

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.

Hot Commodity News

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 – all depends on the weather in the coming 6- 8 weeks. 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 late August/early September when the size /quality of the crop will become better known.

Pineapple

Severe lack of rain in 2015 which lasted till May 2016, has caused a delay on the plantations of Pineapple. The main crop of Pineapple this year will be in November only and not in October. This is already causing shortage of Pineapple raw material at this moment.

Figs

Total exports of 2015 crop **Turkish figs** up until July 29 are at 63,784 tonnes, with 48,892 tonnes being whole natural figs and 8,695 fig paste and a further 4,917 diced figs. The new crop of Turkish figs is progressing well with the tonnage expected to be similar to last year, subject good harvest weather.

Exchange Rates



GBP – USD = 1.29

GBP – Euro = 1.17

Date Products



As a leading supplier to major UK manufacturers Chelmer Foods has constantly looked to diversify it's portfolio of products it can offer to customers. This portfolio now includes supplying Whole & Chopped Dates from BRC approved factories, whilst we are also seeing a huge upturn in the number of customers asking about our Date Paste.

Featured Products

Apricots
Sunflower Seed
Banana Chips

Please visit our website to have a look at the full range of products that we can offer:

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Apricots



Apricots Update:

Harvesting is in full swing but the exporters are in shock due to the arrests of large apricot exporter owners following the failed coup and crackdown on Gülen supporters.

Early harvesting, long summer and many buyers being on vacation has impacted the apricot market negatively as sales are slow and many buyers have yet to contract for 2016 crop, while exporters are ready to export 2016 crop as early as this week.

Quality of the fruit was much better until rains hit in June causing more than normal speckling but other than that the quality is good. We expect steady exports of all sizes and grades to Russia & Balkan Countries this year.

Sunflower Seed



Sunflower Seed Update:

Bulgaria is still offering current and new crop material at roughly the same levels. Prices are very low and we feel they are unlikely to drop any further.

Weather is good and hot in Bulgaria at the moment, which is ideal for Sunflower.

One word of warning, some exporters have nearly sold all their production capacity for the first few months so this could become an issue when the new crop shipments start in mid / late September.

Chinese confectionery sunflower new crop is due around end October, crop looks promising and prices are historically low, we suggest taking cover for both conventional and organic.

Banana Chips



Banana Chips Update:

Since there is no improvement yet on the green banana supply, competition among producers is very tight.

This caused the prices to increase further. The coconut oil price is also unstable and expectations are that prices will rise in next month's peak season.

While the dry spell has waned, according to the weather bureau, the summer is just as hot. There are thoughts that perhaps in 1 months' time we may see a relief in supply, however, by the time we get there China may already be resuming their ordering season going into December.

That may continue to put pressure on pricing and availability.