



PRESS RELEASE

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64th International Seedless Dried Grape Producing Countries Conference

The 64th International Seedless Dried Grape Producing Countries Conference took place in Paris, France, on October 24, 2024. This significant event followed the 60th SIAL Fair, providing an opportunity for fruitful exchange of ideas and information within the industry.

The conference, attended by 27 representatives from 7 countries, highlighted the importance of collaboration and communication within the industry. Representatives from the world's seedless dried grape producing countries, including Australia, Chile, Greece, South Africa, Türkiye, and the United States, shared ideas and discussed ways to strengthen the global market and address common challenges. Although representatives were unable to attend, presentations were received from Argentina, China, and Iran regarding their current production and export situations.

During the opening, the Commercial Counsellor of the Turkish Embassy in Paris delivered a speech emphasizing the importance of international collaboration and sustainability in the dried grape sector. Mr. Mark King from Australia was elected as chairman of the conference, with Mr. Osman Oz from Türkiye serving as deputy chairman, and Mrs. Ece Tırkaz from Türkiye appointed as secretary. This conference serves as a pivotal platform for countries involved in the production of seedless dried grapes to share best practices and explore new markets.

The Conference discussed the current global supply and demand dynamics for grapes, noting an increase of 6.14% in the supply of seedless dried grapes from the Sultana/Natural Seedless Raisin varieties compared to the 2023 crop.

Estimated beginning stocks have experienced a notable decrease, with a significant 49% drop. Despite this decline in stocks, it has been demonstrated that the overall increase in production will enable the global grape supply to meet the growing demand.

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The production of Golden raisins has increased just 1%, and total stocks decreased by 14% due to a short carryover stock. The total supply remained unchanged.

Despite the increase in Greece's production of currants, an 8% decrease in the total supply of currants is expected due to the decline in beginning stocks.

The Conference recorded the attached seedless dried grape production estimates and heard presentations from each country represented, explaining the seasonal outlook and production conditions in each. Additionally, the conference recorded the 2024 seedless grape production estimates.

It was confirmed that the next conference will be held in Cape Town on November 15-17, 2025.



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Variety: Sultana & Raisins (All figures metric tonnes packed weight / Goldens or sulphur bleached reported separately below)

Country	Estimated physical stock	Estimated production Northern Hemisphere	Estimated production Southern Hemisphere (crop 2024)	Total estimated available product for marketing	Estimated invoiced domestic sales	Balance available for export marketing	Estimated invoiced export sales	Estimated physical stock at the end of crop season	Planned carryout required to maintain supply between seasons	Surplus stocks to estimated sales and planned carryout
Greece	0	700		700	700	0	0	0	0	0
Iran	5,000	155,000		160,000	30,000	130,000	115,000	15,000	15,000	0
Turkey	10,000	226,000		236,000	50,000	186,000	176,000	10,000	0	10,000
USA	41,079	161,486		202,565	142,170	60,395	50,391	10,004	10,004	0
India	0	145,000		145,000	115,000	30,000	23,000	7,000	5,000	2,000
Uzbekistan	0	40,000		40,000	15,000	25,000	25,000	0	0	0
China	5,000	180,000		185,000	130,000	55,000	50,000	5,000	0	5,000
Argentina	1,000		47,400	48,400	8,000	40,400	38,400	2,000	1,000	1,000
Australia	200		10,525	10,725	7,025	3,700	3,500	200	200	0
Chile	3,000		53,000	56,000	1,000	55,000	53,000	2,000	2,000	0
S. Africa	6,000		67,500	73,500	9,000	64,500	64,500	0	0	0
Total [2024]	71,279	908,186	178,425	1,157,890	507,895	649,995	598,791	51,204	33,204	18,000
2023	141,971	802,599	146,309	1,090,879	521,812	569,067	486,926	82,141	64,573	17,568
% Diff	-49,79%	13,16%	21,95%	6,14%	-2,67%	14,22%	22,97%	-37,66%	-48,58%	2,46%

Varieties: Goldens & Currants (All figures metric tonnes packed weight)

Country	GOLDENS			CURRANTS		
	Estimated physical stock 31/08/2024	Goldens Estimated Production 2024 crop	Total estimated available product for marketing	Estimated physical stock	Currants Estimated production 2024 crop	Total estimated available product for marketing
Greece	0	0	0	1,000	15,000	16,000
Iran	2,000	60,000	62,000	0	0	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0
USA	4,720	9,917	14,637	735	1,077	1,812
India	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	0
China	0	0	0	0	0	0
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Australia	0	0	0	200	1,350	1,550
Chile	0	7,000	7,000	0	0	0
S. Africa	0	21,300	21,300	1,500	3,300	4,800
Total [2024]	6,720	98,217	104,937	3,435	20,727	24,162
2023	7,808	97,229	105,037	9,706	16,483	26,189
% Diff	-14%	1%	0%	-65%	26%	-8%

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Presentations: <https://eib.li/5BAB3>

