United Arab Emirates

What it produces, exports, imports and uses, among the commodities tracked here

Top-ten producer of

Commodity	World rank	Share of world	Year
Aluminum	5	3.6%	2025
Crude oil	8	4.2%	2025
Dates	10	3.4%	2024

Top-ten exporter of

Commodity	World rank	Share of world exports	Export value
Aluminum	2	9.3%	$7.4 billion
Gold	2	9.9%	$57.9 billion
Platinum	3	7.4%	$1.1 billion
Crude oil	4	8.6%	$114.4 billion
Dates	4	10%	$249 million
Silver	4	6.3%	$2.1 billion
Tea	7	3.1%	$233.9 million
Lentils	8	1.8%	$76.1 million

Of $199.9 billion of tracked-commodity exports, 57% is crude oil, then gold (29%).

Top-ten importer of: cardamom (#2), almonds (#3), cashews (#3), cloves (#3), dates (#3), ginger (#4), lamb (#4), lentils (#4).

What it uses (FAO food balances, 2023)

Commodity	Domestic supply	kg per person	Self-sufficiency	Imported
Wheat	2.4 million tonnes	114	<0.1%	131%
Milk	2.0 million tonnes	111	20%	237%
Canola	1.1 million tonnes	0.4	<0.1%	100%
Rice	1.1 million tonnes	43	<0.1%	108%
Potatoes	683 thousand tonnes	34	0.2%	113%
Chicken	587 thousand tonnes	46	11%	115%

Single-supplier import markets

United Arab Emirates buys half or more of its imports from one country in 13 of 20 import markets of $250 million or more: steel from China (71%); sugar from Brazil (90%); chicken from Brazil (77%); beef from Brazil (62%); rice from India (72%).

Sources: FAOSTAT, USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, Energy Institute Statistical Review (production); CEPII BACI (trade); FAOSTAT Food Balances (use). Ranks count only the commodities on this site. Cite as: Commodity Origins, "United Arab Emirates", https://commodityorigins.com/countries/ARE/ (CC BY 4.0). Full page, sources and downloads: https://commodityorigins.com/countries/ARE/. Text is written with AI assistance and checked against the cited data; figures are computed from the sources (https://commodityorigins.com/about/#how-ai-is-used).