

Pakistan Sesame Crop 2021

Bountiful & “Made for China”



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Introduction

Sesame Seeds are commonly produced to get oil essentials. It grows in about 70 Countries across the World. In Pakistan, it grows in about 65 Districts as irrigated and as well as a rain-fed crop. It grows in the province of Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, and Baluchistan. Sesame is known as an oilseed crop, owing to its high-quality oil. Besides, its high content of protein, which is up to 22 percent, and is known as one of the finest oil crops. It also has high oil content that ranges from 50 to 58 percent.

In addition to raw food purposes, sesame seeds are used in different sweets and bakery products as well. Due to its fragrant smell, it is also an essential ingredient of soaps, perfumes, vegetable oil and carbon paper as well. It is an ancient conventional oilseed crop. Being a sesame seeds supplier, we know its worth in the international market.

Crop size and areas of production

In 2021, over 120,000 tons of sesame seeds were produced in Pakistan. Potential areas for sesame cultivation in Pakistan are Gujarat, Sialkot, Gujranwala, Attock, Bhakkar, Faisalabad in

Punjab, Tharparkar, Dadu and Hyderabad in Sindh, Kohat and D.I. Khan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Naseerabad and Lesbela in Baluchistan. Mast Qalander Group-Pakistan being a top sesame seeds processor and exporter, always find the quality product from these areas.

Crop, Quality and its demand in the respective destination

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However, hybrid quality sesame seed was one of the highly exported sesame due to huge availability from the growing area and best for crushing grade and big seeds. It was also in high demand, as prices were lower than Sindh quality sesame seeds and oil content was more or less the same.

Nevertheless, Farmi quality Sesame seeds are known for their appearance, but this year like last year, the quality was inferior at the end of the season due to extreme cold weather and the colour and seeds were affected.

Quantity exported

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Pakistan remained stable due to continuous demand from Iran. Currently, the demand from China is very less (as of Jan-2022 last week), and prices have dropped over there whereas, in Pakistan, the prices have increased by five to 10 percent.

Stocks

The carryforward from season 2021, shall be more or less in between 20 and 35,000 tons, but the quality is not the same as it was earlier. However, it may still cater for the small demand from Japan, Vietnam and a few other Far East Asian Countries.

Price scenario and factors driving

Regarding the prices of Sindh, Hybrid and Farmi Quality are USD 1575, 1500 & 1425 per ton, CFR Main Port, respectively (as of Jan-2022- 2nd half). We feel that the

local prices may increase further by mid Feb and the demand may come from buyers, so far in 2022, there were no new contracts or major exports.

On covid, Pakistan is currently facing the fifth wave, but like everyone in this world, we as a nation survived. The Government policies for food manufacturers and producers were highly appreciated as no food business is affected in Pakistan, especially the export facilities remain opened with a limited number of workers, but again Exports figures in Rice and Sesame have increased considerably.