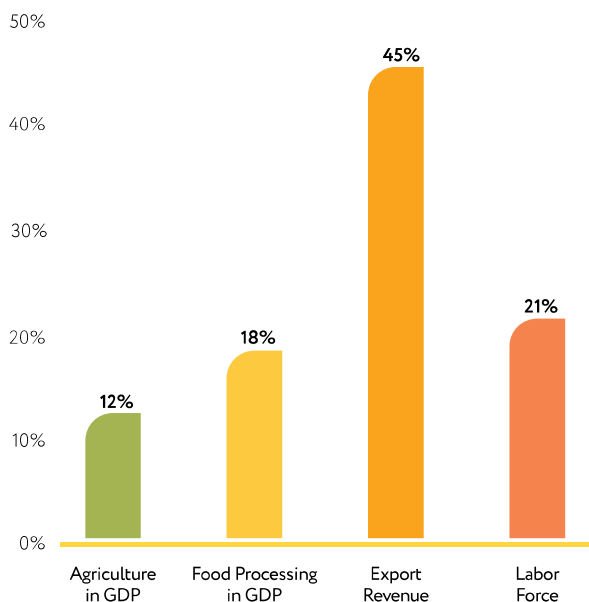


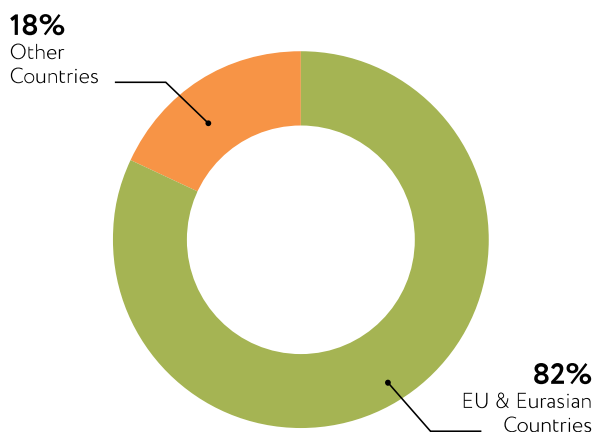
Executive Summary: Agriculture in Moldova

Agriculture stands as a cornerstone of Moldova's economy, bolstered by favorable climatic conditions, fertile soils, and a diverse biosphere. Representing approximately 12% of the GDP in recent years, agricultural production—alongside food processing—accounts for more than 18% of the GDP and 45% of the nation's export revenue. Key export commodities include wines, spirits, and a variety of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables. Agriculture also remains one of the most significant employment sectors, engaging about 21% of the labor force.



To sustain growth in agri-food exports and expand into high-value markets, diversification is crucial. Strengthening trade ties with the EU is anticipated to bolster this diversification effort. Currently, Moldova engages in agricultural trade with over 70 countries, with the EU and Eurasian Countries being predominant partners, together accounting for 82% of Moldova's foreign trade. As of 2022, exports to the EU amounted to USD 2.5 billion, while imports were valued at USD 4.4 billion.

Exports by destination



Source: National Bureau of Statistics, 2022

The nation is renowned for a broad spectrum of agricultural goods, ranging from staple crops like wheat, barley, and maize to a rich variety of fruits, vegetables, and livestock products. In the last year, the livestock sector alone has witnessed a 35% production increase.

Prominent vegetables cultivated include tomatoes, onions, and a selection of gourds and greens. The fruit sector is predominantly comprised of apples, plums, sweet and sour cherries, apricots and peaches, complemented by nuts and grapes cultivated for various uses.

41 Billion MDL

From 2020 to 2022, the agricultural production grew by 35%, reaching the value of ca. 41,000 million MDL.

2,5 Million ha

The entire agricultural lands cover 2.5 million hectares or 75 % of the country's territory. Out of which 1.85 million hectares are arable land, 0.27 million hectares are perennial plantations.

75 %

Black soils amount to around 75 percent of the overall territory.

33,847 km²

Total area of the Republic of Moldova is 33,847 km².

360,000 ha

Meadows & pastures 370 thousands hectares.