

Egyptian date exports: 127% increase for first two months 2018

The Food Export Council announced in a press statement on Monday, that Egyptian exports of dates during January and February had a value of \$ 20.5 million, an increase of about 127% compared to the same period of 2017. It also stated that there was an increase of 81%, reaching 21,600 tonnes during the first two months of 2018 compared to 12,000 tonnes in the same period of 2017.

Moreover, Egyptian exports of dates during February saw the highest value of date exports in the history of Egypt. The value of February date exports amounted to \$12.3 million.

Egypt is the number one producer of dates in the world, ahead of Iran and Saudi Arabia, according to the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organisation. Egypt's annual production of dates is estimated at 1.5 million tonnes, equivalent to 17.7% of the global production.

Dailynewsegypt.com reports on the Food Export Council stating how Indonesia topped the list of the largest importers of Egyptian dates during the past two months, estimated at a value of \$ 12 million, bringing in around 12,400 tonnes, representing 58% of total Egyptian date exports during that period.

Morocco comes next, at a value of \$6.3 million and 6,700 tonnes, followed by Malaysia, Bangladesh, Thailand, South Africa, Jordan, Germany, Syria, Singapore, the US, China, Nigeria, Canada, India, the UAE, Turkey, Tanzania, Russia, Lebanon, Mauritius, Belgium, Cameroon, Kenya, Hungary, Cambodia, Kuwait, Seychelles and Ghana.

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