

In addition to the quality information, production figures (obtained from the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC)) relating to hectares planted, tons produced and yields obtained on a national as well as provincial basis, over an eleven-season period, are provided in this report. SAGIS (South African Grain Information Service) supply and demand information is provided in table and graph format. Import and export figures over several seasons as well as information on the manufacture, import and export of oil seed products, are also included.

The report of the Evaluation of sunflower cultivars for the 2024/25 season, conducted by the ARC-Grain Crops Institute in collaboration with Agricol, Corteva (Pannar & Pioneer), Syngenta and Limagrain Field seeds, is included in totality and as received. The national grading regulations published in Government Notice NO. 45 of 22 January 2016 are also provided.

## Production

World sunflower seed production for the 2024/25 season stands at 55.4 million metric tons with Russia and the Ukraine contributing 53% to this total. An area of 30.4 million hectares were harvested resulting in a yield of 1.82 metric tons/hectare. The forecasted figure for the 2025/26 season is 56.6 million metric tons harvested on 33.0 million hectares with a yield of 1.71 metric tons/hectare.

Please see Table 1 for the world sunflower seed supply and disappearance figures.

<b>Table 1: World Sunflower Seed Supply and Disappearance (October through September)</b>						
<b>Season</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2023/24 (Revised)</b>	<b>2024/25 (Forecast)</b>
<b>Area Harvested (1 000 Ha)</b>	<b>28 045</b>	<b>29 877</b>	<b>29 983</b>	<b>29 822</b>	<b>30 400</b>	<b>33 017</b>
<b>Yield (MT/Ha)</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>1.71</b>
<b>Production (1 000 MT)</b>						
Argentina	3 200	3 360	4 130	3 840	5 170	5 750
European Union	8 969	10 389	9 520	9 983	8 717	8 538
China	2 750	2 880	2 930	3 000	3 100	3 200
Russia	13 420	15 660	17 100	18 600	17 500	18 300
Ukraine	13 900	16 900	12 680	15 100	12 100	11 400
United States	1 353	864	1 276	1 024	520	1 053
South Africa	678	846	720	632	708	700
Turkey	1 580	1 750	1 730	1 280	1 250	1 130
Other	4 995	5 652	5 947	5 970	6 366	6 480
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50 845</b>	<b>58 301</b>	<b>56 033</b>	<b>59 429</b>	<b>55 431</b>	<b>56 551</b>
<b>Seed Import (1 000 MT)</b>						
Turkey	844	673	981	301	794	900
European Union	817	1 807	1 466	834	587	771
Other	1 308	1 639	1 492	1 480	1 343	1 373
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 969</b>	<b>4 119</b>	<b>3 939</b>	<b>2 615</b>	<b>2 724</b>	<b>3 044</b>
<b>Seed Export (1 000 MT)</b>						
Argentina	178	158	91	80	133	220
United States	72	69	63	47	36	50
Russia	528	280	285	324	267	275
Ukraine	186	1 793	1 685	302	69	52
Other	1 907	1 875	1 755	1 964	2 475	2 385
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 871</b>	<b>4 175</b>	<b>3 879</b>	<b>2 717</b>	<b>2 980</b>	<b>2 982</b>
<b>Oilseed crushed</b>	<b>45 568</b>	<b>48 315</b>	<b>52 180</b>	<b>55 470</b>	<b>49 741</b>	<b>51 478</b>

National Sunflower Association website [www.sunflowermsa.com](http://www.sunflowermsa.com),  
Table updated January 14, 2026; Source: Oil World & USDA.