Yams

Fruit & vegetables

A large tropical tuber, grown overwhelmingly in the west African yam belt and eaten pounded.

Key facts

World production, 2024
92.4 million tonnes

Top producer
Nigeria, 71%

Top exporter, yams (HS 071430), 2024
Ghana, 25% of export value

HS code
071430 Yams, fresh, chilled, frozen or dried

FAOSTAT item
137 Yams

Also called
yam, white yam, puna yam

Top producers, 2024

Country	Tonnes	Share
Nigeria	65.3 million	71%
Ghana	10.1 million	11%
Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)	7.7 million	8.3%
Benin	3.4 million	3.6%
Togo	982,384	1.1%

FAOSTAT Crops and livestock products (QCL), 2024.

Top exporters, 2024

Country	Export value	Share
Ghana	63.3 million USD	25%
Jamaica	52.8 million USD	21%
China	27.3 million USD	11%
Japan	20.6 million USD	8.2%
Costa Rica	18.3 million USD	7.2%

CEPII BACI international trade database (HS22, V202601).

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