

ONIONS SECTOR OF PAKISTAN

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PRODUCT PROFILE

Pakistan produces over 2.3 million tons of onions annually, making it one of Asia's top onion-growing nations. Sindh and Balochistan lead the charge, offering early and late-season harvests that ensure year-round availability. Pakistani onions are prized for their strong aroma, long shelf life, and vibrant red-purple color.

Popular varieties include Phulkara, Swat Local, and Desi Red—each suited for local cuisine and export demand. With a growing cold chain and modern packaging, Pakistan exported over 250,000 tons of onions last year. Top export destinations include UAE, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Oman, and the Gulf region.

PRODUCTION ('000' TONS)

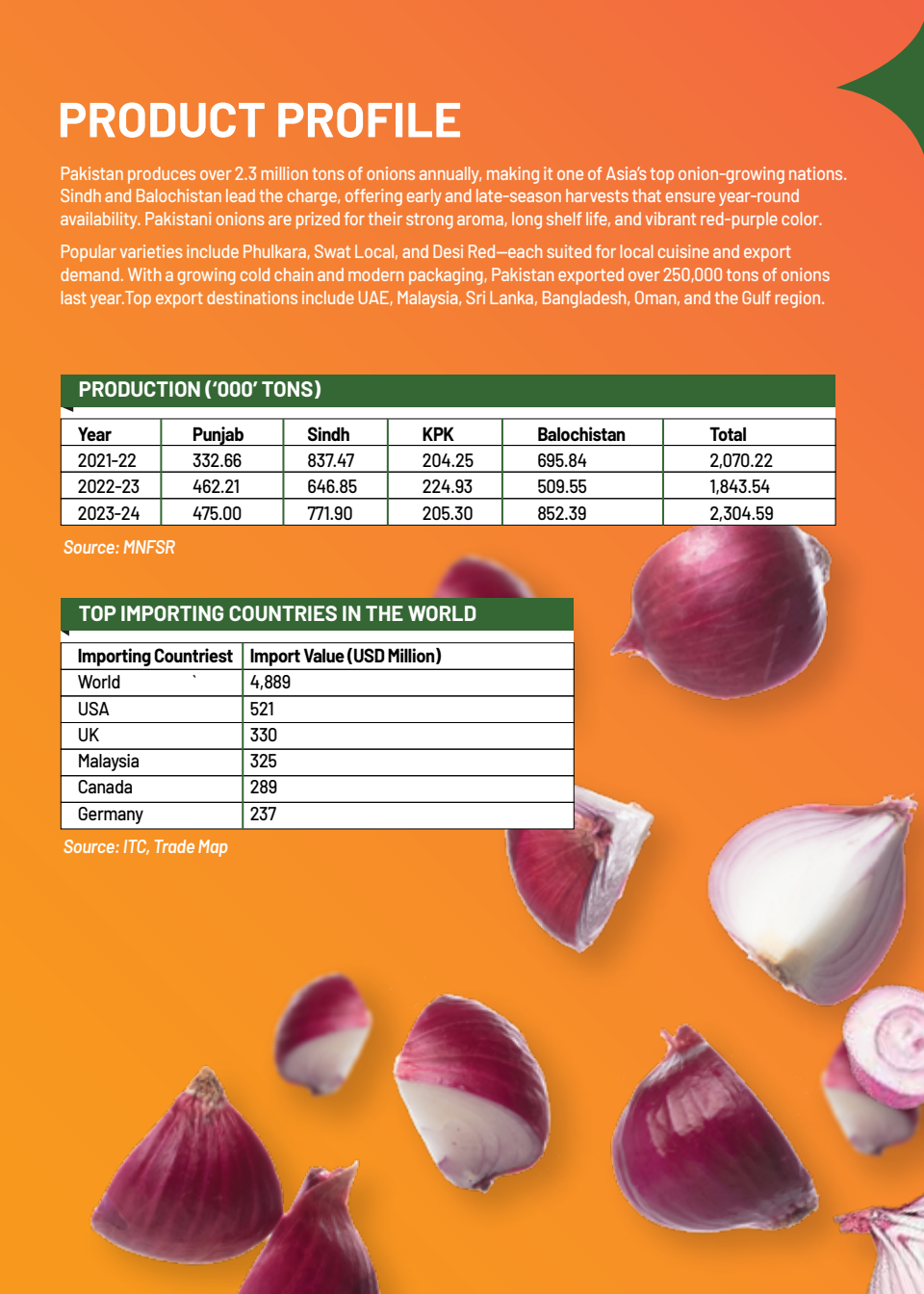
Year	Punjab	Sindh	KPK	Balochistan	Total
2021-22	332.66	837.47	204.25	695.84	2,070.22
2022-23	462.21	646.85	224.93	509.55	1,843.54
2023-24	475.00	771.90	205.30	852.39	2,304.59

Source: MNFSR

TOP IMPORTING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD

Importing Country	Import Value (USD Million)
World	4,889
USA	521
UK	330
Malaysia	325
Canada	289
Germany	237

Source: ITC, Trade Map



EXPORT TREND FOR LAST 3 YEARS

HS Code	Product	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
070310	Onions and Shallots	5.44	224.23	94.92

Source: PRAL

TOP 5 DESTINATIONS

1. Malaysia
2. Sri Lanka
3. UAE
4. Qatar
5. Singapore



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