Silk

Fibres & other raw materials

Filament reeled from the cocoon of the mulberry silkworm, the only natural continuous-filament fibre.

Key facts

World production, 2024
464,010 tonnes

Top producer
India, 56%

Top exporter, silk (HS 5002), 2024
China, 48% of export value

HS code
5002 Raw silk, not thrown

FAOSTAT item
1185 Silk-worm cocoons suitable for reeling

Also called
raw silk, silkworm cocoons, mulberry silk, sericulture

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
India	260,000	56%
China	147,000	32%
Uzbekistan	30,066	6.5%
Vietnam	15,884	3.4%
North Korea	2,581	0.6%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
China	177.8 million USD	48%
Vietnam	91.6 million USD	25%
Italy	30.5 million USD	8.3%
Brazil	18.8 million USD	5.1%
Uzbekistan	14.8 million USD	4%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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