Market for Processed Cheese grew in 2024

EU Balance Sheet for Processed Cheese

´000 tonnes	2019 EU-28	2020 EU-27	2021 EU-27	2022 EU-27	2023 EU-27	2024x EU-27
Production	704	641	678	692	682	700
Imports	1	15	4	4	5	7
- from UK	.	15	3	3	4	6
Exports	102	140	144	139	133	134
- to UK	.	39	37	37	34	34
Consumption	603	516	538	557	553	574
Per capita consumption (kg)	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,2	1,3

Source: ZMB

Production picked up in 2024

EU Processed Cheese Production

´000 tonnes	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024x	± %
EU-27_2020[1)]	**640,8**	**677,7**	**692,0**	**682,0**	**700,0**	+ 2,6
EU-28[1)]	665,8	.	.	.	.	.
Belgium	12,4	13,1	11,5	11,7	12,2	+ 3,6
Bulgaria	1,6	1,6	1,6	1,6	1,4	- 16,1
Czech Republic	9,2	8,6	11,9	14,7	14,1	- 3,7
Denmark	7,7	7,3	13,0	11,9	13,1	+ 9,8
Germany	192,6	204,3	208,9	206,3	215,2	+ 4,3
Estonia	1,6	1,6	2,1	2,1	2,0	-1,3
Spain	53,0	60,8	75,6	77,7	78,2	+ 0,7
France	141,2	132,9	128,3	128,1	130,1	+ 1,6
Ireland	20,5	33,3	.	13,2	15,6	+ 18,3
Italy	54,1	55,2	55,8	56,4	57,0	+ 1,1
Cyprus	.	.	.	.	.	.
Latvia	1,3	1,7	1,6	.	.	.
Lithuania	3,3	3,2	3,2	3,1	3,6	+ 16,1
Croatia	2,9	2,9	2,8	2,8	2,8	+ 0,6
Hungary	13,7	14,3	13,0	11,0	11,2	+ 2,2
Malta	.	.	.	.	.	.
Netherlands	7,1	19,2	18,0	19,6	16,4	- 16,3
Austria	45,3	44,2	42,4	41,2	43,8	+ 6,3
Poland	51,2	51,5	52,2	50,4	51,4	+ 2,0
Portugal	.	.	.	.	0,5	.
Romania	9,8	9,7	9,9	9,7	9,6	- 0,6
Slovenia	0,2	0,2	0,2	0,3	.	.
Slovakia	.	.	.	8,0	8,5	6,0
Finland	7,3	7,4	7,0	7,8	8,2	+ 4,3
Sweden	4,7	4,7	4,5	4,7	4,7	- 1,5
United Kingdom	(25,0)	.	.	.	.	.

1) estimated.

Sources: ZMB, EUROSTAT, Prodcom, National Statistics.

Export of Processed Cheese decreased in 2025

EU-27: Exports of Processed Cheese														
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in tons	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	± % Vj.	2024	2025	± % Vj.
Total	**131.941**	**142.799**	**142.375**	**142.635**	**140.846**	**142.437**	**143.870**	**139.803**	**133.210**	**133.701**	**0,4**	**86.392**	**84.485**	**-2,2**
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United Kingdom	43.092	43.394	43.943	42.108	42.700	39.355	37.463	37.400	34.458	33.927	-1,5	21.962	20.662	-5,9
Saudi Arabia	13.139	13.482	13.150	12.613	13.554	13.948	14.447	14.776	10.547	11.408	8,2	7.361	6.176	-16,1
Japan	6.249	7.652	8.226	8.249	7.562	8.929	8.793	7.400	6.871	6.807	-0,9	4.298	4.754	10,6
Libya	6.899	7.490	3.677	6.684	7.259	7.238	8.252	7.662	9.309	7.361	-20,9	4.652	4.657	0,1
Iraq	10.764	11.718	11.988	11.218	7.739	6.699	6.325	7.591	7.626	7.904	3,6	4.913	4.738	-3,6
Ukraine	1.396	1.716	2.327	2.776	3.881	5.768	6.502	4.065	4.107	4.308	4,9	2.656	2.755	3,7
China	2.409	2.573	3.310	4.088	3.005	4.647	4.970	4.940	4.071	4.551	11,8	3.069	3.214	4,7
Switzerland	3.980	3.926	3.994	3.971	4.017	4.398	4.663	4.328	4.322	4.553	5,3	3.090	3.090	0,0
United States	3.531	4.211	4.605	4.629	4.877	4.048	4.164	3.590	3.541	3.390	-4,3	2.166	2.065	-4,6
Egypt	3.039	3.759	3.497	2.691	3.273	3.326	3.498	3.104	2.326	2.474	6,3	1.674	1.915	14,4
United Arab Emirates	2.349	2.761	3.246	3.380	3.053	3.313	3.215	3.261	3.536	3.657	3,4	2.289	2.182	-4,7
Australia	1.887	2.217	2.057	2.678	2.214	2.647	2.163	2.097	1.701	2.123	24,8	1.434	1.106	-22,9
Taiwan	1.315	1.674	1.876	1.984	2.135	2.621	2.907	2.797	2.769	2.929	5,8	2.053	1.421	-30,8
Lebanon	2.881	2.758	3.016	3.301	2.144	2.524	2.173	2.006	2.516	2.065	-18,0	1.326	1.660	25,2
Kuwait	1.564	1.699	1.762	1.794	1.834	2.314	2.156	1.532	2.038	2.022	-0,8	1.307	1.027	-21,4
South Korea	1.436	1.729	1.659	1.590	1.896	2.094	2.372	2.395	2.051	2.320	13,1	1.634	1.582	-3,2

Sources: ZMB, EUROSTAT

Mixed import of processed cheese

Main Importers of Processed Cheese

in Tonnes	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Brazil	4.289	3.809	2.974	2.722	3.456	3.783	3.371	1.046	497	889
Russian Federation	770	1.029	1.603	2.274	2.741	3.608	4.827	.	.	.
Qatar	4.766	4.199	6.089	6.156	7.952	6.117	4.827	5.824	6.144	.
Lebanon	12.662	12.317	12.953	13.302	10.001	6.183	6.577	5.593	6.740	7.765
South Africa	5.868	5.589	5.650	6.442	6.297	4.295	4.689	4.682	3.400	1.799
Jordan	5.052	4.488	4.008	3.772	3.932	5.646	3.035	544	1.804	.
USA	2.818	5.780	5.943	7.139	7.505	3.043	4.132	11.071	9.123	10.349
Bahrain	5.229	5.429	8.389	6.455	5.511	4.757	7.092	5.220	4.761	.
Kazakhstan	5.498	4.773	4.560	4.525	4.775	9.001	5.886	6.797	6.310	7.017
Japan	5.500	7.001	7.310	7.314	7.060	7.101	7.357	6.529	5.600	5.418
China, Hong Kong SAR	6.219	6.492	6.532	4.615	4.174	4.169	5.085	4.083	3.973	4.145
Rep. of Korea	6.574	6.572	6.890	6.683	7.435	6.399	7.107	6.434	6.402	6.357
Singapore	8.482	8.148	9.269	8.568	9.005	9.707	8.392	9.277	9.189	8.675
Oman	7.791	9.505	11.797	12.050	12.066	11.911	24.124	20.586	18.699	.
Malaysia	8.523	10.858	11.797	10.364	10.521	14.167	11.533	11.952	12.260	12.317
Kuwait	25.370	9.246	12.443	12.349	11.864	14.703	10.571	11.526	14.242	.
El Salvador	12.007	15.453	23.802	20.756	24.095	24.714	30.337	29.231	30.647	23.535
China	12.742	14.341	15.761	13.893	15.154	18.980	23.071	18.115	19.110	20.179
Australia	17.021	19.031	13.693	10.564	10.187	23.712	23.727	21.069	26.915	27.410
United Arab Emirates	**17.537**	**17.749**	**22.370**	**22.585**	**22.268**	**21.100**	**22.194**	**28.532**	**31.890**	**.**
United Kingdom	**56.543**	**56.668**	**49.849**	**49.232**	**46.815**	**46.518**	**44.091**	**40.551**	**35.906**	**34.848**
Saudi Arabia	**54.947**	**45.768**	**20.272**	**56.742**	**59.589**	**57.134**	**82.544**	**100.383**	**69.837**	**95.988**

Source: Comtrade