

3.5 Kyrgyzstan Food and Additional Suppliers

Kyrgyzstan mainly imports food commodities from Kazakhstan and Russia (vegetable oil, wheat, wheat flour). Locally produced white beans are exported. There are number of solid food manufacturers and traders in the country, who are dealing with production, import and distribution of food commodities in the country. The food market is relatively competitive.

The following commodities of total quantity as of 5,743.728 MTN of commodities (wheat flour and vegetable oil) were procured to KGCO for the period of 01/01/2019 – 30/04/2020 through local and internationally posted tendering which presents availability, competitiveness and solid capacity of the food manufacturers/traders:

WHF		VEGOIL	
International	Local	International	Local
4,185.000 MT	1,098.720 MT	336.502 MT	123.506 MT

There is large number of vegetable oil producers (cotton oil) in the southern regions of the country; however, the production of sunflower oil is limited since some of the sunflower oil enterprises closed since volumes of raw material do not meet the plants capacity. Fortification equipment is widely available and process of fortification of wheat flour are being processed. The food production capacities operating in the country are meeting WFP food quality standards.

Kyrgyzstan imports most of non-food items from abroad, mainly from China, Russia, Turkey and other neighbouring countries via land, air and railway. Most of the items available in the market are low quality with accessible price for majority.

The Observatory of Economic Complexity – MIT (OEC): (<http://atlas.media.mit.edu/en/>)

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