

About Us



Chelmer Foods are specialists in the supply & distribution of dried & dehydrated fruits, edible nuts and seeds.

We offer a bespoke service to our clients, which encompasses precise product specifications, just-in-time deliveries, varying carton weights, own-label packaging, pre-packing the product for food-service and retail packing.

Exchange Rates



GBP – USD = 1.34
GBP – Euro = 1.21

Featured Products

Sultanas
Pumpkin & Sunflower Seeds
Papaya

Hot Commodity News

Turkish Figs

June is the traditional time for **Turkish fig** farmers to purchase male figs which are then hung in the orchards to encourage the fig wasps to pollinate the female trees. Weather conditions are good for this year's fig crop although the critical time is when the figs are being dried in the open in late August and early September.

Thailand Pineapple

Thai pineapple supply is worsening again. Packers in the country are not quoting at all for product (canned and juice) from last year's winter crop, and many started postponing shipment of orders they committed to in the early part of the year.

Millet

Eastern Europe origins still dominate the market with their low prices against USA. Poland is the most competitive against the Ukraine as Ukraine has used up all of its free of duty quota for 2016 already. New crop plantings are similar to 2015 so we don't see much market movement.



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Sultanas

Seeds

Papaya



Sultana Market:

Izmir has seen significant buying activity for **Turkish sultanas** from the UK market over the past few weeks prior to the British EU Referendum. This is as a result of the UK Government deciding that in the UK no enforcement action will be taken regarding findings of chlorpyrifos residues at 0.2 mg/kg or below in dried fruits treated before 10 August 2016.

Turkey is set for one of the largest vine fruit crops on record with a predicted crop in excess of 320,000mt expected.

Prices of new season fruit are now beginning to become available, with offers ranging between USD1,550–1,650 per tonne Izmir for good quality 2016 standard No.9 sultanas. One thing to be cautious about is the recent extreme hot weather in Turkey in the region of 42 degrees which has the potential to ‘sun burn’ the skin of the grapes and could cause some quality issues and loss of fruit come harvest time.

Pumpkin:

Current crop is steady with enough supply to see us through to new crop in October.

Plantings for new crop all grades are good, a little up on last years – weather dependant in the coming months. Harvest will start in some areas in the North West Provinces such as Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia in early /mid September. Generally suggest to wait before buying new crop until later in August when the size /quality of the crop will become better known.

Sunflower:

Demand has been a little slack in the past few months and prices have remained stable despite fears from producers / exporters that they think that we may see the same rush for the first new crop shipments in September / October as last year.

Weather is good in Bulgaria at the moment , we will need to keep an eye on this as if it’s too hot or cold the market may react quite dramatically.

Prices are still very low historically and farmers are keen to move prices up if the opportunity arises.

Papaya Update:

Thailand is facing shortage of water supply in many areas. Current water reserve will be enough for household consumption but not for agriculture.

In July, the rainy season is supposed to start. Other major factors will be the US Dollar fluctuating against other currencies. The Thai Baht fluctuated against US Dollar which causes difficulty to offer and conclude long term contracts. The next season of Papaya will be in late September / October.