

III. OILSEEDS

1. Import Policy

Import Tariffs: All oilseeds are exempt from tariffs. There are no non-tariff barriers.

Importation procedure and structure: Importation is almost exclusively carried out by the private sector.

2. Additional factors: Saudi Arabia is a major consumer of cooking oil. The premium oil market is held by U.S. Mazola (corn) Oil. The bulk of the market is made up of imported and locally produced palm oil. Prices are fixed by the Government as follows: Palm US\$1.62, per gallon-soya \$2.92 and corn \$2.86.

3. Supply of oilseeds and products by type, thousands of tonnes:

Base year: 1983

<u>Oilseed</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Quantity Processed</u>	<u>Principal Sources of Imports</u>
Soybean		26		U.S.A. (14) India (7)
Sesame		11		Ethiopia(5) Sudan (5)
Others		2		
TOTAL		39		
<u>Oil</u>		<u>Crude/Refined</u>		
Soybean	-	5		Singapore(3) Holland(1)
Corn	-	45		Singapore(27) U.S.A. (12)
Others (probably palm)		91		Singapore(74) Malaysia (12)
TOTAL		141		

Meal - No published data.

4. Number and capacity of oilseed crushing plants:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Type of seed crushed</u>	<u>Capacity (tonnes/24h)</u>
1	Mainly palm for cooking oil	No data available

5. Export Policy: Saudi Arabia is not an exporter of oilseeds.