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Report Highlights:

Table grapes are among Egypt's most significant fruit crops, ranking second only to citrus in production volume. In marketing year 2025/26 (October-September), Egypt's table grape production is projected to reach 1.67 million metric tons, with exports expected to total 220 thousand metric tons. This growth is supported by an expansion in the area harvested, the introduction of diverse grape varieties, enhancement in logistics, and strengthened compliance with the phytosanitary standards of trade partners. The Government of Egypt is also taking measures against any violations to breeders' rights, which have enabled Egyptian grapes to gain access to a broad range of international markets.

Production

Egyptian table grape production is forecast at 1.67 million metric tons (MMT) in marketing year (MY) 2025/26 (October-September), a slight increase from the previous marketing year. This is primarily due to an increase in area planted and harvested of approximately 1,000 hectares (HA), and the cultivation of high-quality new table grape varieties. FAS/Cairo (Post) is also increasing its previous table grapes production estimate for MY 2024/25 by 3.6 percent due to an increase in area harvested, driven by favorable climate conditions and the cultivation of new high yielding varieties.

Major table grape producers in Egypt actively seek out and test new grape varieties to ensure compatibility with Egypt's soil and climate. Egyptian producers focus on increasing yields, improving product quality, and extending self-life, particularly for mid- and late-season varieties. For large, export-oriented farms, meeting the import standards of key international markets—such as the European Union (EU) and the United Kingdom (UK)—is a top priority to maintain competition.

Egyptian growers continue to expand grape cultivation, capitalizing on the crop's high export value by focusing on early-season varieties to secure a strong position within the export window. Popular varieties include Flame Seedless, Superior Seedless (Sugraone), and Early Sweet, which are in high demand in European and Middle Eastern markets. Interest in premium varieties, such as Autumn Crisp and Arra, are also growing as export prices rise. Additionally, growers are increasingly adopting newer seedless varieties to align with evolving consumer preferences in international markets.

While production continues to grow, driven by rising export volumes, the sector faces significant challenges. Small-scale farmers, in particular, are burdened by rising production costs, including fertilizers and labor, as well as fluctuating sea freight rates.

Grapes are among the most widely cultivated fruits in Egypt, second only to citrus, and are grown across the country from north to south. The harvest season for early grape varieties begins in late May and concludes in September, while late-season varieties are harvested from late June through November.

Consumption

Domestic consumption of fresh grapes in Egypt is projected to reach 1.45 MMT in MY 2025/26, slightly up from the previous marketing year. This growth is primarily driven by an increase in population and a rise in immigrants from neighboring countries, particularly Sudan. Post is also increasing its previous table grapes consumption estimate for MY 2024/25 up due to an abundant supply in the local market and an increase in demand.

Egypt's domestic grape consumption is primarily supported by local production, which provides grapes at more affordable prices compared to other summer fruits, such as mangoes. The natural sweetness of Egyptian grapes makes them particularly popular among local consumers, who also

benefit from access to a wide range of locally grown varieties at lower prices than imported alternatives.

The domestic grape market is essential for producers who do not export their crops, as well as for exporters who allocate a portion of their harvest to the local market after meeting export commitments. Open markets serve as the primary sales channel for table grapes in Egypt, especially in rural areas. These markets are highly seasonal, with grapes typically sold fresh and in open packaging.

Farmers growing table grapes for local consumption or personal use tend to be more accepting of minor imperfections, such as blemishes or bruises. However, producers aiming to supply premium markets or high-end buyers take extra care to meet stricter quality standards.

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 EU, the UK, and other major markets. Post forecasts exports to reach 220,000 MT in MY 2025/26, up by 2.3 percent from the previous marketing year.

Egyptian Exports of Fresh Table Grapes:

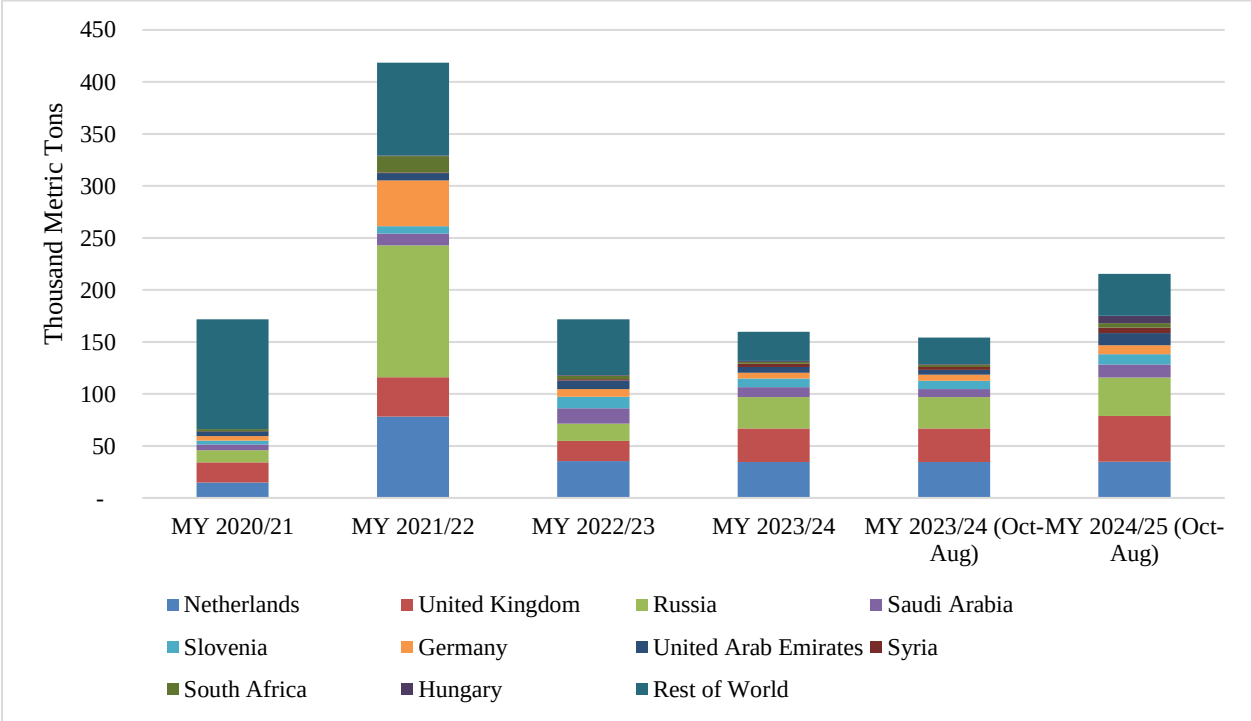
Post is revising upward its previous table grape export estimate for MY 2024/25 by almost 16.2 percent due to several factors:

- **Expanded production and variety diversification:** Increased cultivation of a wide range of grape varieties, coupled with enhanced quality standards, ensured better durability during shipping and extended travel periods.
- **Technological advancements:** The adoption of modern packing and handling techniques, along with significant improvements in packaging quality, boosted the competitiveness of Egyptian grapes in international markets.
- **Favorable environmental conditions:** Optimal weather supported higher yields and improved crop quality.
- **Rising demand in key markets:** Major markets, such as the EU and the UK, experienced increased demand for Egyptian grapes.
- **Compliance with phytosanitary regulations:** Adherence to the strict import requirements of trading partners enabled Egyptian grapes to access a broader range of international markets.
- **Enhanced logistics:** The establishment of the Egyptian Italian roll-on/roll-off (Ro-Ro) cargo line between the ports of Damietta in Egypt and Trieste in Italy significantly reduced transit times. Grapes and other perishable products now reach Europe in just three days, facilitating higher export volumes.¹

¹ <https://www.youm7.com/story/2025/8/19/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%86%D9%82%D9%84-%D8%AE%D8%B7-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%B1%D9%88-%D9%8A%D9%88%D9%81%D8%B1-%D9%85%D9%85%D9%8A%D8%B2%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D9%84%D9%86%D9%82%D9%84->

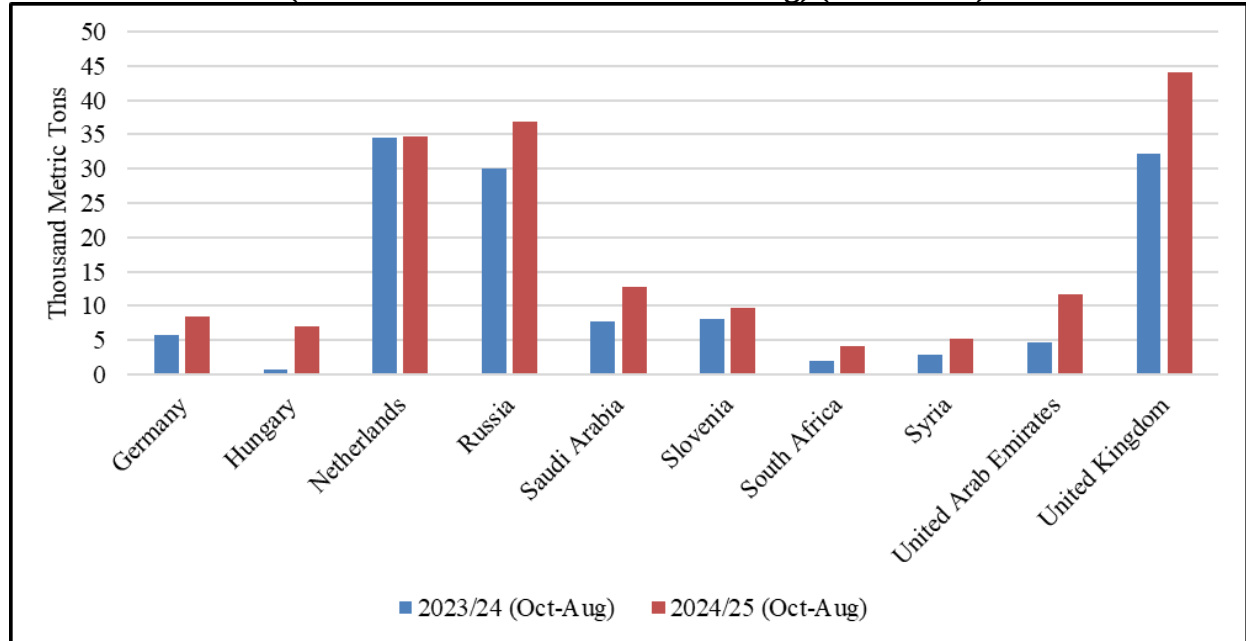
Egypt has become a competitive exporter of grapes in the last decade, particularly to European and Middle Eastern countries (Figure 1). Egypt’s grape exports during MY 2024/25 (October-August) have increased by nearly 40 percent compared to the same period last year (Figure 2). This growth is largely attributed to a significant rise in exports to the United Kingdom (UK), Russia, and the Netherlands, as well as other markets (primarily in Europe and the Middle East).

Figure 1: Egyptian Grape Exports to the World (HS 080610)



Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC
*Note: The spike in exports during MY 2021/22 was driven by higher demand in European markets.

**Figure 2: Top 10 Egyptian Grape Export Markets
(MY 2023/24 vs MY 2024/25 Oct-Aug) (HS 080610)**



Source: Trade Data Monitor, LLC

Egypt faces strong competition in the European market. Uzbekistan remains the leading exporter to Egypt's key competitive markets, including the United Kingdom, Russia, and the European Union, largely due to its geographic proximity and competitive pricing. Egypt and South Africa follow Uzbekistan in market share, with each country's export volumes influenced by their seasonality.

Egyptian Imports of Fresh Table Grapes:

Egypt imports only a small quantity of table grapes, which are typically sold at premium prices (averaging around 150-200 Egyptian pounds per kilogram)² in specialty retail stores. In MY 2025/26, imports are expected to remain low at 2,000 MT, consistent with the previous year. Most imported table grapes come from Lebanon, which accounted for nearly 99.3 percent of Egypt's imports during MY 2024/25 (October–August), totaling 1,834 MT.

Policy

Egypt's Central Administration of Agricultural Quarantine (CAPQ) has introduced advanced measures to protect the intellectual property rights of grape breeders. These efforts include the implementation of DNA testing techniques and the enhancement of the export coding system to ensure that cultivated grape varieties comply with officially granted licenses. For more

² Approximately \$3.14-4.18 USD as of November 25, 2025.

information related to the policy updates, see [GAIN: Fresh Deciduous Fruit Annual EG 2024-0028](#).³

In addition, CAPQ has taken decisive action against farms, packing stations, and grape export companies found in violation of local and international intellectual property laws. These violations deal with the unauthorized cultivation or export of protected grape varieties without obtaining the required legal licenses from the rightful owners of the plant variety rights. Such actions breach both the CAPQ regulations and Egyptian laws governing the protection of plant varieties.

Grapes, Fresh Table Market Year Begins Egypt	2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
	Oct 2023		Oct 2024		Oct 2025	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (HA)	76000	76000	76000	76000	0	77000
Area Harvested (HA)	72000	72000	73000	74000	0	75000
Commercial Production (MT)	1573000	1573000	1593000	1650000	0	1670000
Non-Comm. Production (MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production (MT)	1573000	1573000	1593000	1650000	0	1670000
Imports (MT)	2000	2000	2000	2000	0	2000
Total Supply (MT)	1575000	1575000	1595000	1652000	0	1672000
Fresh Dom. Consumption (MT)	1400000	1400000	1410000	1437000	0	1452000
Exports (MT)	175000	175000	185000	215000	0	220000
Withdrawal From Market (MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution (MT)	1575000	1575000	1595000	1652000	0	1672000
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