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**Report Highlights:**

The olive harvest continues in Turkiye. The Marketing Year (MY) 2023/24 olive oil production forecast is revised to 190,000 MT due to unfavorable climatic conditions. Domestic olive oil prices in Turkey have more than tripled (in Turkish Lira) compared to last year. According to an October 18, 2023, press release issued by the Ministry of Trade regarding the implementation of the measure on the export of olive oil in bulk and in barrels, the restrictions announced on August 1 and scheduled to last until November 1, 2023 have been extended until further notice.

## **Production – Olive Oil**

The MY 2023/24 olive oil production forecast is revised downward from the USDA official projection to 190,000 MT. According to industry sources, this year's harvest, which started in October, is less than half of last year's production due to being an off year and weather. Specifically, unfavorable climatic conditions during the flowering period caused total production to decrease significantly compared to the previous year.

The MY 2022/23 olive oil production estimate is revised upward by about ten percent from the USDA official projection. It was an “on year” for olive oil production, and estimates for olive oil are 410,000 MT with under favorable weather condition.

## **Consumption – Olive oil**

Domestic consumption, estimated at around 190,000 MT in 2022/23, is projected to decline to 170,000 MT in 2023/24 - in line with the sharp drop in production and a significant increase in domestic prices. Sunflower oil is the most important table oil in terms of consumption in Türkiye, but olive oil is also indispensable for health and taste, although it is more expensive. Olive oil prices have almost tripled (in terms of the Turkish Lira) since summer following the country's economic issues, along with the harvest downturn. Last year, three liters of sunflower oil could buy a liter of extra virgin olive oil, whereas now 8-10 liters of sunflower oil is equivalent to a liter of olive oil. For these reasons, a decrease in olive oil consumption is expected. Meanwhile, [Tariş](#) Olive and Olive Oil Association, Türkiye's largest olive oil cooperative, has notified its members of this year's purchase price. It has announced the purchasing price for extra virgin olive oil as 295 TL/kg (\$10.17/kg), up 265% compared to last year.

## **Trade– Olive oil**

Turkish olive oil exports hit a record in MY 2022/23, reaching 180,000 MT compared to 69,000 MT in MY 2021/22 despite [an export restriction](#) announced in August 2023. Turkish exporters benefited from domestic production surplus amid growing concerns about drought in Europe. Spain was the leading destination for Turkish olive oil with 88,000 MT. The United States and Italy were the other leading destinations with 41,000 MT and 13,000 MT, respectively. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 MT of total exports are transshipments.

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The press release ends with the following statement: *“In addition, considering the decrease in production in our country this season due to the "off year" as well as the production losses experienced in many regions of our country due to unfavorable climatic conditions during the flowering period of olives, the fact that there will be no decline in the rising olive oil prices in the world and the increasing foreign demand will continue, it has become necessary to follow the developments in the product yield for a while and to continue the measure applied for bulk and barreled olive oil exports for a while in*

order to prevent supply-side problems in terms of consumer welfare and prices in the domestic market.

All of the aforementioned evaluations were made in full coordination with our Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and decisions were taken accordingly. On the other hand, it is useful to share with the public that there are no measures imposed on packaged and boxed olive oil exports.”

The export trend is expected to reverse in MY 2023/24. However, high turnover stocks at low cost will be advantageous for exporters and an export performance of 150,000 MT is projected to be achieved, which is high compared to current production.

Turkish olive oil imports in MY 2022/23 reached 65,000 MT, compared to 21,000 MT in MY 2021/22. Of these imports, 64,500 MT were imported from Syria, of which about 30,000 MT were directly trans-traded.

### Stocks

Marketing year 2022/23 stocks are revised to 134,000 MT, in line with record production and export restrictions since August. Marketing year 2023/24 stocks are estimated at 44,000 MT.

### Production, Supply and Distribution Data Statistics

Oil, Olive Market Year Begins Turkey	2021/2022		2022/2023		2023/2024	
	Nov 2021		Nov 2022		Nov 2023	
	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (1000 HA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trees (1000 TREES)	154500	154500	154500	154500	154500	154500
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	40	40	19	29	64	134
Production (1000 MT)	225	225	375	410	310	190
MY Imports (1000 MT)	22	22	60	65	30	40
Total Supply (1000 MT)	287	287	454	504	404	364
MY Exports (1000 MT)	78	78	200	180	165	150
Industrial Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	190	180	190	190	195	170
Feed Waste Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Cons. (1000 MT)	190	180	190	190	195	170
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	19	29	64	134	44	44
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	287	287	454	504	404	364

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### Attachments:

No Attachments.