

Sesame Seed Consumption and Qingdao Port Infrastructure - China



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China Sesame Consumption

China imports around one Million MT of sesame every year, import dependence ratio is over 90 percent. This takes 50 percent of the market volume of the world sesame trade and China is the biggest traditional sesame market. The main suppliers of the imports are from African countries.



MT	Year 2009	Year 2010	Year 2011	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021
Carry in			16,067	11,826	13,288	10,320	25,560	66,000	114,080	37,000	96,000	105,000	145,000
Chinese Crop	315,000	450,000	245,000	331,000	253,000	215,000	180,000	152,000	183,000	250,000	300,000	150,000	90,000
Imports	311,281	390,716	389,319	395,672	442,290	568,902	805,926	933,139	712,925	827,878	812,387	1,016,067	174,329
Exports	34,214	35,384	35,478	40,110	37,350	34,517	26,825	24,014	35,253	41,679	50,163	44,175	46,938
Carry out			11,826	13,288	10,320	25,560	66,000	114,080	37,000	96,000	105,000	145,000	180,000
Total	592,067	805,332	603,082	685,100	660,908	734,145	918,661	1,013,045	937,752	977,192	1,053,224	1,081,892	1,182,391
Consumption													

Segment	Share %
Crushing	50-60%
Edible	20-30%
Paste & Others	10%

The consumption of sesame mainly is sesame oil which is used as seasoning oil instead of cooking oil takes 50-60%, then there's an edible segment including hulling & sortex in total takes around 30%, balance is paste/powder/others usage.

Behind the 1million MT imports, there're hundreds of participants. Some will use their own entity but most sesame players are funded by the agent's company which running by SOEs.

Now Qingdao is the biggest sesame wholesale market over the world, most of the cargo will come to Qingdao port for local trade, the general stock level is over 150,000MT while last two years China running on a high stock level which normally over 200,000MT, the highest level even over 350,000MT. Which is enough for the demand of 3.5 months.

In Qingdao port, there're many public warehouses for sesame storage & trade. The stock is ready to sell with a stack card information about the owner of the cargo & any buyer who is interested in this lot of cargo can contact the owner/seller to cut a deal.

The first level of trade happens in Qingdao warehouses after the deal is cut buyer will send trucks to the public warehouse & cargo will be delivered to the next level wholesale market which is the inland city wholesale market.



The raw material trade is convenient & efficient, more and more Sortex facilities are set up in Qingdao now, Qingdao is now only the world's biggest trading center, but also now grow up to the world's sesame biggest processing center.

