

Saudi Arabia's date production rise by 124%

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The Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture has announced that Saudi Arabia has achieved a self-sufficiency rate of 124 per cent in date production, surpassing 1.6 million tonnes annually. This achievement is attributed to the expansion of palm cultivation across the Kingdom.

According to the Saudi Gazette, date cultivation in Saudi Arabia now covers approximately 165,000 hectares, highlighting significant growth in the industry. The Riyadh region leads the country with an annual production of 436,112 tons, followed closely by the Qassim region with 390,698 tonnes. Other key contributors include Madinah with 263,283 tonnes and the Eastern Region with 203,069 tonnes.

The Ministry also noted that several other regions contributed significantly to date production: Hail with 73,298 tonnes, Al-Jouf with 65,020 tonnes, Makkah with 64,095 tonnes, Asir with 55,225 tonnes, Tabuk with 52,792 tonnes, Najran with 9,837 tonnes, Al-Baha with 2,969 tonnes, the Northern Borders with 1,314 tonnes, and Jazan with 111 tonnes.

This success in date production highlights Saudi Arabia's growing self-sufficiency in the sector, reflecting the Ministry's and its partners' efforts to advance the palm industry. These efforts include innovations in agricultural techniques, enhancements in production quality, and contributions to the Kingdom's domestic economy.