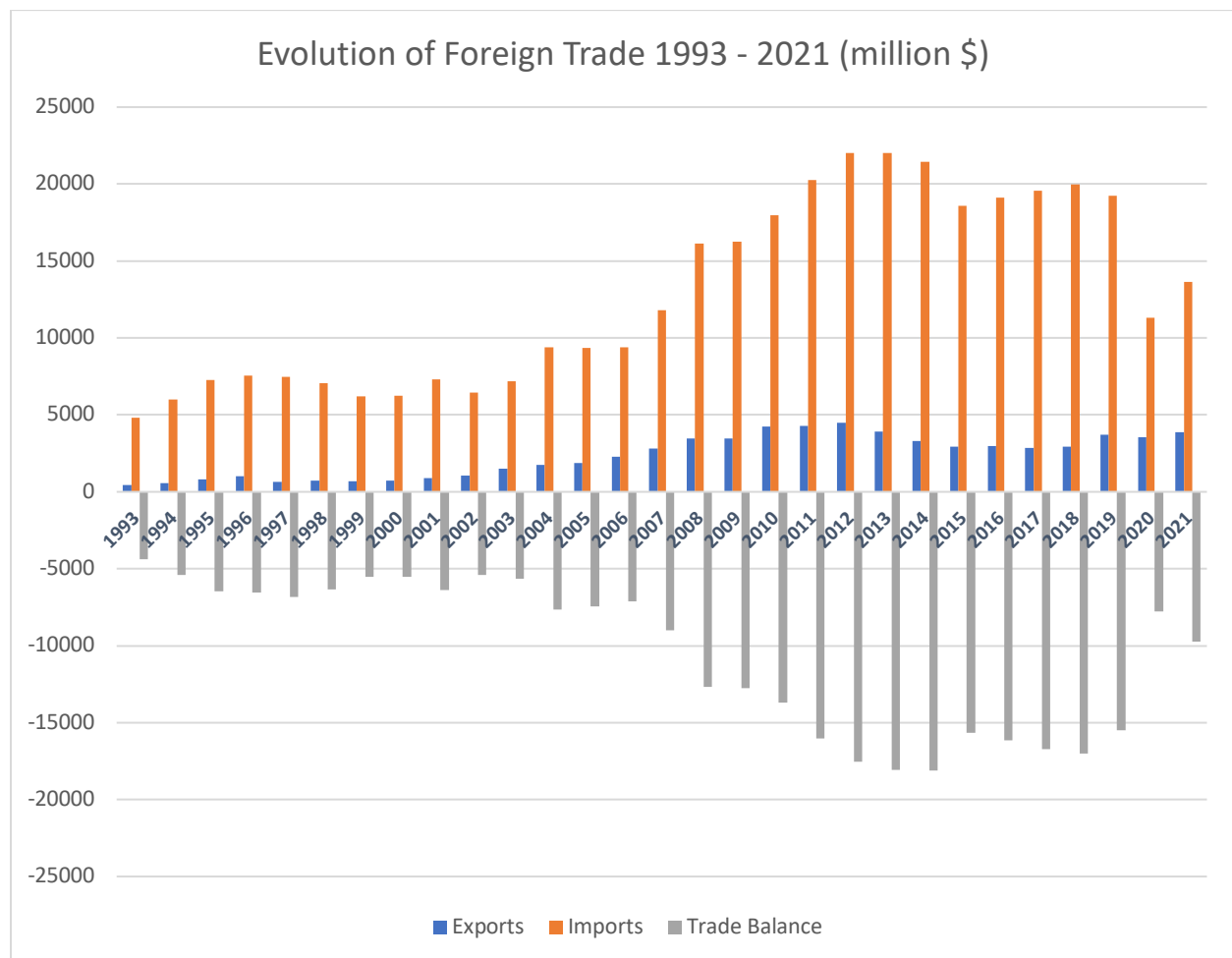


## Lebanese Foreign Trade in 2021

### Trade Balance

According to the Lebanese customs statistics, the value of Lebanese imports amounted to more than \$13.6 billion. The value of exports amounted to about \$3.9 billion, registering a trade balance deficit of \$9.7 billion—an increase of 25.6% compared to 2020, when the trade deficit reached \$7.8 billion.



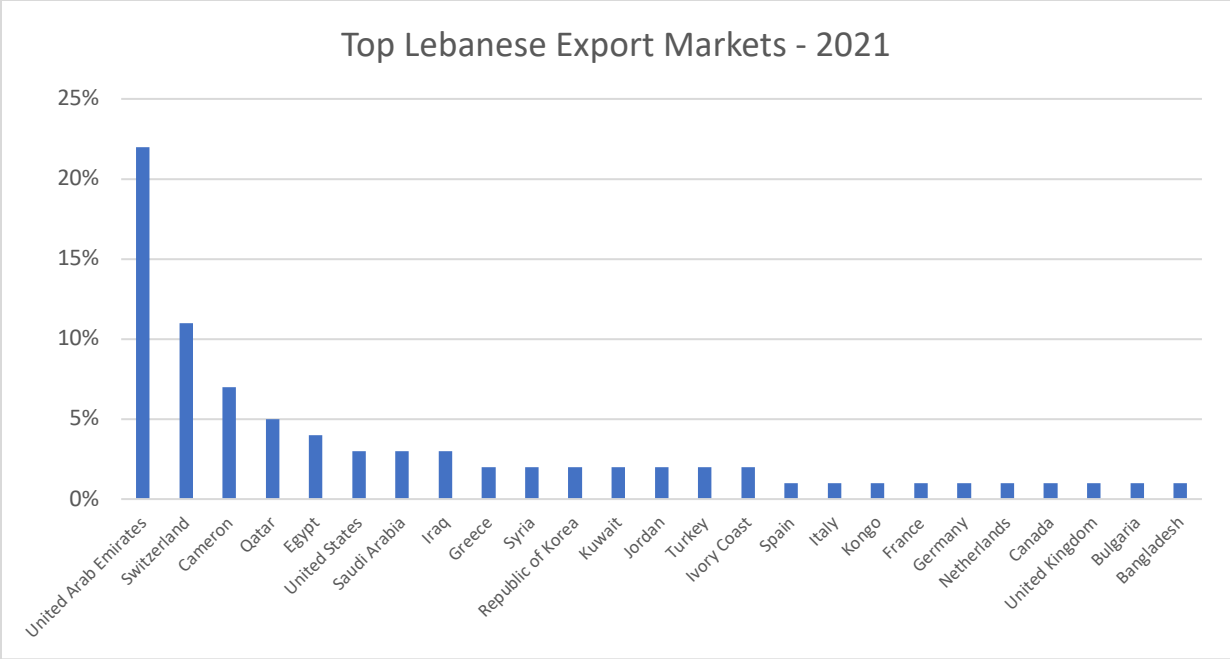
<b>Development of Foreign Trade 1993 - 2021 (Millions of Dollars)</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>% Coverage</b>
1993	452	4,821	-4,369	9.38%
1994	572	5,990	-5,418	9.55%
1995	825	7,287	-6,462	11.32%
1996	1,017	7,554	-6,537	13.46%
1997	642	7,455	-6,813	8.61%
1998	716	7,060	-6,344	10.14%
1999	677	6,207	-5,530	10.90%
2000	714	6,228	-5,514	11.47%
2001	889	7,291	-6,402	12.20%
2002	1,045	6,445	-5,399	16.22%
2003	1,524	7,168	-5,644	21.26%
2004	1,747	9,397	-7,650	18.59%
2005	1,880	9,340	-7,460	20.13%
2006	2,283	9,398	-7,115	24.29%
2007	2,816	11,815	-8,999	23.83%
2008	3,478	16,137	-12,659	21.55%
2009	3,484	16,242	-12,758	21.45%
2010	4,253	17,964	-13,711	23.68%
2011	4,265	20,276	-16,011	21.03%
2012	4,483	22,037	-17,554	20.34%
2013	3,936	22,020	-18,084	17.87%
2014	3,313	21,437	-18,124	15.45%
2015	2,952	18,595	-15,643	15.88%
2016	2,977	19,119	-16,142	15.57%
2017	2,844	19,582	-16,738	14.52%
2018	2,952	19,980	-17,028	14.77%
2019	3,731	19,239	-15,508	19.39%
2020	3,544	11,310	-7,766	31.34%
2021	3,887	13,641	-9,754	28.49%

### Most Important Export Markets

The value of exports increased by 9.7%, and the value of imports increased by 20.6%; this resulted in a coverage ratio of exports to imports decrease of 28.5% in 2021, compared to 31.3% in 2020.

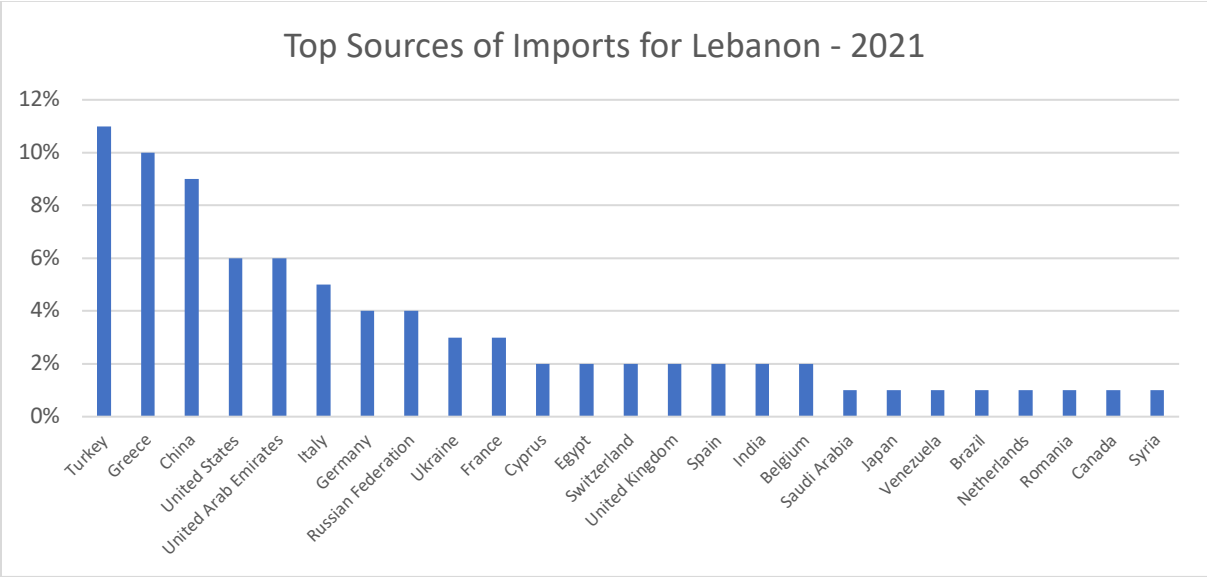
The UAE ranked first on the list of the most important Lebanese export markets in 2021, accounting for 22% of the total exports, followed by Switzerland with 11%, Cameroon with 7%, Qatar with 5%, and Egypt by 4%.

Ranking	Most Important Lebanese Export Markets - 2021	Value (Thousand \$)	% Coverage
1	United Arab Emirates	864,241	22%
2	Switzerland	424,520	11%
3	Cameroon	282,669	7%
4	Qatar	197,323	5%
5	Egypt	173,138	4%
6	United States	129,940	3%
7	Saudi Arabia	123,899	3%
8	Iraq	123,383	3%
9	Greece	94,662	2%
10	Syria	91,371	2%
11	Republic of Korea	90,056	2%
12	Kuwait	88,103	2%
13	Jordan	86,388	2%
14	Turkey	75,215	2%
15	Ivory Coast	63,248	2%
16	Spain	52,535	1%
17	Italy	48,234	1%
18	Congo	43,294	1%
19	France	38,447	1%
20	Germany	36,558	1%
21	Netherlands	32,492	1%
22	Canada	31,274	1%
23	United Kingdom	30,217	1%
24	Bulgaria	29,085	1%
25	Bangladesh	29,049	1%
	Other markets	607,185	16%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,886,526</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Most Important Sources of Imports**

The value of imports increased in 2021 compared to 2020 by 20.6 %. Turkey topped the list of Lebanese import sources in 2021 by 11%, followed by Greece by 10%, China by 9%, the United States by 6%, and the UAE by 6%.



<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Top Sources of Imports - 2021</b>	<b>Value (Thousand \$)</b>	<b>% Coverage</b>
1	Turkey	1,440,801	11%
2	Greece	1,361,268	10%
3	China	1,263,427	9%
4	United States	767,367	6%
5	United Arab Emirates	766,937	6%
6	Italy	624,687	5%
7	Germany	612,686	4%
8	Russian Federation	608,131	4%
9	Ukraine	345,172	3%
10	France	342,283	3%
11	Cyprus	329,308	2%
12	Egypt	328,906	2%
13	Switzerland	327,313	2%
14	United Kingdom	299,306	2%
15	Spain	294,322	2%
16	India	256,441	2%
17	Belgium	251,755	2%
18	Saudi Arabia	172,940	1%
19	Japan	169,251	1%
20	Venezuela	142,870	1%
21	Brazil	141,761	1%
22	Netherlands	141,395	1%
23	Romania	132,821	1%
24	Canada	127,982	1%
25	Syria	126,754	1%
	Other countries	2,264,985	17%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,640,869</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Most Important Commodities Exported

The most important goods exported by Lebanon during 2021 was Jewelry with 26% of total exports, fruits and citruses with 10%, furniture with 9%, hardware and machine tools with 5%, and iron and steel with 4%.

Customs Code	Top Lebanese Exports - 2021	Value (Thousand \$)	Weight (Tons)	Coverage (%)
71	Jewelry	1,017,737	105	26%
8	Fruits and citruses	403,382	314,807	10%
94	Furniture	336,396	16,417	9%
84	Machines, devices and machine tools	175,153	40,198	5%
72	Cast iron, iron and steel	165,271	450,883	4%
85	Machines, electrical appliances and parts	127,239	17,268	3%
20	Vegetable, fruit, and fruit preparations	116,206	55,012	3%
39	Plastics and manufactures	115,060	46,748	3%
74	Brass and articles	108,749	23,422	3%
33	Oils and preparations perfumes and beauty	97,877	19,487	3%
22	Alcoholic beverages and liquids, vinegar	96,366	71,467	2%
76	Aluminum and articles	75,199	37,716	2%
31	Fertilizers	71,488	145,992	2%
21	Various food preparations	67,032	25,545	2%
28	Inorganic chemical products	58,486	110,275	2%
78	Bullets and articles	57,053	25,382	1%
48	Paper and cardboard and their manufactures	55,242	36,290	1%
87	Automobiles, tractors and bikes	51,042	11,265	1%
73	Articles of cast iron and steel	44,411	21,951	1%
49	Publishing house products	39,363	17,956	1%
32	Essences for tanning and dyeing	38,236	14,884	1%
30	Pharmacy products	37,865	550	1%
7	Vegetables, plants, roots and tubers	35,658	54,711	1%
18	Cocoa and its preparations	35,289	4,676	1%
9	Coffee and tea	34,987	6,085	1%
	Other goods	425,739	199,054	11%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,886,526</b>	<b>1,768,146</b>	<b>100%</b>

Lebanese exports have developed during the last five years, rising from \$2.8 billion in 2017 to \$3.9 billion in 2021. Jewelry remained in first place, while its percentage increased from 21% to 26% of its total exports.

Customs Code	Evolution of Exports (Thousand \$)	2017	%	2018	2019	2020	2021	%
71	Jewelry	586,001	21%	648,046	1,454,914	1,409,841	1,017,737	26%
8	Edible fruits and nuts; peel of citrus fruits	66,033	2%	77,922	71,821	120,293	403,382	10%
94	Furniture	59,541	2%	62,688	59,172	51,735	336,396	9%
84	Machines, devices, and machine tools	141,761	5%	151,500	216,797	195,339	175,153	5%
72	Iron and steel (steel)	104,417	4%	123,242	72,277	90,304	165,271	4%
85	Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof	175,210	6%	170,120	164,750	116,426	127,239	3%
20	Vegetable, fruits, and nuts	108,265	4%	104,654	118,492	129,208	116,206	3%
39	Plastics and articles thereof	147,172	5%	177,084	149,731	101,119	115,060	3%
74	Copper and articles thereof	83,082	3%	93,753	66,908	72,758	108,749	3%
33	Oils, perfumes, and cosmetics	124,831	4%	121,687	126,574	108,930	97,877	3%
22	Drinks, alcoholic liquids, and vinegar	60,020	2%	59,438	59,342	65,199	96,366	2%
76	Aluminum and articles thereof	58,454	2%	62,612	58,956	60,002	75,199	2%
31	Fertilizers	50,511	2%	65,991	54,818	29,875	71,488	2%
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	94,357	3%	59,239	45,780	40,084	67,032	2%
28	Inorganic chemical products	17,750	1%	36,242	47,353	53,981	58,486	2%
	Other goods	966,131	34%	937,607	963,665	899,401	854,885	22%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,843,536</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,951,825</b>	<b>3,731,350</b>	<b>3,544,495</b>	<b>3,886,526</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Most Important Imported Commodities

Imports of oil derivatives accounted for about 28% of total Lebanese imports in 2021, followed by jewelry by 9%, cars and bikes by 8%, pharmaceutical products by 7%, and electric appliances by 5%.

Customs Code	Most Imported Products - 2021	Value (Thousand \$)	Weight (Tons)	Coverage (%)
27	Mineral fuels and mineral oils	3,785,392	6,191,191	28%
71	Jewelry	1,238,344	361	9%
87	Automobiles, tractors, and bikes	1,065,208	140,750	8%
30	Pharmaceutical products	900,232	7,075	7%
85	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof	627,650	92,741	5%
84	Machines, devices and machine tools	553,665	62,663	4%
10	Cereals	430,570	1,307,071	3%
39	Plastics and articles thereof	406,218	210,782	3%
72	Iron and steel	294,384	406,095	2%
1	Live animals	232,494	76,454	2%
15	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	197,299	138,097	1%
90	Instruments and devices for optics or photography	155,156	3,485	1%
19	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch, or milk	151,294	80,625	1%
48	Paper and cardboard and their manufactures	148,586	140,819	1%
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	147,568	32,175	1%
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	146,741	38,273	1%
4	Dairy products, eggs, and honey	140,632	34,080	1%
44	Wood and its articles; wood charcoal	119,027	194,785	1%
23	Food leftovers and waste	118,280	188,672	1%
33	Oils, perfumes, and cosmetics	113,242	13,570	1%
12	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	110,367	93,116	1%
17	Sugar and sugar products	103,832	176,340	1%
94	Furniture	98,869	19,637	1%
24	Manufactured tobacco and tobacco substitutes	97,388	10,935	1%
7	Vegetables, plants, roots, and tubers	94,028	152,571	1%
	Other goods	2,164,403	2,311,515	16%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,640,869</b>	<b>12,123,878</b>	<b>100%</b>



During the last five years, Lebanese imports decreased from \$19.6 billion in 2017 to \$13.6 billion in 2021. Customs chapter 27, which is fuel and mineral oils, remained in the first place the entire time, while its coverage of total imports increased from 21% to 28%.

Customs Code	Evolution of Imports (Thousand \$)	2017	%	2018	2019	2020	2021	%
27	Mineral fuel, mineral oil	4,204,166	21%	4,066,884	6,534,231	3,187,667	3,785,392	28%
71	Jewelry	996,118	5%	1,252,303	931,390	894,096	1,238,344	9%
87	Carts, tractors, bikes	1,836,704	9%	1,608,938	1,110,963	431,299	1,065,208	8%
30	Pharmacy products	1,287,909	7%	1,329,246	1,242,451	1,184,268	900,232	7%
85	Electrical machines and devices	781,678	4%	1,090,063	742,136	301,276	627,650	5%
84	Machines, devices and machine tools	1,152,469	6%	1,231,244	922,770	596,063	553,665	4%
10	Beans	324,704	2%	322,224	311,828	354,660	430,570	3%
39	Plastics and manufactures	640,771	3%	638,174	530,464	305,541	406,218	3%
72	Iron and steel	637,312	3%	667,524	404,012	187,456	294,384	2%
1	Live animals	310,926	2%	418,859	317,096	336,124	232,494	2%
15	Fats and oils	163,956	1%	155,967	124,781	126,724	197,299	1%
90	Devices for optics or for photography	306,653	2%	316,357	296,606	182,037	155,156	1%
19	Grain or flour preparations	278,612	1%	288,309	265,902	166,712	151,294	1%
48	Paper and cardboard; articles thereof	236,932	1%	265,049	217,147	135,652	148,586	1%
38	Various chemical products	157,402	1%	175,315	155,599	136,258	147,568	1%
	Other goods	6,265,897	32%	6,153,053	5,132,018	2,783,900	3,306,809	24%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,582,209</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,979,509</b>	<b>19,239,394</b>	<b>11,309,733</b>	<b>13,640,869</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **Distribution of Imports and Exports to International Groups**

At the level of international groups, Arab countries accounted for 48% of the total value of Lebanese exports in 2021, followed by African countries by 15%, European Union countries by 12%, European countries outside the European Union by 11%, and Asian countries by 7%.

In terms of imports, European Union countries accounted for 37% of the total value of Lebanese imports in 2021, followed by Asian countries with 27%, Arab countries with 14%, various countries of the former Soviet Union by 8%, and North American countries by 7%.

<b>International Groups (Thousand \$)</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Coverage (%)</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>Coverage (%)</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b>
<b>European Union countries</b>	470,952	12%	5,000,748	37%	-4,529,796
<b>Arab states</b>	1,853,659	48%	1,847,396	14%	6,263
<b>Asian states</b>	254,721	7%	3,631,107	27%	-3,376,386
<b>European countries</b>	430,096	11%	398,682	3%	31,414
<b>Former Countries of Soviet Union</b>	27,651	1%	1,074,147	8%	-1,046,496
<b>African states</b>	599,621	15%	152,018	1%	447,603
<b>North American countries</b>	168,947	4%	943,552	7%	-774,605
<b>Central and South America</b>	29,517	1%	496,910	4%	-467,393
<b>Southern Pacific states</b>	21,030	1%	25,106	0%	-4,076
<b>Others</b>	30,332	1%	71,203	1%	-40,871
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,886,526</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,640,869</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>-9,754,343</b>



### Commercial Crossings

Between the years 2011 and 2021, the weight represented by the border crossings in the movement of trade changed, due to the repercussions of the Syrian crisis and the closure of the border with Jordan. At the level of imports, the port of Beirut recorded 70% of imports in 2012; this percentage rose to 73% in 2016 and then fell to 63% in 2021.

<b>Imports (Thousand \$)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>%</b>
Postal Parcel	357	0%	196	0%	0	0%
Sour	14,603	0%	16,848	0%	9,469	0%
Saida	563,641	3%	261,164	1%	362,701	3%
Tripoli	1,264,269	6%	1,022,888	5%	1,392,702	10%
Al Aboudieh	115,906	1%	17,189	0%	19,013	0%
Al Arida	3,129	0%	52,891	0%	32,989	0%
Marfa Beirut	15,365,124	70%	13,960,872	73%	8,527,318	63%
Al Masnaa	795,563	4%	65,340	0%	325,062	2%
Airport	3,913,819	18%	3,721,602	19%	2,971,614	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,036,411</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,118,990</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,640,868</b>	<b>100%</b>

Lebanon exported 28 percent of Lebanese exports through the port of Beirut in 2013. This figure rose to 47 percent in 2016 and 53 percent in 2021. Exports through the airport fell from 46 percent to 39 percent and then to 33 percent.

Exports (Thousand \$)	2012	%	2016	%	2021	%
Postal Parcel	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Al Kaa	19	0%	0	0%	0	0%
National Cement Plant	7,351	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Saida	58,277	1%	14,138	0%	76,610	2%
Tripoli	212,869	5%	215,412	7%	290,564	7%
Aboudiya	165,253	4%	28,634	1%	11,527	0%
Arida	13,299	0%	64,609	2%	11,698	0%
Marfa Beirut	1,275,275	28%	1,395,850	47%	2,045,711	53%
Al Masnaa	685,861	15%	100,254	3%	156,669	4%
Airport	2,063,805	46%	1,157,040	39%	1,293,745	33%
Holcim Lebanon	1,181	0%	663	0%	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,483,191</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,976,600</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3,886,524</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Development of Export Markets and Import Sources

After standing in fifth place in 2021, Turkey rose to first place on the list of import sources in 2021. Greece ranked second in 2021 compared to its ranking of sixth in 2012. China remained in third place, and the United States fell to fourth place after it was in first. The United Arab Emirates on the other hand advanced to fifth place.

Imports (Thousand \$)	2012	2016	2021
Turkey	965,534	664,739	1,440,801
Greece	890,742	1,074,134	1,361,268
China	1,772,507	2,094,116	1,263,427
United States	3,132,441	1,397,199	767,367
United Arab Emirates	416,324	337,314	766,937
Italy	1,829,654	1,408,954	624,687
Germany	1,201,703	1,160,991	612,686
Russian Federation	423,024	725,772	608,131
Ukraine	423,561	293,851	345,172
France	1,540,826	727,407	342,283

The United Arab Emirates rose to the first place on the list of export markets in 2021, after it was in third place in 2012. For the same years, Switzerland ranked second after it was in first place, Cameroon impressively advanced to third place, Qatar ranked fourth after it was in seventh place, and Egypt ranked fifth after it was in sixth place.

<b>Exports (Thousand \$)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	352,036	238,671	864,241
<b>Switzerland</b>	547,336	94,121	424,520
<b>Cameron</b>	5,271	7,323	282,669
<b>Qatar</b>	85,473	75,719	197,323
<b>Egypt</b>	88,111	58,067	173,138
<b>United States</b>	64,570	54,152	129,940
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	358,940	266,662	123,899
<b>Iraq</b>	211,346	161,701	123,383
<b>Greece</b>	29,303	18,684	94,662
<b>Syria</b>	294,275	198,871	91,371

### **The Intersection of the Most Important Export Markets with the Most Important Exported Goods**

At the intersection of 11 of the most important Lebanese export markets with 11 of the most important Lebanese exported goods in 2021, the following data emerged:

#### **Intersection of Top Lebanese Exports with Top Lebanese Markets – 2021**

- Jewelry exports ranked first to the UAE, Switzerland, and the United States of America, with a high percentage of exports to Switzerland (99%), the UAE (57%), and the US (25%).
- Fruit and citrus exports to Syria amounted to 34% of the total Lebanese exports to it, 30% to Qatar and 25% to the United Arab Emirates.
- Furniture exports to Cameroon accounted for 97% of Lebanon’s total exports to it. Cameroon accounted for about 82% of the total Lebanese exports for furniture; this Lebanese furniture exports to rise to third place, as well as Cameroons rise to third place as an importer of Lebanese products.
- The exports of machinery and tools to Iraq amounted to 9% of the total exports to it. The respective figure for Saudi Arabia lies at 6%, and that to Egypt is also 6%.
- Iron and steel exports accounted to 58% of the total exports to Greece, and 57% to Egypt. Egypt accounted for 60% of the total exports of iron and steel, while Greece accounted for 33%.
- Exports of electrical devices and appliances to Iraq amounted to 14% of the total Lebanese exports to it; the respective figure lies at 6% to Syria and 5% to Saudi Arabia.
- Exports of vegetable and fruit preparations to the United States amounted to 11% of the total exports to it; the respective figure lies at 8% to Saudi Arabia and 4% to Qatar.
- Plastics and their articles’ exports to Syria amounted to 24% of the total exports to it; the same figure lies at 6% to Egypt.

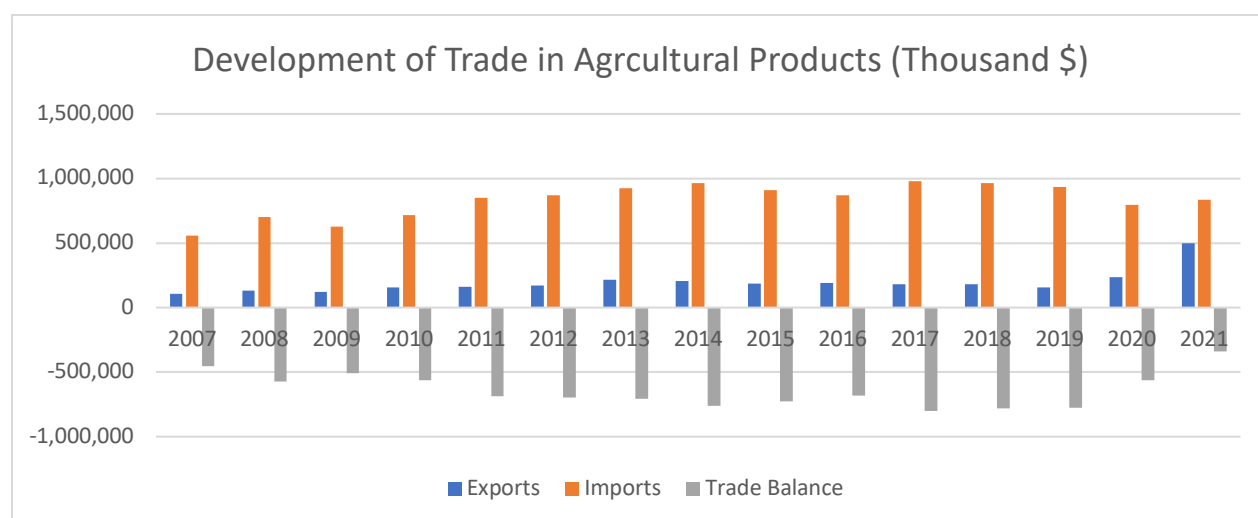
- Copper and its articles' exports to Korea accounted for 58% of the total exports to it; the respective figure lies at 26% for Greece. Korea accounted for 48% of Lebanon's total copper exports, while Greece accounted for 23%.
- Perfumes, incenses, and cosmetics exports to Iraq accounted for 21% of the total exports to it; the same figure lies at 11% for Saudi Arabia.
- Beverage exports to Iraq accounted to 8% of the total exports to it; the same figure lies at 5% to the United States.

It is worth noting the need to determine the strategy that will be followed to develop and increase Lebanese exports—whether it is supposed to focus on the intersection of the most important exports with the most important markets, or the search for new markets for new products, or both. Exhibitions are one of the most important means of promoting Lebanese products abroad.

HS	Value (Thousand \$)	UAE	Switzerland	Cameroon	Qatar	Egypt	USA	Saudi Arabia	Iraq	Greece	Syria	Korea
71	Jewelry	490,623	418,214	1	1,553	2,018	33,133	7,971	415	4	0	0
8	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits	212,813	3	86	59,655	22,465	124	6,953	9,849	0	30,862	0
94	Furniture	4,458	236	275,022	784	1,069	1,896	7,372	2,428	267	116	0
84	Machines, devices, and machine tools	10,981	87	2,037	3,519	10,154	1,531	7,045	10,987	179	4,263	74
72	Iron and steel	14	0	1	45	99,548	1	0	1	54,460	128	4,027
85	Electrical machines and devices	6,910	30	1,245	2,294	4,519	570	5,886	17,500	233	5,393	0
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	8,448	268	472	8,383	1,191	14,652	9,485	2,898	193	60	0
39	Plastics and articles thereof	2,325	18	545	8,297	9,758	409	5,004	5,281	1,484	21,792	0
74	Copper and articles thereof	197	4	22	368	2	59	461	2	24,536	9	52,065
33	Oils, perfumes, and cosmetics	22,455	49	31	2,696	2,555	4,882	13,628	25,843	30	128	3
22	Drinks, alcoholic liquids, and vinegar	11,353	578	152	3,154	1,407	6,155	1,188	9,587	2	1,545	0

## Exchange of Agricultural Produce

The gap between importing and exporting agricultural products only (from chapters 6 to 14) amounted to about \$707 million in 2021, and the coverage ratio of agricultural exports to imports was about 60 percent. The value of agricultural exports increased from \$105 million in 2007 to \$498 million in 2021—an increase of 4.7 times, setting a record value for agricultural exports. Agricultural imports rose from \$559.3 million in 2007 to \$836.2 million in 2021, an increase of about 50%. In 2017, it set a record value of \$979.7 million.



<b>Development of Trade in Agricultural Products (Thousand \$)</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>Exports/Imports (%)</b>
<b>2007</b>	105,059	559,318	-454,259	19%
<b>2008</b>	130,690	702,117	-571,427	19%
<b>2009</b>	120,092	628,853	-508,761	19%
<b>2010</b>	154,116	715,649	-561,533	22%
<b>2011</b>	160,584	849,613	-689,029	19%
<b>2012</b>	171,242	867,623	-696,381	20%
<b>2013</b>	215,697	922,785	-707,088	23%
<b>2014</b>	207,396	966,178	-758,782	21%
<b>2015</b>	183,675	909,567	-725,892	20%
<b>2016</b>	189,092	869,259	-680,167	22%
<b>2017</b>	178,572	979,748	-801,176	18%
<b>2018</b>	182,687	965,484	-782,797	19%
<b>2019</b>	157,073	932,194	-775,121	17%
<b>2020</b>	232,861	796,839	-563,978	29%
<b>2021</b>	497,964	836,155	-338,191	60%

The most important agricultural products exported in 2021 were grapes (46%), 69% of which went to the UAE, bananas (8 percent), apricots, cherries, and peaches (7%), apples, and quince (7%), and citruses (4%).

HS4	Top Agricultural Exports - 2021	Value (Thousand \$)	Tons	% Coverage
8.06	Fresh or dry grapes	230,429	51,762	46%
8.03	Fresh or dried bananas	37,717	64,713	8%
8.09	Apricot, cherry and peach	33,851	29,649	7%
8.08	Apples, pears and quince	33,605	101,244	7%
8.05	Citrus, fresh or dry	22,155	47,039	4%
9.01	Coffee	20,451	2,713	4%
8.1	Other fruits	17,515	9,154	4%
7.01	Potatoes, fresh or chilled	14,312	36,919	3%
9.1	Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme and bay leaf	13,307	3,128	3%
8.13	Dried fruits	12,312	72	2%
8.04	Dates, figs, pineapple, avocado and guava	8,166	8,927	2%
12.12	Locust beans, seaweeds, and other algae, sugar beet and sugar cane	7,388	1,364	1%
11.05	Flour, semolina, powder, flakes, granules and agglomerates	6,655	3,979	1%
8.02	Other scaly fruits or nuts, fresh or dry	5,952	1,013	1%
7.09	Other vegetables	5,661	2,341	1%
	Other agricultural commodities	28,488	28,451	6%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>497,964</b>	<b>392,468</b>	<b>100%</b>

The most important imported agricultural products in 2021 were wheat (28%), corn (16%), coffee (6%), Rice (5%), and nuts (5%).

HS4	Top Agricultural Imports - 2021	Value (Thousand \$)	Tons	% Coverage
10.01	Wheat	235,451	754,159	28%
10.05	Corn	137,500	439,834	16%
9.01	Coffee	52,172	24,160	6%
10.06	Rice	42,346	60,785	5%
8.02	Other scaly fruits, nuts, fresh or dry	38,929	8,454	5%
12.07	Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	36,061	23,018	4%
7.13	Dries leguminous vegetables	34,977	38,384	4%
12.09	Seeds, fruits, and spores (for sowing)	25,249	10,497	3%
12.01	Soybeans	24,365	41,153	3%
9.02	Tea	22,753	3,669	3%
7.01	Potatoes, fresh or chilled	18,858	42,692	2%
10.03	Barley	14,591	51,578	2%
8.01	Coconut, Brazil nut, and cashew nut	13,916	3,223	2%
8.04	Dates, figs, pineapple, avocados and guava	13,436	13,901	2%
12.02	Peanuts	12,552	6,915	2%
	Other agricultural commodities	112,999	157,092	14%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>836,155</b>	<b>1,679,514</b>	<b>100%</b>



The most important agricultural export markets were the UAE (46%), Qatar (14%), Syria (6%), Kuwait (6%), and Egypt (5%).

<b>Top Agricultural Export Markets - 2021</b>	<b>Value (Thousand \$)</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>% Coverage</b>
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>	228,709	38,972	46%
<b>Qatar</b>	70,377	18,522	14%
<b>Syria</b>	31,230	51,005	6%
<b>Kuwait</b>	28,606	42,950	6%
<b>Egypt</b>	23,786	98,079	5%
<b>Jordan</b>	19,565	40,315	4%
<b>Oman</b>	10,934	17,685	2%
<b>Iraq</b>	10,514	34,449	2%
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	9,921	14,235	2%
<b>Turkey</b>	9,094	12,594	2%
<b>Netherlands</b>	5,269	1,344	1%
<b>United States</b>	4,859	677	1%
<b>Italy</b>	3,211	435	1%
<b>Bahrain</b>	2,992	5,441	1%
<b>Sweden</b>	2,887	600	1%
<b>United Kingdom</b>	2,815	1,196	1%
<b>Canada</b>	2,697	582	1%
<b>Morocco</b>	2,605	764	1%
<b>Other countries</b>	27,893	12,623	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>497,964</b>	<b>392,468</b>	<b>100%</b>

The most important sources of agricultural import in 2021 were Ukraine (25%), the United States (7%), China (6%), Brazil (6%), and Romania (5%).

### **Trade of Food Products**

The trade exchange of agricultural and animal products and the food industry (from customs chapters 1 to 24) witnessed an increase in the value of food exports from \$614 million in 2012 to \$974 million in 2021, at a rate of 59 percent—a record value.

The value of food imports decreased from \$3.3 billion in 2012 to \$2.3 billion in 2021 by 30%, and imports recorded a record value in 2014 amounting to \$3.6 billion.

The contribution of food exports to total exports increased from 14% in 2012 to 25% in 2021, while the contribution of food imports to total imports increased from 15% to 17%, with 20% in 2020.

<b>Top Sources of Agricultural Imports - 2021</b>	<b>Value (Thousand \$)</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>% Coverage</b>
<b>Ukraine</b>	206,597	665,012	25%
<b>United States</b>	60,154	92,080	7%
<b>China</b>	54,307	54,939	6%
<b>Brazil</b>	51,270	53,046	6%
<b>Romania</b>	41,871	137,075	5%
<b>Maldives</b>	36,911	115,045	4%
<b>Russian Federation</b>	36,528	108,884	4%
<b>Syria</b>	36,441	66,640	4%
<b>Egypt</b>	34,257	51,719	4%
<b>Turkey</b>	28,583	35,701	3%
<b>Sudan</b>	28,491	19,836	3%
<b>India</b>	25,020	20,557	3%
<b>Serbia</b>	22,696	78,235	3%
<b>Argentina</b>	21,572	50,100	3%
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	15,801	2,968	2%
<b>Other countries</b>	135,656	127,677	16%
<b>Total</b>	<b>836,155</b>	<b>1,679,514</b>	<b>100%</b>

Million \$	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Food exports</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>974</b>
Total exports	4,483	3,936	3,313	2,952	2,977	2,844	2,952	3,731	3,544	3,887
%	14%	19%	24%	25%	23%	24%	22%	17%	20%	25%
<b>Food imports</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>3,272</b>	<b>3,403</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,346</b>
Total imports	21,280	21,228	20,494	18,069	18,705	19,582	19,980	19,239	11,310	13,641
%	15%	16%	18%	18%	17%	17%	17%	16%	20%	17%
<b>Nutritional balance</b>	<b>-2,675</b>	<b>-2,694</b>	<b>-2,835</b>	<b>-2,608</b>	<b>-2,584</b>	<b>-2,712</b>	<b>-2,852</b>	<b>-2,484</b>	<b>-2,484</b>	<b>-1,372</b>
<b>Food exports / food imports (%)</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>42%</b>

### **Trade Exchange of Food Products**

The most important food exports in 2021 were fruits and citruses (10.4% of total agricultural exports), vegetable and fruit preparations (3%), beverages, alcoholic beverages, and vinegar (3%). The most important food imports in 2021 were cereals (3%), live animals (2%), oils and fats (1.4%).