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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 Turkey 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 million tons at 2016.

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 Turkey.

Table 1: *Pasta Production in Turkey by Years*

Years	Tons	Years	Tons
1994	406,000	2005	580,516
1995	439,000	2006	558,517
1996	463,000	2007	571,292
1997	504,000	2008	640,985
1998	480,000	2009	595,160
1999	510,000	2010	732,410
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 Turkey. However, in recent years, vegetable (such as tomato and spinach) and egg macaroni are also produced.

Generally, the production in Turkey 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 almost 1.2 million tons of pasta.

EXPORTS

Turkey 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 Turkey's pasta exports.

Total pasta exports of Turkey totaled 832 thousand tons in 2016 with an increase of 24% compared to the previous year while the value of exports totaled 422 million dollars in 2016.

Table 2: Turkish Pasta Exports by Years

Years	Tons	\$1000	Years	Tons	\$1000
1983	3,189	1,023	2000	25,515	9,683
1984	4,920	1,631	2001	34,284	11,586
1985	8,723	2,708	2002	48,372	16,752
1986	12,650	3,920	2003	69,071	26,848
1987	16,917	5,128	2004	126,000	50,263
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	831,562	422,354

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute

Turkey exported pasta products to 152 countries throughout the world in 2016. The major export markets of Turkey 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; Japan, Benin, Somalia, Angola, Iraq and Djibouti were recorded as the major markets in 2016.

Table 3: Turkish Pasta Exports by Destination

	2014		2015		2016	
Country	Tons	\$1000	Tons	\$1000	Tons	\$1000
Japan	29,297	24,955	37,085	32,741	50,212	45,610
Benin	75,841	48,832	75,634	42,459	109,299	44,777
Somalia	18,970	13,168	40,432	24,061	77,140	35,496
Angola	97,982	64,900	68,649	39,293	73,088	32,788
Iraq	56,650	35,624	53,014	29,643	53,708	24,741
Djibouti	24,339	17,156	30,672	18,970	36,925	17,172
Togo	39,790	25,725	42,831	23,655	37,806	16,042
Senegal	5,945	3,975	14,301	8,193	32,467	14,328
Ghana	7,671	5,104	14,423	8,278	26,429	12,112
Congo	20,542	14,493	11,726	7,317	23,380	11,439
Others	358,258	253,120	283,339	183,574	311,107	167,851
Total	735,286	507,051	672,105	418,183	831,563	422,354

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute

Note: The countries are ranked according to their export value in 2016

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