

Market Profile: South Korea



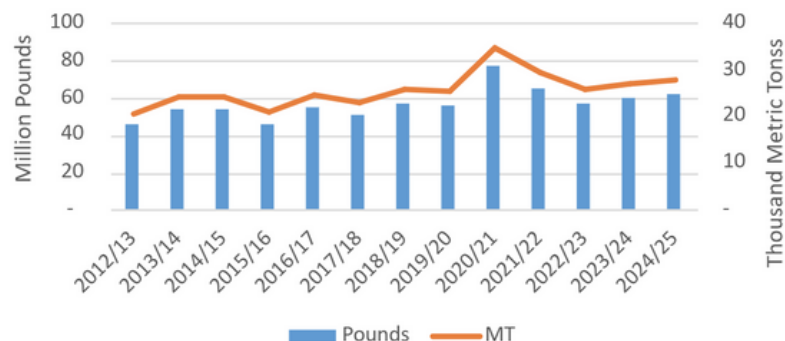
Trade

- Total almond shipments to South Korea in FY 24/25 totaled **61.4 million pounds**, up slightly from 59.5 million pounds in FY 2023/24, but still down almost 20% compared to the record of 76 million lbs. in FY 2020/21.



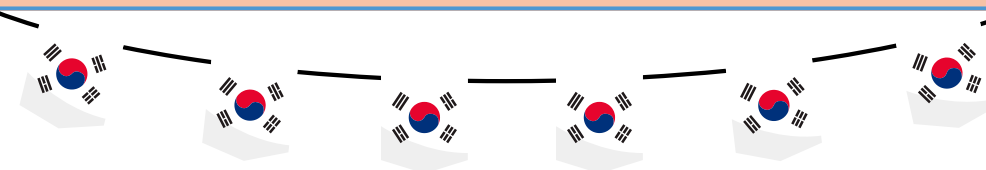
- South Korea is now the **9th largest export destination** for U.S. almonds in FY 24/25
- South Korea is now the **3rd largest export destination** in Asia, behind India and Japan, and edging ahead of China.

Almond Exports to South Korea (Million Lbs.)
Aug-July ABC Data in Lbs/MTs



Key Facts:

The U.S. maintains **99%** market share in South Korea.



Market Access

- A phytosanitary Certificate is required for both shelled and in-shell nuts.

Key Issues

- A 0% tariff is in place as a result of the Korea-U.S. (KORUS) trade agreement.
- A positive list for pesticides went into effect in 2017; the majority of almond MRL's are consistent with U.S. limits and import tolerances are in place for critical compounds, except couple of key post-harvest treatment compounds. ABC is currently working with the registrant to try and establish import tolerances for these compounds.
- Korea tends to follow Japan's food safety notifications; when there were higher aflatoxin rejections in Japan, almonds were briefly added to the mandatory import surveillance list in Korea.