

Sesame seed

Oilseeds & vegetable oils

A drought-tolerant oilseed pressed for oil and ground into tahini, grown across the Sahel and Asia.

Key facts

World production, 2024

6.7 million tonnes

Top producer

India, 13%

Top exporter, sesame seed (HS 1207), 2024

India, 7.4% of export value

HS code

1207 Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits

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Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
India	866,111	13%
Myanmar	720,000	11%
Sudan	626,173	9.4%
Nigeria	450,000	6.7%
Pakistan	435,928	6.5%

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
India	581.6 million USD	7.4%
Niger	576 million USD	7.3%
Sudan	574.2 million USD	7.3%
China	447.7 million USD	5.7%
Nigeria	391.4 million USD	5%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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