

Other Oilseed Products for Direct Human Consumption

Almost none, except soy sauce, which is only bought by high income groups, but in very small quantities.

In Turkey, sesame and poppy seeds are used in bakery goods. Flaxseed is used in bakery goods in tiny quantities at certain locations.

Protein Meals

Cattle: 12,500,000 head; water buffalos: 400,000; sheep: 45,000,000; goats: 12,000,000; hogs: 13,000. Protein meal consumption by livestock type is not available. Olive oil meal, sunflowerseed meal, cotton meal, soya meal, and molasses is used by the livestock industry for feed supplements.

Neither canola nor flax meals are known in Turkish market. Soymeal is also not popular, and is only known by a very small segment of the population.

Growth in the livestock industry has been steady within the last decade, and is not expected to expand in coming years. Therefore protein meal consumption is expected to stay around current levels.

C. Country Imports - Oilseeds, Vegetable Oils & Protein Meals

The importer, whether private firm or state-owned, can import freely. Private firms can deal directly with suppliers, however, state-owned firms (cooperatives), such as producers of margarine, usually open domestic and/or international tenders.

All oilseeds, vegetable oils, and protein meals can be imported without any restriction. A change in import policy concerning these products is not expected.

Canadian % share of market is approximately 6-7 % (mostly sunflower seed, and little quantity of sesame seed).

List of Major Importers

Following firms are producers of oilseed products, such as sunflower oil, cotton oil, corn oil, soybean oil, and olive oil as well. Given that the price is the determinant factor, they meet their oilseed and/or oilseed oil requirements from both domestic production and non-Turkish sources.