

Agriculture in Africa

Agriculture remains one of Africa's most important economic sectors, accounting for over 15% of the region's GDP and providing employment to more than two-thirds of the population. If the sector's most notable challenges can be overcome, agriculture could play an even larger part in transforming economies. Governments across the continent are working with international organizations to find solutions to the rising effects of climate change. Nevertheless, the overall is quite bright: cultivated areas are expected to expand, and farmers are set to increase their use of inputs, such as fertilizers, improved seeds, irrigation systems and mechanization.



Africa holds more than 60% of the world's arable land, but the continent's share in global agricultural production is low. Vast areas of land are not cultivated, and productivity is lower than in the rest of the world. Nevertheless, farming is key for most African economies and accounts for at least 15% of the region's GDP.



In addition, around two-thirds of the African population is employed within the agricultural sector, the clear majority working in small-scale plantations that currently produce at least 90% of overall food production.

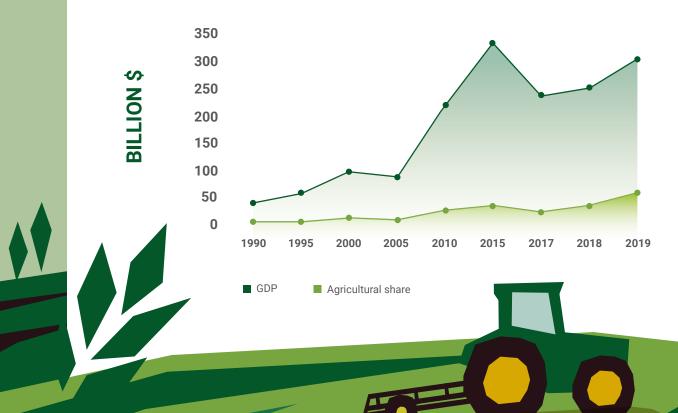


Agriculture in Egypt

The Arab Republic of Egypt is a transcontinental country spanning the northeast corner of Africa and southwest corner of Asia by a land bridge formed by the Sinai Peninsula. The country covers an area of 1001450 km².

Due to the extreme aridity of Egypt's climate, 98% of its population are concentrated along the narrow Nile Valley and Delta, which constitutes of only 3% of the total land area.

Historically Egypt has always seen itself as farming nation. The Agriculture Sector provides livelihoods for 55% of the population and directly employs about 30% of the labor force. The sector accounts for about 20% of total exports and foreign exchange earnings. However, Egypt imports about 40% of its food requirements and incurs a total food import bill of \$2.5 billion per year.



Key Numbers



3rd largest country in population in Africa with 104 million people



32% of labor force (8.5M) in agricultural sector



15.2% of total GDP in 2019



\$31.6 billion (485.2 EGP) the value of total agricultural production



8.6 million acres cultivated lands



7.2% growth rate in agriculture sector in 2019 (total GR 5.5%)



13 million acres Fisheries and Aquaculture projects



1.8 million tons of Fisheries (68% of Africa's fish production)



\$5.79 billion total agricultural exports in 2019 (20% of total Egyptian exports)



Egyptian currency increased by 9.4% during 2018-2020

Egyptian Agriculture Business



Olive Production

- International Olive Council (IOC) official report, Egypt is the largest olives production of during 2020/2019 in the world.
- Producing amount of 750k tons, of which about 150 thousand tons are used for export.
- Egyptian government plans to plant 100 million olive trees by 2022.



Greenhouse

- Egypt launched 100,000 Greenhouse projects is part of the reclamation projects of 1.5 million acres.
- Project to be established in 7 different demographic locations during the coming 3 years.
- Project total budget of 24.3M Euro for the 3 phases project.



Dates: 2018

- Egypt launched project of a 1.5M acres to establish world largest dates production farm, targeting about 2.5 million palm trees for 4 years.
- Project aims to become the second largest dates producer in Arab world and largest in Africa.



Citrus: 2019

- Egypt is the world largest Oranges exporter for the second year in row.
- 38% of the total world exports representing a total of 1.8M tons.
- 50% of domestic production is exported.



Fertilizers: 2020

- Egypt launched project of phosphate fertilizers compound in Ain Sokhna.
- Project includes 9 factories on an area of 400 acres and is one
 of the largest national projects in the field of phosphate
 fertilizers in the Middle East.

Why be part of Sahara 2022?

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