Zimbabwe

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

Top-ten producer of

Commodity	World rank	Share of world	Year
Platinum	3	11%	2025
Lithium	4	9.7%	2025
Palladium	4	7.8%	2025
Tobacco	5	3.9%	2024
Chromium	6	3.9%	2025
Jute	8	0.1%	2024

Top-ten exporter of

Commodity	World rank	Share of world exports	Export value
Chromium	3	1.7%	$145.6 million
Tobacco	3	9.5%	$1.3 billion

Of $1.6 billion of tracked-commodity exports, 85% is tobacco, then chromium (9.2%).

What it uses (FAO food balances, 2023)

Commodity	Domestic supply	kg per person	Self-sufficiency	Imported
Corn	1.4 million tonnes	68	58%	42%
Beef	743 thousand tonnes	45	100%	<0.1%
Wheat	588 thousand tonnes	34	45%	56%

Commodity	Domestic supply	kg per person	Self-sufficiency	Imported
Potatoes	574 thousand tonnes	32	98%	2.2%
Milk	513 thousand tonnes	27	86%	15%
Tomatoes	461 thousand tonnes	26	99%	0.6%

Single-supplier import markets

Zimbabwe buys half or more of its imports from one country in 1 of 1 import markets of $250 million or more: corn from South Africa (98%).

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