

# Egyptian Dates Export Report 2026

World's #1 producer — production, exports, varieties & opportunity

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## Headline Findings

- Egypt is the **world's #1 date producer**, ~1.7 million t/year.
- Egypt + Saudi + Algeria = ~49% of global production.
- Egypt **exports only a small share of its crop** — the sector's biggest opportunity.
- Global date trade ~**USD 2.4bn (2024)**, +20%/year.
- Top markets by value: **Morocco, Indonesia, Turkey**.
- Growth levers: **premium Medjool + semi-dry (Siwi)** varieties (~20% of crop today).

## Global Market Position

Metric	Value	Source
Egypt date production	~1.7m t (world #1)	FAO/official
Egypt+Saudi+Algeria share	~49% of global	2024 IndexBox
Global date trade value	~USD 2.4bn	2024 trade press
Global trade growth	~20% / year	trade press

## The Production–Export Gap

Egypt leads the world in production but exports only a small share — much of the crop is soft, high-moisture fruit consumed domestically. Closing the gap means expanding export-grade semi-dry and dry varieties, investing in grading/packing/certification, and targeting the fast-growing premium segment.

## Top Export Destinations

Market	Role	Note
Morocco	Top	Among largest by value
Indonesia	Top	Large Ramadan demand

<b>Turkey</b>	Top	Re-processing & demand
<b>Gulf (Saudi, UAE)</b>	Important	Regional & re-export
<b>Asia / Europe</b>	Growth	Medjool & semi-dry potential

Source: IndexBox. Demand peaks around Ramadan.

## Varieties

Variety	Type	Role
<b>Zaghloul</b>	Soft (red)	Iconic fresh; domestic
<b>Hayani</b>	Soft (dark)	Fresh & some export
<b>Siwi (Saidy)</b>	Semi-dry	Main export-grade variety
<b>Medjool</b>	Premium semi-dry	Fast-growing premium export

## Sources & Methodology

FAO/official production data and ITC trade data cross-checked with IndexBox and trade press, plus PEI Trade desk data. Production leadership (~1.7m t) is well established; precise export volume/value are smaller and reported inconsistently, so flagged for confirmation. Global-trade value (~USD 2.4bn, 2024) and ~20% growth from trade-press sizing. Sources: IndexBox, FAO, FreshPlaza.

### Source Egyptian dates with PEI Trade.

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