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Report Highlights:

Renewed market opportunities arise for U.S. almonds exports to Algeria following the adjustment of the import ban implemented by the Government of Algeria on July 12, 2020. Currently, Almond imports will only be restricted during their harvest time in Algeria from June 1 to August 31.

General Information

On February 28, 2021, the Algerian Arabic Daily Newspaper “El Bilad” reported that the Ministry of Commerce issued a note on February 24, 2021 addressed to the Ministry of Finance, regarding the ban on imports of 13 agricultural products during their Algerian harvest time. The newspaper indicated that this note reflects recent instructions issued by the Prime Minister, Abdelaziz Djerad regarding promoting domestic agricultural products and augmenting domestic production. The original ban was implemented on July 12, 2020 with a list of 13 fruits according to their harvest season, however almonds were banned from import from January through December.

As reported by the newspaper on February 28, 2021, the current list is as follows.

February 24, 2020 List of the Fruits banned from import during their harvest time

Agricultural products	Harvest Time
Citrus	October 1-June 30
Apricots	April 1- July 31
Cherries	May 1- July 31
Peaches	May 1- August 31
Pears	June 1- February 29
Prunes	June 1- September 30
Grapes	June 1- November 30
Apples	June 1- March 31
Almonds	June 1- August 31
Figs	June 1- August 31
Pomegranate	September 1- February 29
Quinces	October 1-Novemebr 30
Hawthorn	April 1- June 30

Source: Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA Algiers)

Background

Following the instruction of President Abdelmadjid Tebboune during his 2020 June’s Ministers Council Meeting regarding the total restriction of the importation of agricultural products during their harvest time, the Professional Bank and Financial Institutions Association (ABEF) sent a note on July 12, 2020 informing Banks and Financial institutions that Ministry of Commerce suspended 13 agricultural products from imports during their harvest time.

This list included:

Citrus (October 1-June 30), apricots (April 01-uly 31), Cherries (May 1-Jly 31), Peaches (May 1- August 31), Prunes (June 01-September 30), Grapes (June 1-November 30), Pears (June 1- February 29), Apples (June 1- March 31), Almonds (January 1-December 31), Figs (June 1- October 31), Pomegranate (September 1- January 31, Medlar (April 1-July 31), Quinces (October 1-November 30).

The 2020 list included almonds banned from January through December, while the other fruits listed were subject to a seasonal ban.

This information was obtained and translated from the article below, which reported on the note from ABEF.

<https://www.algerie-eco.com/2020/07/19/document-lalgerie-suspend-limportation-de-treize-produits-agricoles/>

U.S. Export prospects

The adjustment to the ban on imports for almonds will reopen business opportunities for U.S. exporters of almonds.

Demand for tree nuts remains high in Algeria. In addition to the fact that Algeria is not a significant producer of tree nuts in general, nor of almonds in particular, Algerian consumers consume a lot of tree nuts especially almonds in pastries and other dishes.

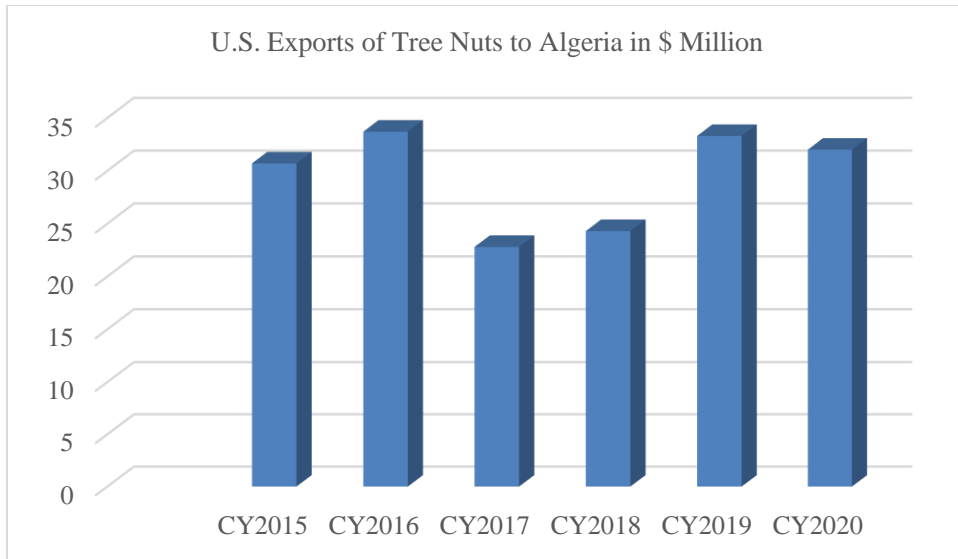
The United States remains the leading exporter of tree nuts to Algeria. Algeria imports on average about 5000 MT of almonds each year, of which 85% originates from the U.S. Almonds average share of the total U.S. tree nuts exports to Algeria accounts for 72% and represents a commercial success for U.S. companies in the Algerian market accounting nearly for \$20 million in U.S. agricultural exports annually.

The charts below show the evolution of the U.S. exports of tree nuts and almonds over the past six years. A part from the decrease in 2017 and 2018, overall exports remain significant. The impact of the import licensing system implemented in 2017 then the ban on imports of some agricultural products including tree nuts in 2018 is clearly shown in the charts. In 2019, exports increased despite the new [temporary additional safeguard duty implemented that year](#). Since [April 2019](#), tree nuts are excluded from the list of products subject to the temporary additional safeguard duty.

The chart below shows a decrease in almond imports during the last quarter of 2020, due to the ban that was implemented in July 2020. The ban lasted five months in 2020 and two months in 2021, before being adjusted.

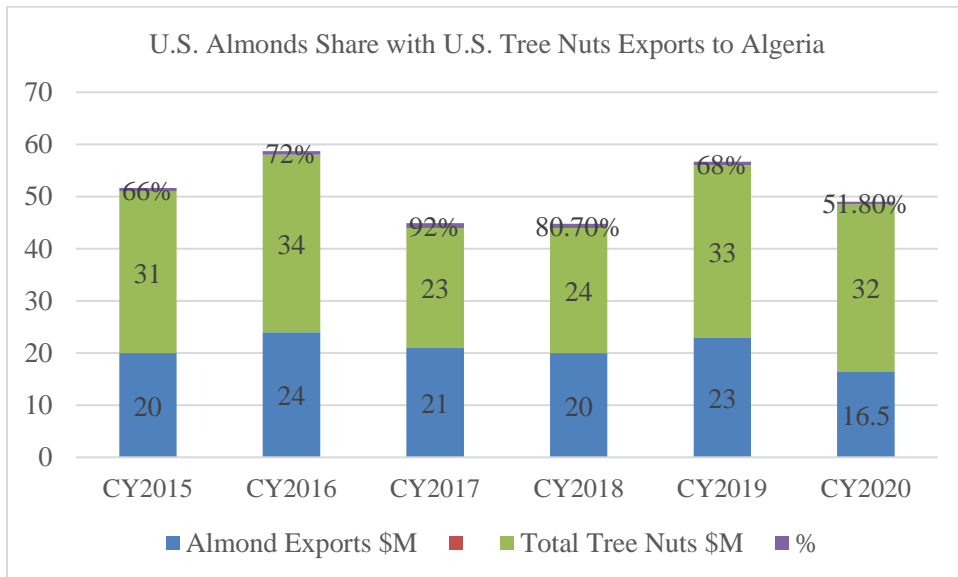
Please visit the Office of Agricultural Affairs (OAA) Algiers recent [Exporter Guide Report](#) to read the background regarding the temporary additional safeguard duty as well as [the previous bans](#).

U.S. Exports of Tree Nuts to Algeria in \$ million



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

U.S. Almonds Share in U.S. Tree Nuts Exports to Algeria in \$ million



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Attachments:

No Attachments.