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Agricultural Exhibition for Africa
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FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW**

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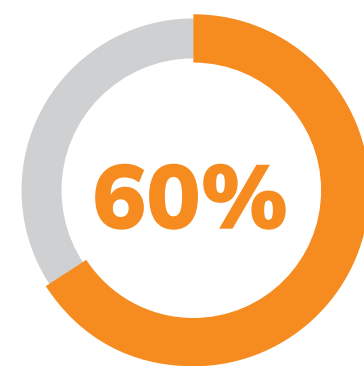
Agriculture in Africa

Agriculture remains one of Africa's most important economic sectors. The agricultural economy employs 65–70 percent of Africa's labor force and typically accounts for 30–40 percent of GDP. If the sector's most notable challenges can be overcome, agriculture could play an even larger part in transforming economies. Transforming the continent's agricultural sector is now more imperative than ever to avoid the risk of food insecurity. Africa's potential lies in investing in innovation, efficient public spending, and regional trade integration to become self-sufficient and even a food exporter.

Governments must prioritize agricultural research, irrigation, and climate-smart practices to boost productivity and resilience. Leveraging private investments and promoting regional food trade, are crucial steps.

Additionally, coordinated efforts between governments, regional institutions, and development partners are necessary to prepare for and respond to food crises and build resilient agricultural systems.

Through collaborative efforts and informed policy dialogues, Africa can turn its agricultural challenges into opportunities for growth, poverty reduction, and food security.



Africa holds more than 60% of the world's arable land, but the continent's share in global agricultural production is low. Vast areas of land are not cultivated, and productivity is lower than in the rest of the world. Nevertheless, farming is key for most African economies and accounts for at least 35 percent of Africa's GDP and employs more Africans than any other sector.

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MILLION

In 2021, the agricultural sector in Africa employed approximately 230 million individuals. Over the decade leading to this period, there has been a discernible upsurge in employment within agricultural, fishery, and forestry domains across the continent.



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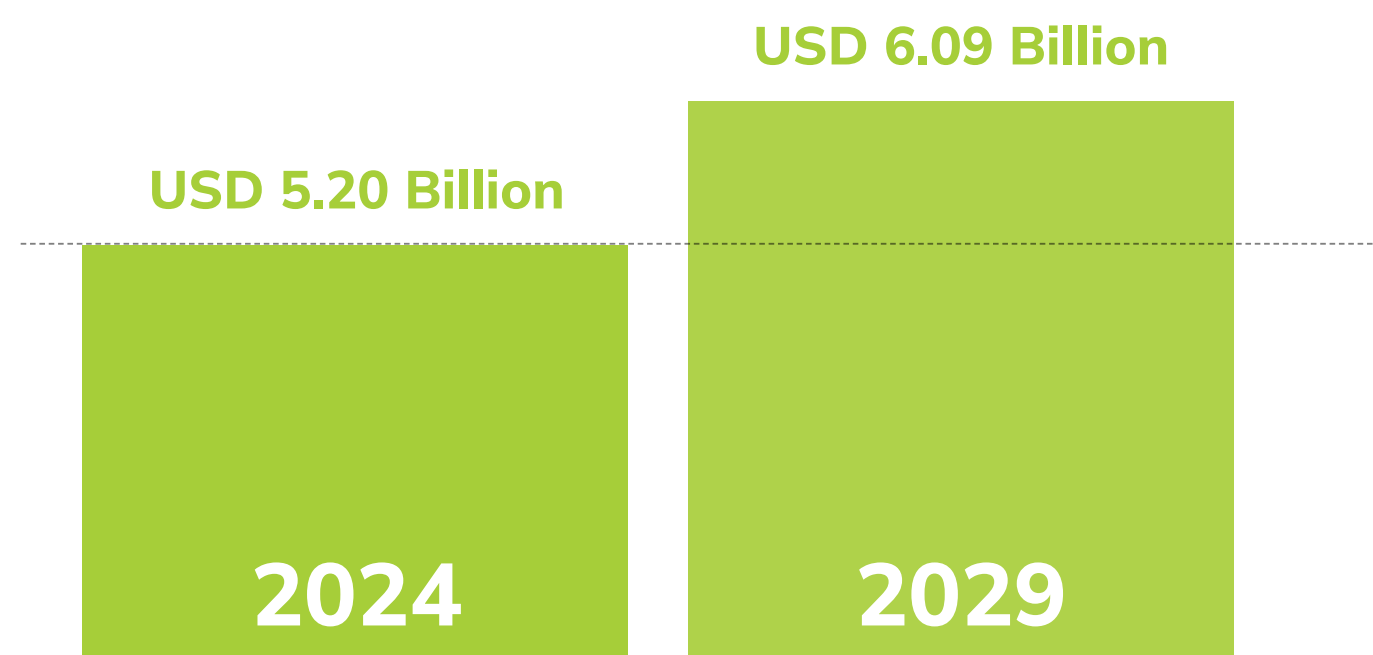
The Arab Republic of Egypt is a transcontinental country spanning the northeast corner of **Africa** and southwest corner of Asia by a land bridge formed by the Sinai Peninsula. The country covers an area of **1,001,450 Km²**. Due to the extreme aridity of Egypt's climate, **98%** of its population are concentrated on the narrow Nile Valley and Delta, which consists of only **3%** of the total land area.

Historically Egypt has always seen itself as a farming nation.

The estimated market size of Egypt's agriculture sector is **USD 5.20 billion in 2024**, with a projected growth to **USD 6.09 billion by 2029**, representing a compound annual growth rate (**CAGR**) of **3.20%** during the forecast period (**2024-2029**). Agriculture plays a pivotal role in Egypt's economy, contributing **11.83%** to the gross domestic product (**GDP**) in **2021** and employing **28%** of the workforce.

The government's goal, as stated by the Minister of Planning and Economic Development, is to increase the agriculture sector's GDP contribution to **12% by 2024** while achieving a **30%** increase in agricultural production by the same year. Egypt's food exports increased by 14 percent (about **\$602 million**), reaching all-time high of **\$5.1 billion in 2023**, up from **\$4.5 billion**.

Market size in USD Billion CARG 3.20%



Key Numbers



3rd largest country in population in Africa with 111 million people



28% of labor force in agricultural sector



11.83% of total GDP in 2021



\$52.18 billion the value of total agricultural production



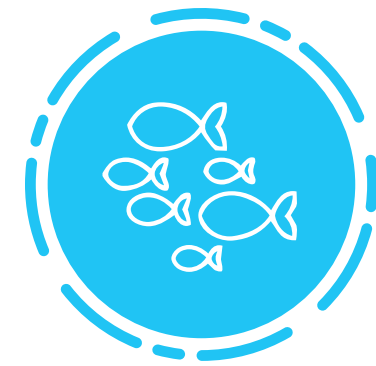
9.9 million acres cultivated lands



7.2% growth rate in the agriculture sector in 2019 (total GR 5.5%)



13 million acres Fisheries and Aquaculture projects



2 million tons of Fisheries (68% of Africa's fish production)



\$5.1 billion total agricultural exports in 2023

Egyptian Agriculture Business



Olive Production

- Egypt produced 18.8% of the total table olive production in the world in 2022
- Egyptian olive production is expected to reach 1.4 million metric tons by 2026, at an annual growth rate of 2.7%
- Egypt produces about 30,000 tons annually of olive oil, most of which is consumed domestically and an average of 6 thousand tons is exported
- Egyptian government plans to plant 100M olive trees by 2022



Dates

- Egypt currently produces about 16.6% of the world's dates
- Egypt has started planting 2.5 million palm trees of new varieties to
- meet international demand, as part of the country's strategy to develop the dates industry
- Egypt has 15.5 million palm trees planted on an area of 86,000 feddans



Fertilizers

- The Nitrogenous Fertilizer Complex in Ain Sokhna began production 2023 and has the capacity the Production of 1200 tons of Liquid Ammonia, 900 tons of Liquid Urea, 900 tons of Granular Urea Fertilizers, 500 tons of Nitric Acid with a capacity of 650 tons of Liquid Ammonium Nitrate and 900 tons of Calcareous-Ammonium Nitrate daily



Greenhouse

- Egypt launched 100,000 Greenhouse projects is part of the reclamation projects of 1.5 million acres
- Project to be established in 7 different demographic



Citrus

- Oranges are the major citrus crop in Egypt, representing about 70% of the total cultivated citrus area
- Egypt's total planted area for oranges at 168,000 hectares and total harvested area at 151,200 hectares
- 38% of the total world exports representing a total of 1.8M tons
- 50% of domestic production is exported.

Why be part of Sahara 2026?

Sahara is the commercial heart of the Egyptian agricultural sector for more than 3 decades, the crop production hub of the MENA region. Sahara is a trusted source of new technologies and information for the whole domestic market, from the smallest farmers to largest agribusinesses to government ministries. With more than 23,000 targeted visitors over 3 days, Sahara provides 550 local and international manufacturers and trader brands with a unique opportunity, to build networks and drive sales, both in Egypt, Africa and the Middle East.

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