

Monthly Dashboard Okra

May 2026

HS 070999 - Fresh or chilled vegetables n.e.s., (includes Okra)

Acreage and Production Trends



Okra Crop Calendar Of Major Producing Countries

Countries	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
India												
Nigeria												
Mali												
Sudan												
Pakistan												
Egypt												
Côte d'Ivoire												
Benin												
Bangladesh												
Cameroon												

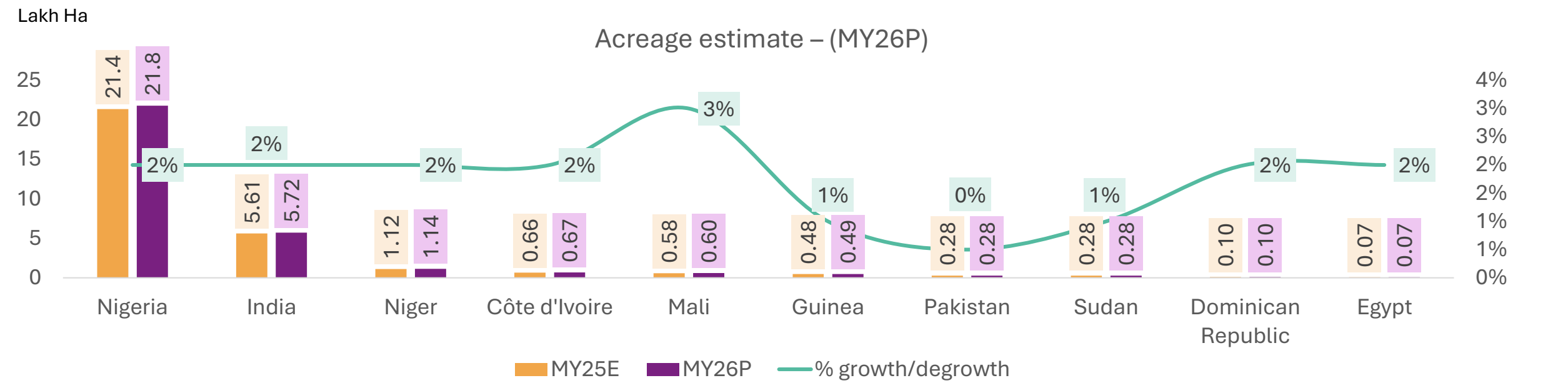
Lean season

Peak season

- **Global supply is staggered across two peak windows (Apr–Jun; Aug–Sep).**
- **India aligns with key producers** (Egypt, Bangladesh), intensifying competitive supply overlap.
- Year-round cultivation in tropical regions ensures continuous global availability.
- Peak season overlaps can create short-term supply gluts and downward price pressure.
- **Export competitiveness depends on leveraging off-season windows and supply timing advantages.**

Note: Okra is produced year-round globally, though crop calendars vary by country. The marketing year (MY) is defined from January to December.

Acreage Estimates of Top 10 Okra Producing Countries



P – Projected value; E – Estimated value; MY – Marketing year (Jan-Dec)

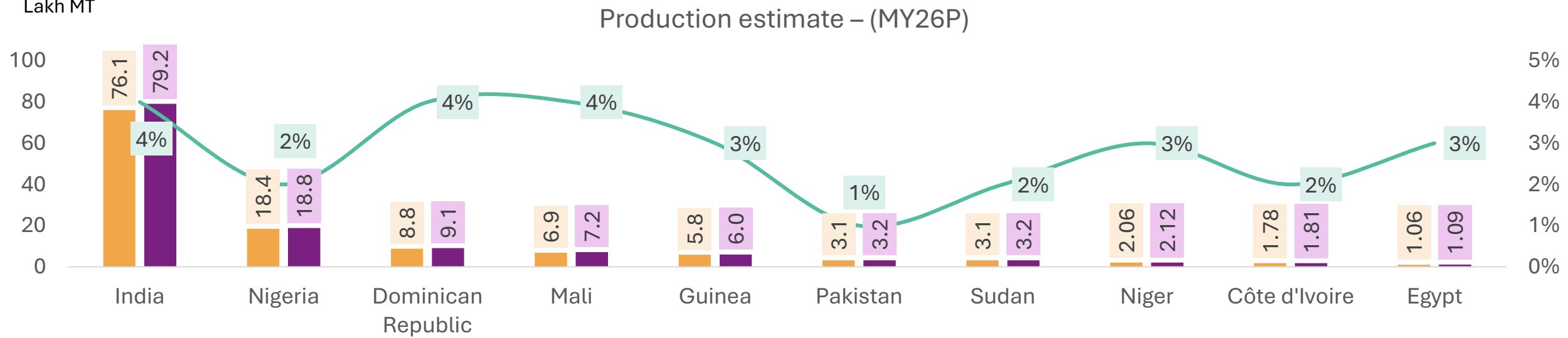
- The countries in the chart **contribute to ~95% of global area**, with global acreage expected to increase marginally **by ~2-3% YoY in MY26P**, mainly driven by countries such as Nigeria, India, Mali, Niger, Cote d’Ivoire, and Guinea.
- Nigeria’s okra acreage in MY26P is expected to **increase marginally**, as adoption of newly released high-yielding varieties such as AVOK1504 is enabling farmers to **recover yields lost to leaf curl virus and jassid pressure**¹.
- India’s** okra acreage in **MY26P** is expected to **rise by ~2%**, especially in **Gujarat’s Saurashtra–Kutch region**, where **~14,000 ha** under cultivation reflects a **mature production base**. Supported by productivity of **~20.6 t/ha**, output is likely to be sustained without requiring notable acreage expansion.
- In Egypt, acreage for MY26P is expected to grow, supported by improved integration between farming and agro-processing industries, which is helping sustain planting levels in key regions such as Minya.
- In **Dominican Republic**³ expanded vegetable export contracts and increased international buyer activity at Agroalimentaria 2025 indicate stronger horticulture demand, supporting moderate growth in okra acreage despite localized pest-control restrictions.

Source: FAOSTAT; MY25 acreages are estimated and MY26 figures projected based on historical trends and secondary research; India’s acreage referred from MoA&FW and projections are based on trend analysis and interactions;

Sources: 1. World Vegetable Centre. 2. [Index](#). 3: [Agroalimentaria](#) 2025

Production Estimates of Top 10 Producing Countries

Lakh MT



P – Projected value; E- Estimated value; MY – Marketing year (Jan-Dec) MY25E MY26P % growth/degrowth

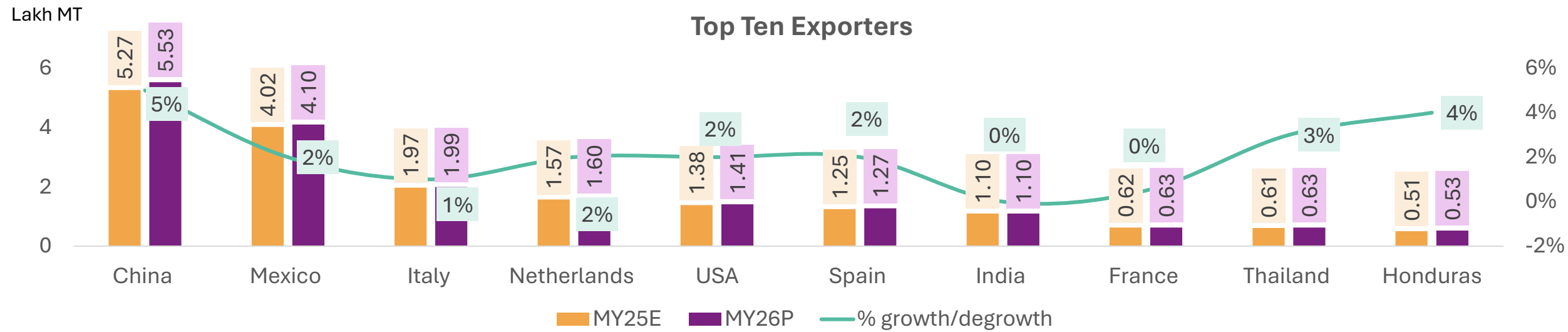
- The countries in the chart **contribute to ~93% of global production**, with production for MY26P expected to improve **moderately by ~3-4% YoY**.
- India’s okra production is projected to **increase by ~4% YoY in MY26P**, supported by higher average yields, slight acreage expansion, greater adoption of hybrid seeds, and improved pest management in key growing regions like **Gujarat, West Bengal, and Odisha**.
- **Mali’s** okra production in **MY26P** is projected to **increase by ~4%**, supported by adoption of improved **medium-podded varieties** like **Konni²** in the **southern regions**. These varieties are **replacing recycled seeds**, which helps **minimize yield losses** caused by **leaf curl virus** and **pests**.
- **In Sudan**, okra production is gradually **increasing** as it **serves as a supplementary crop, with its drying and storage suitability** supporting household-level food resilience amid broader food security challenges.
- **Niger’s** okra production is expected to increase **modestly (~3%)** despite Sahel-region climatic variability and irrigation constraints, supported by **stable domestic demand and marginal acreage recovery**.

Source: FAOSTAT; MY25 figures are production estimates and MY26 are projected figures based on historical trends and secondary research. India’s production referred from MoA&FW and projection is based on trend analysis and on ground interactions; Source 1: Horticulture Estimates, MoAFW; 2: World Vegetable Centre

A large container ship is shown from an aerial perspective, sailing on a deep blue ocean. The ship's deck is covered with numerous colorful shipping containers in shades of red, yellow, blue, and green. The ship has a white superstructure and a dark hull. In the background, a smaller ship is visible on the horizon under a clear sky. The text "Export Trends and Price Outlook" is overlaid in white on the ship's deck.

Export Trends and Price Outlook

Major Exporters of Fresh or Chilled Vegetables (Inclusive of Okra) – HS 070999



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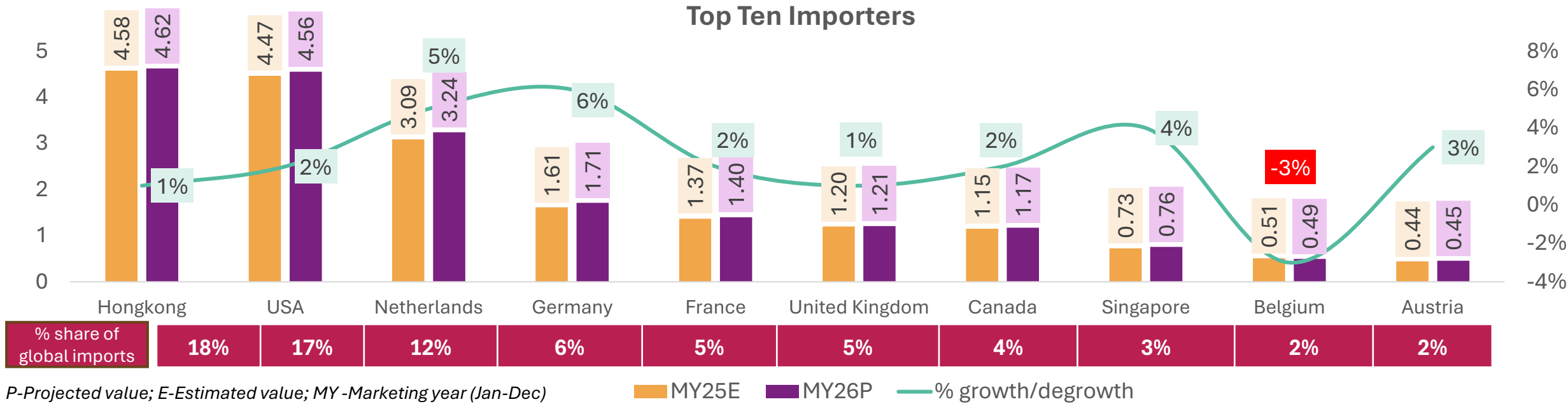
% share of global exports	22%	17%	8%	7%	6%	5%	5%	3%	3%	2%
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- **The top exporters account for ~78% of global trade under HS 070999**, with exports expected to grow moderately (~2–3% YoY) in MY26P.
- **China¹: Exports projected to rise ~5% in MY26P** , supported by stable domestic supplies and sustained demand from key markets such as Hong Kong and the U.S.
- **Global majors (Mexico, USA, Spain, Netherlands):** Expected to witness moderate growth (~2%), driven by steady demand and established trade networks.
- **India²: Okra exports expected to remain stable**, supported by sustained demand in EU and North America, offset by stringent residue norms.
- **Emerging exporter(Honduras)³: Strong growth (~4%)** driven by rising demand for ethnic vegetables and expanding export networks.

Source: ITC Trade Map; MY25E export volumes include estimates where recent data is unavailable; MY26P based on trade estimates and export trends. HS Code : 070999- Fresh or chilled vegetables n.e.s
1. [China’s export potential](#) 2. Freshplaza; 3. [Honduras okra exports](#);

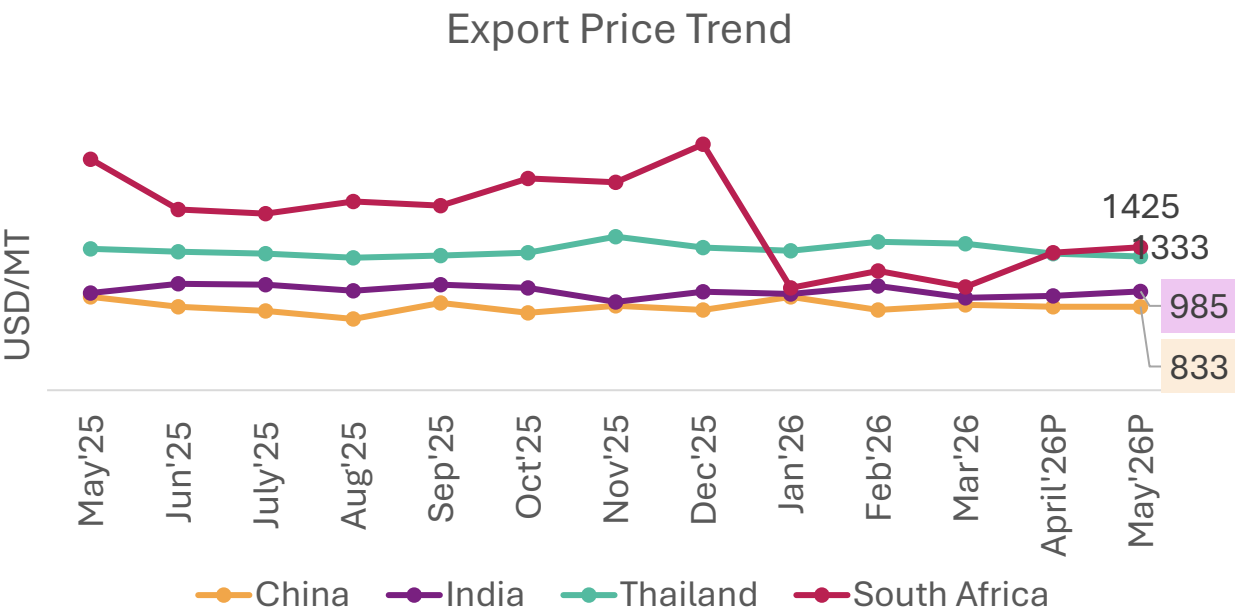
Major Importers of Fresh or Chilled Vegetables (Inclusive of Okra) – HS 070999

Lakh MT



- **The top importers account for ~74% of global imports** under HS 070999, with demand expected to grow moderately (~2–3% YoY) in MY26P.
- **Developed markets (USA, Europe):** Imports expected to remain stable to moderately higher overall, supported by steady consumption and shipment flows into Germany, France, and the UK.
- **India-linked demand:** Strong demand in the UK, Germany, and North America continues to support imports of Indian okra varieties due to preferred quality and export suitability.
- **Germany & Netherlands:** Stronger growth (mid-to-high single digit) driven by robust European demand and re-export efficiency.
- **Exceptions within Europe & emerging trends:** Belgium imports are expected to decline (~3%) due to stricter norms and softer demand, while Singapore shows steady growth (~4%), driven by health and convenience trends.

Export Prices Forecast of Fresh or Chilled Vegetables (Inclusive of Okra) – HS 070999

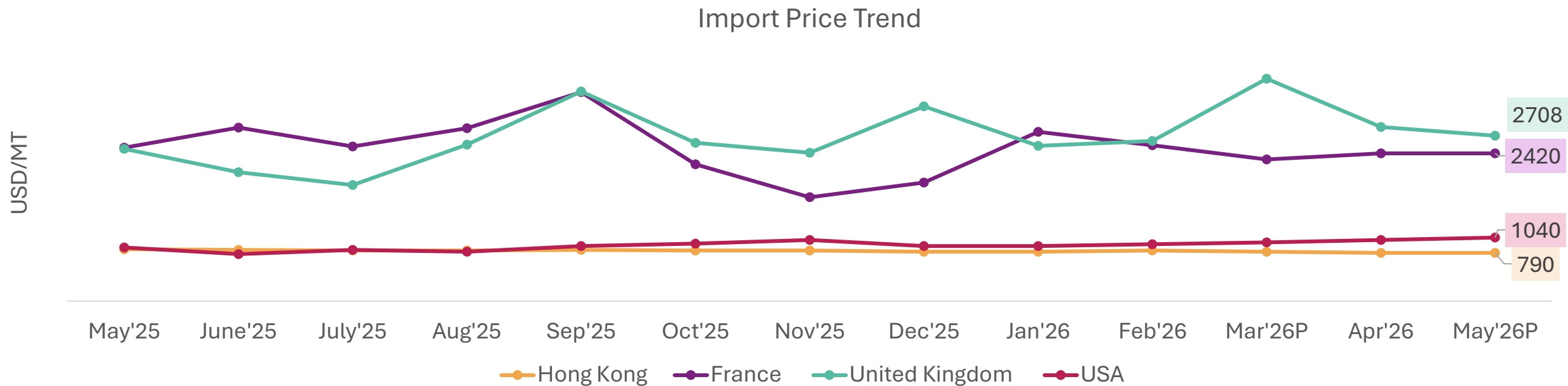


Price outlook for next quarter (JJA)					
Countries	May'26 P Price (USD/MT)	May'25 Price (USD/MT)	%age YoY change	Price direction	Average projected price range for JJA (USD/MT)
China	833	930	-10%	Sideways	820-880
India	985	970	2%	Sideways	980-1040
Thailand	1333	1410	-5%	Bearish	1270-1330
South Africa	1425	2300	-38%	Bullish	1520-1580

- **Indian** export prices for HS 070999 are estimated at ~**USD 980–990/MT** in **May'26**, supported by **stable export demand** and **balanced domestic availability**. **Improving seasonal supplies** are expected to offset demand gains, keeping prices broadly **sideways** during **JJA'26P**.
- **Thailand's export prices** for fresh or chilled vegetables have likely declined by **5% YoY** in **May'26P** to ~**USD 1,330-1,340/MT**, as **contract farming (~40% of the exports)** sustains steady supply despite **Suphan Buri flooding**, while exports to key market Malaysia remain stable , keeping prices soft at ~**USD 1,270-1,330/MT** in the upcoming quarter **JJA'26**.
- **South Africa's** export prices for fresh or chilled vegetables have estimated to have dipped from about **USD 2450/MT** in **December'25** to **USD 1,420-1,430/MT** in **May'26P**, reflecting abundant peak season supplies. As seasonal **production eases** and **export availability tightens** prices are expected to **recover** during **JJA'26P**.

Source: ITC Trade Map (up to Mar 2026); prices for Apr and May 2026 are estimated based on seasonal patterns, trade trends and trade estimates, HS code 070999- Fresh or chilled vegetables n.e.s.
Note: JJA stands for June, July, & Aug 2026

Import Price Trends of Fresh or Chilled Vegetables (Inclusive of Okra) – HS 070999



- In **May'26P**, **US¹** okra import are estimated to have remained **elevated** YoY, supported by active air shipments via **South Florida**, **higher arrivals** from **Honduras**, and **intermittent supply** from **Nicaragua**. Medium-to-large and Indian-type pods trade at ~USD 30–32 per half-bushel carton, reflecting tighter availability and stronger demand than early January.
- **Hong Kong's** okra import prices are estimated to have declined by **7% YoY** in **May'26P**, driven by **higher imports** from low-cost regional suppliers such as **China** , along with **better logistics** from **ASEAN** and **South China**, and **softer global demand** amid trade uncertainties.
- **UK okra import prices fell by ~20%** between Dec'25 and Jan'26, as improved arrivals from Spain and India eased winter supply tightness. **Prices in May'26P are estimated to have remained soft**, supported by abundant competing supplies.
- **France's** okra import prices are estimated to have hovered around **~USD 2,415-2,425/MT** in **May'26P** (down by **~3-4% YoY**), driven by a **surge in high-yield summer harvests** from key suppliers like **Spain and Italy** generating supply side price pressure.

Source: ITC Trade Map (up to Feb 2026); prices for Mar and Apr 2026 are estimated based on seasonal patterns, trade trends and trade estimates, HS Code : 070999- Fresh or chilled vegetables n.e.s.

1. Agricultural Marketing Service Specialty Crops Market News by USDA

Abbreviations used:
• ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations

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Methodology for Price Forecasting

Our methodology combines comprehensive secondary research, targeted stakeholder consultations, and rigorous analytical techniques to ensure accuracy and actionable insights. The methodology comprises three key stages: Data Collection, Data Analysis & Interpretation, and Price Forecasting.

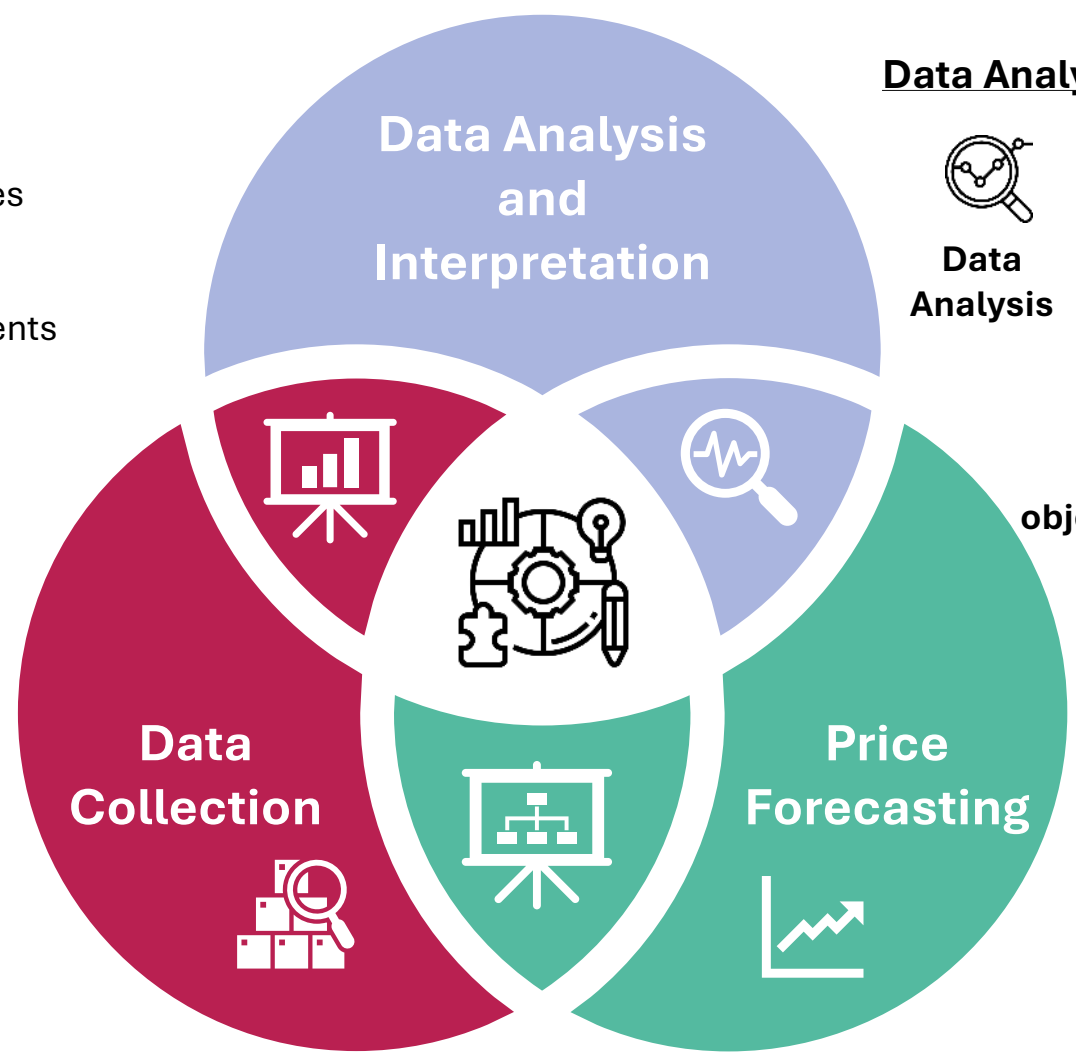
Data Collection

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Sources
- Global agricultural databases (USDA, FAO, etc.)
 - Country-wise statistics from official agriculture departments
 - Industry publications and research reports

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Policy Updates
- Detailed review of Production policies & trade barriers for each country
 - Data from government websites & official publications



Data Analysis and Interpretation

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Data Analysis
- Supply-demand assessment
 - Policy impact analysis
 - Stakeholder consultations

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Key objectives
- Production trends
 - Trade dynamics
 - Policy implications

Price Forecasting

- Historical Trend & Seasonality of FOB prices
- Macro-Economic & Trade Variables Integration of commodity fundamentals to forecast future price ranges.

Structured consultations with Indian exporters and industry associations, cross-verifying secondary data and validating price forecasts to refine production, trade, and policy assessments.