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PRODUCTION

Pasta is one of the most popular foods in the world, thanks to its unique characteristics like nutritiousness, tastefulness, practicality, cheapness, satiability and endurance.

Semolina and macaroni factories were among the first branches of the food industry, which were established in Türkiye as of 1920s. The total capacity of Turkish pasta industry, which is one of the biggest in the world, has increased 26 fold since 1922 and reached to approximately 2,8 million tons at 2021.

The present production facilities of the pasta producer companies equipped with modern high-temperature lines are located mainly in the Southeastern, Central and Western Anatolia, which are the major durum wheat producing regions in Türkiye.

Table 1: Pasta Production in Türkiye by Years

Years	Tons	Years	Tons	Years	Tons
1994	406,000	2005	580,516	2016	1,347,649
1995	439,000	2006	558,517	2017	1,667,267
1996	463,000	2007	571,292	2018	1,762,492
1997	504,000	2008	640,985	2019	1,902,039
1998	480,000	2009	595,160	2020	2,047,014
1999	510,000	2010	732,410	2021	2,107,959
2000	540,000	2011	863,967		
2001	445,000	2012	976,643		
2002	475,000	2013	1,026,430		
2003	438,000	2014	1,202,516		
2004	500,000	2015	1,158,069		

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute

Plain and vitamin enriched macaroni are the most popular types in Türkiye. However, in recent years, vegetable (such as tomato and spinach) and egg macaroni are also produced.

Generally, the production in Türkiye shows an upward trend. A continuously escalating domestic and foreign demand has allowed the industry to increase production volumes and the high technology employed has enabled companies to compete favorably in domestic and international markets. Today, the Turkish pasta industry annually produces around 2.1 million tons of pasta.

EXPORTS

Türkiye has exported mainly uncooked pasta without eggs for years. This type of pasta has constituted up to 80-90% of the total Turkish pasta exports so far. However, pasta types other than uncooked or stuffed pasta have recently grown to become an important product in Türkiye's pasta exports.

Total pasta exports of Türkiye totaled 1,361 thousand tons in 2021 with a decrease of 7,4% compared to the previous year while the value of exports totaled 774 million dollars in 2021.

Table 2: Turkish Pasta Exports by Years

Years	Tons	\$1000	Years	Tons	\$1000	Years	Tons	\$1000
1984	4,920	1,631	2001	34,284	11,586	2018	1,206,750	552,416
1985	8,723	2,708	2002	48,372	16,752	2019	1,272,857	607,469
1986	12,650	3,920	2003	69,071	26,848	2020	1,463,584	758,392
1987	16,917	5,128	2004	126,000	50,263	2021	1,361,504	774,174
1988	23,159	7,413	2005	164,413	65,507			
1989	16,844	6,314	2006	191,620	80,152			
1990	13,022	6,189	2007	177,971	107,889			
1991	48,105	19,595	2008	175,614	181,953			
1992	59,731	18,394	2009	213,516	149,432			
1993	52,856	23,538	2010	297,464	185,913			
1994	85,463	37,449	2011	404,087	285,305			
1995	111,230	53,214	2012	505,613	357,850			
1996	108,894	58,106	2013	693,212	494,026			
1997	135,989	70,129	2014	735,285	507,051			
1998	90,949	45,199	2015	672,105	418,183			
1999	23,987	9,984	2016	831,370	422,170			
2000	25,515	9,683	2017	1,055,256	490,647			

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute

Türkiye exported pasta products to 164 countries throughout the world in 2021. The major export markets of Türkiye have undergone remarkable changes particularly during the last ten years. While the USA and the Russian Federation have been by far the biggest destination markets, having a share of 26.7% in 1995 and 82.5% in 1997 within total pasta exports respectively; Venezuela, Somalia, Benin, Ghana, Togo and Niger were recorded as the major markets in 2021.

Table 3: Turkish Pasta Exports by Destination

Country	2019		2020		2021	
	Tons	\$1000	Tons	\$1000	Tons	\$1000
Venezuela	129,218	64,962	219,895	116,052	214,611	121,792
Somali	163,972	70,370	179,367	80,520	207,246	107,744
Benin	137,372	58,161	63,786	28,181	114,005	54,869
Gana	75,403	34,133	88,569	41,776	100,198	55,808
Togo	75,437	32,258	68,207	30,249	83,349	41,819
Nijer	15,000	6,583	35,982	16,532	58,601	32,879
Japonya	48,598	38,173	61,147	46,153	49,038	38,681
Angola	127,403	55,133	66,294	29,552	35,840	19,178
Senegal	16,898	7,344	30,182	13,911	25,964	13,593
Irak	59,505	24,746	56,627	27,604	25,833	14,550
Others	439,036	278,939	593,528	400,330	479,075	286,356
Total	1,272,857	607,469	1,463,584	758,392	1,361,504	774,174

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute

Note: The countries are ranked according to their export value in 2021

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