Qoyod Report

Saudi Date Exports in Numbers: SAR 1.938 Billion and First in the World for a Fourth Year

A read of National Center for Palms and Dates figures: exports of SAR 1.938 billion in 2025, unbroken growth since 2021, more than 125 countries, and what businesses in the date chain need.

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Saudi date exports reached about SAR 1.938 billion in 2025, up +14.3% on 2024, and the Kingdom ranked first in the world in date exports by value for the fourth consecutive year, according to International Trade Centre data announced by the National Center for Palms and Dates. Saudi dates now reach more than 125 countries. More importantly, this growth is not a one-year jump: exports have risen every year since 2021, from SAR 1.215 billion to SAR 1.938 billion. This report reads the numbers, then asks the practical question: what does the farmer, the packer and the trader who want a share of this growth need?

1.938
SAR billion in date exports in 2025

14.3%
export growth on 2024

125+
countries reached by Saudi dates

4
consecutive years ranked first in the world

Five years of unbroken growth

Date exports stood at SAR 1.215 billion in 2021, then SAR 1.280 billion in 2022, SAR 1.462 billion in 2023, SAR 1.695 billion in 2024 and SAR 1.938 billion in 2025. The value rose +59.5% in four years, a compound annual growth rate of about 12.4%.

Over the last three years annual growth has held between 14% and 16%: +14.2% in 2023, +15.9% in 2024 and +14.3% in 2025. Over the same period the market base widened from 119 countries at the end of 2023 to more than 125 in 2025.

A methodological note: the annual values are from the National Center for Palms and Dates; the 2021, 2024 and 2025 values are International Trade Centre data as relayed by the Saudi Press Agency on 3 October 2026. The year-on-year growth rates and the compound growth rate are Qoyod's calculation from these values. The market breakdown below comes from General Authority for Statistics data analysed by Al-Eqtisadiah for a different period (2021 to May 2026), so it is not added to the annual values.

Saudi date export value by year (SAR billion)



+59.5% since 2021 | Growth every year | First in the world, fourth year

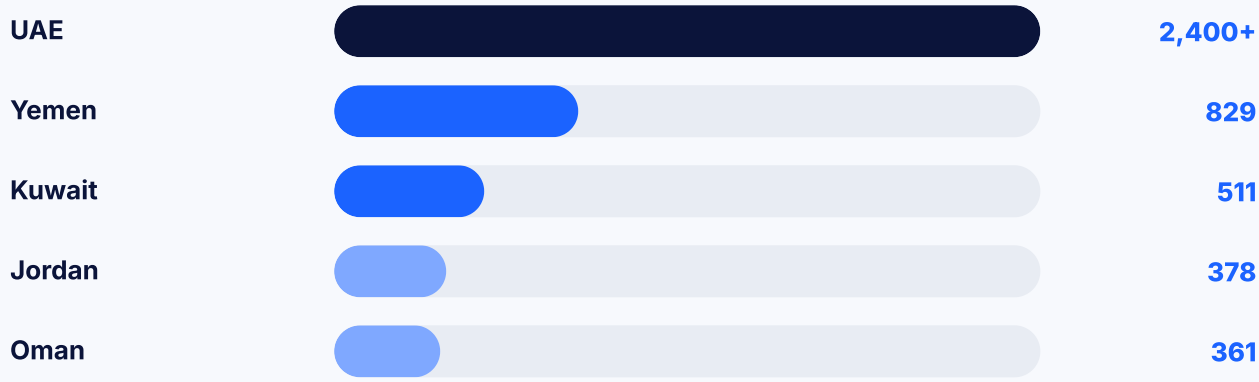
Source: National Center for Palms and Dates, International Trade Centre data. Growth rates are Qoyod's calculation.

Where Saudi dates go

According to Al-Eqtisadiah's analysis of General Authority for Statistics data, date exports totalled about SAR 8.2 billion from 2021 to May 2026. The UAE led the markets with more than SAR 2.4 billion, about 29% of the total, followed by Yemen at about SAR 829 million, Kuwait at about SAR 511 million, Jordan at about SAR 378 million and Oman at about SAR 361 million. Over the same period exports were about 56 times imports.

More distant markets are growing too: exports to India rose +25% and to Denmark +33% in 2025 compared with 2024, according to the National Center for Palms and Dates.

The five largest markets for Saudi dates, 2021 to May 2026 (SAR million)



Total about SAR 8.2 billion | UAE about 29% | India +25% in 2025

Source: General Authority for Statistics, analysed by Al-Eqtisadiah, August 2026. UAE share is Qoyod's calculation.

37 million palms behind it all

The Kingdom had about 37.6 million date palms in 2024, more than 32.2 million of them productive, and date output reached about 1.92 million tonnes, according to the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture. Saudi Arabia ranks second in the world in date production with about 17% of global output, and its self-sufficiency in dates exceeds 125%, according to the CEO of the National Center for Palms and Dates.

From the palm to the world market

Production (2024)	
Total palms (million)	37.6
Productive palms (million)	32.2
Output (million tonnes)	1.92

Exports (2025)	
Export value (SAR billion)	1.938
Importing countries	125+
World rank by value	1

Source: Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture (2024 figures) and National Center for Palms and Dates (2025 figures).

	Exports (SAR billion)	Annual growth
2021	1.215	base year
2022	1.280	+5.3%
2023	1.462	+14.2%
2024	1.695	+15.9%
2025	**1.938**	**+14.3%**

Source: National Center for Palms and Dates. Growth rates are Qoyod's calculation.

What people in the date chain need

Behind every shipment of dates stand small and medium businesses: farms, packing plants, wholesalers, gift shops and exporters. Their accounting question is much the same: what did this item cost me, how much did I earn on it, and how do I invoice a customer in another country correctly?

First, know each item's margin. Every date variety has its own price and cost, and the seasons move both. The product cost and profit margin report in Qoyod shows average cost and margin per item, category and location, calculated from actual purchase invoices. It requires purchases and inventory to be switched on, which are outside the Basic plan.

Second, cost a box from its components. A gift box holds dates, packaging and labels. The composite products feature lets you define an item by its components, so components are deducted from stock when the manufacturing order is recorded. It is available on the Advance plan only. It is worth being clear that Qoyod is an accounting system, not a manufacturing system.

Third, invoice exports correctly. Qoyod supports multiple currencies and keeps standard-rated, zero-rated and exempt transactions apart. Exports outside the Gulf Cooperation Council are zero-rated for VAT. For sales to GCC states, which are the largest markets for Saudi dates, check the tax treatment with your adviser before invoicing.

Fourth, make your invoices compliant from the first shipment. E-invoicing in Qoyod complies with Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority requirements, and Phase 2 integration is available on the Pro and Advanced plans. Each plan's scope differs, so review the details with the sales team before choosing.

Four accounting readiness points for the date chain

Margin per item from actual purchase invoices	pricing decision
Box cost from its components	gift-box profit
Export invoices in the right currency and rate	a sound deal
Compliant e-invoices from the first shipment	the condition for growth

Prepared by Qoyod based on documented system capabilities and National Center for Palms and Dates figures.

Recommendations

Four practical steps to take from the numbers in this report:

- Watch the fastest-growing markets, not only the largest: India and Denmark grew by more than 25% in a single year.
- Calculate the margin of each variety and each pack size separately; the highest-priced item is not always the most profitable.
- Classify every export invoice for tax before issuing it, and distinguish Gulf markets from more distant ones.
- Build readiness before the season, not during it: documented stock, known costs and compliant invoices.

For a wider look at goods trade: the wholesale and retail trade report; for the manufacturing sector that packing plants belong to: the industrial licenses report; and for selling online: the e-commerce report.

SAR 1.938 billion, unbroken growth since 2021, more than 125 countries and first in the world for a fourth year: these are the numbers of a national product carrying the Kingdom's name to the world within the path of Saudi Vision 2030. The business that knows the cost of each item precisely is the one that can compete for its share of this growth.

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Know the cost of every item precisely

Qoyod is an Arabic cloud accounting system that shows product cost and profit margin per item and location, supports multiple currencies, and issues electronic invoices compliant with the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority.

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