sauces, non-alcoholic beverages, and nursery products.
 - Nursery products highest since 1970, up 4.8 thousand percent to \$4.8 million in 2021.
 - HS10 0602200000 - TREE,SHRUB,BUSH increased from \$768,000 to \$4.07 million and has grown consistently for the last four years.
- *Lower*
 - Intermediate total lower by -22.4 percent and agricultural related products lower by -16.1 percent.
 - Intermediate driven down by hay and vegetable oils (ex. soybean).
 - Related products lower due to a sharp fall in seafood exports.

Kuwait

- U.S. agricultural and related product exports recovered sharply, higher by 25.3 percent January to March 2021 compared to the same time last year.

- *Higher*
 - Bulk total up 733 percent driven by corn, rice, and other bulk commodities.
 - Other bulk commodities at the highest level since 1970 at \$1.5 million.
 - Intermediate total up 53.4 percent driven by vegetable oils, dextrins-peptones-and-proteins, fodder, soybean meal, and others.
 - Soybean meal highest since 1970 at \$2.8 million, up 78.8 percent.
- *Lower*
 - Consumer oriented total lower by -3.8 percent and agricultural and related products lower by -59.1 percent.
 - Driven lower by mostly poultry and eggs, processed fruit, tree nuts, and bakery goods.
 - Related products lower due to a sharp fall in forest products.

Qatar

- U.S. agricultural and related product exports have not recovered, lower by -10 percent January to March 2021 compared to the same time last year.
- *Higher*
 - Bulk total up 37.8 percent driven by mostly rice.
 - Agricultural related products up 35.9 percent driven by slight increases in forest and seafood products.
- *Lower*
 - Intermediate total lower by -18.5 percent and consumer oriented lower by -9 percent.
 - Intermediate fell due to a drop in live animals and soybean meal.
 - Consumer oriented decreased because of lower demand across nearly all categories.

Oman

- U.S. agricultural and related product exports remain depressed, lower by -1.8 percent January to March 2021 compared to the same time last year.
- *Higher*
 - Bulk total up 188.7 percent driven by corn and rice.
 - Corn drove the category higher with none exported in 2020.
 - Agricultural and related products higher by 15.4 percent.
 - Drive higher by both forest and seafood products.
- *Lower*
 - Intermediate total lower by -8.3 percent and consumer oriented lower by -23.5 percent.
 - Intermediate driven lower by hay and soybean meal.
 - Consumer oriented fell due to losses across almost all products.