

# UAE Food Volume Estimations to battle COVID-19

*Estimations are based on past data of retail sales, food service consumption and stock data of distributors*

COVID-19 outbreak has had a major impact on the entire world – with entire countries declaring state of emergency or nation-wide lockdowns. With the toll it takes on human life, resources of countries are stretched, and the global supply chain is in relative disarray.

For instance, the import of food products into UAE from Europe and China have drastically reduced and it is now possible that the imports from India will also be impacted. The reverse is also true as the ability of our trade partners to receive our exported/ re-exported products is now limited.

As a nation, the priority is always the health and well being of its citizens and residents. One of the methods by which the health and well being of a nation is maintained is by having the ability to provide healthy and nutritious food in sufficient quantity to the populace.

With global supply chain in disarray/ jeopardy, the Food Industry of UAE would like to offer to

the government and the population their full support and are always standing ready in service.

Being specialists of the Food Industry, we are obliged to support the government on providing food to the population without any disruption from their daily requirements. In order to help the government prepare for these extraordinary circumstances, it is important to first understand what are the current food requirements and trends in UAE.

UAE Food & Beverages Manufacturers Business Group represents the Food Industry of UAE and has developed a team, the FBMG Research Cell, that supports the industry with research & analysis, providing actionable insights in order to make robust decisions.

FBMG Research Cell has processed innumerable data points from various sources to estimate the food stock available in market for some key food items. These estimates have been derived for an average month in UAE and takes into account retail, food services and stockists (distributors). We hope that this information proves useful in aiding the government in decision making in these testing times and developing the framework of the Strategic Food Stock.

Category	Monthly Food Stock Assumption ('000s)	Annual Food Stock Assumption ('000s)
<b>Biscuits</b>	<b>8,285.4 kgs</b>	<b>99,425.3 kgs</b>
<b>Breakfast Cereals</b>	<b>3,400.4 kgs</b>	<b>40,804.9 kgs</b>
<b>Cheese</b>	<b>9,420.4 kgs</b>	<b>1,13,045.1 kgs</b>
<b>Cooking Oil</b>	<b>42,740.4 lts</b>	<b>5,12,884.6 lts</b>
<b>Eggs</b>	<b>4,36,217.6 kgs</b>	<b>52,34,611.7 kgs</b>
<b>Flour</b>	<b>23,793.1 kgs</b>	<b>2,85,516.9 kgs</b>
<b>Milk</b>	<b>1,12,657.7 lts</b>	<b>13,51,891.9 lts</b>
<b>Laban</b>	<b>22,003.0 lts</b>	<b>2,64,036.1 lts</b>
<b>Pasta</b>	<b>7,028.7 kgs</b>	<b>84,344.2 kgs</b>
<b>Rice</b>	<b>55,529.6 kgs</b>	<b>6,66,355.5 kgs</b>
<b>Sugar</b>	<b>12,236.3 kgs</b>	<b>1,46,835.6 kgs</b>
<b>Tea</b>	<b>4,234.2 kgs</b>	<b>50,810.4 kgs</b>
<b>Yoghurt</b>	<b>32,392.2 lts</b>	<b>3,88,706.5 lts</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>4,85,370.6 lts</b>	<b>58,24,447.1 lts</b>
<b>Poultry</b>	<b>4,56,715.4 kgs</b>	<b>54,80,584.8 kgs</b>

Sources: FBMG Research Cell, retail estimates, distributor inputs, manufacturer data

Please note that there is expected to be a degree of food wastage which is included in these numbers, for example, food wasted by consumer or at retailer or at the warehouse. Further understanding of consumer and industry behaviour will help us ascertain the volume of food wastage.

The above numbers have been derived from various inputs received from across the food supply chain. There are various players who have critical roles in ensuring that consumers are able to purchase their desired food items – raw

material suppliers, food production, manufacturers, logistics, warehousing, retailers. These players operate in big and small scale and together constitute the food sector economy, driving it forward. Each will play a role in ensuring that COVID 19 leaves a minimal impact on UAE

## Food items by category

Chicken	Meat	Bread	Rice	Dates	Potato	Tomatoes
Al Islami	JM Foods	Modern Bakery	FoodCo Holdings	Al Barakah Dates	Amigo General Trading	Fresh Fruits Company
BRF	Indoguna	Al Jadeed Bakery	Tilda International	Al Foah Date	Gourmet Classic Trading	Kibsons International
Tanmiah	Global Food Industry	Al Ameen Bakery	Gautham General Trading	Liwa Date	Virani General Trading	Mirak Group
IFFCO	Pinnar Arabia	Golden Loaf	Arab & India Spices LLC	Royal Date Crown	Parayil Chekku Veg & Fruits Trading	Del Monte <i>(product available as canned food item)</i>
JM Foods	Bifco Foods	French Bakery	JPRL General Trading	Kingdom Date	Green Villey Veg Trading	Nassar Al Refaee Fruits & Veg
Emirates National Food	Diamond Meat Processing	Advanced Baking Concept	Al Rabiah Trading Company	Nadiya Date	Del Monte <i>(product available as canned food item)</i>	Elite Harvest
Global Food Industry	Universal Islamic meat	Beirut Automatic Bakery	Unikai	Al Madina Dates	Pagrani Trading Co	
Al Jazira Poultry	Al-Khabeer	Gulf Confectionaries & Baking				
Al Ghurair	Magenta	Bin Ablan Food industry				
Seara Alimentos	Freshly Frozen Foods	Master Baker				
Al-Khabeer	Global Food Industry	Al Bustan Bakery				
Global Food Industry	Amana Food	Al Rasheed Food Company				
Al-Bustan	Khazan Meat Factory	Wonder Bakery				
	Royal Meat industry	Al Arz Automatic Bakery				
		Sevan Bakery				

Veg Oil	Sugar	Water	Milk	Salt	Flour	Tea & Coffee
Foodco Holdings	Al Khaleej	Dubai Refreshments	Al Marai	Si Bonne Food Stuff Industry	IFFCO	Unilever
United Foods	Jaiyine Foodstuff	Agthia	Unikai	Bulk Himalayan Salt	General Mills	Trofina Foods
Advoc / BRS	Al Shami Sugar	Danone	Friesland Campina	Blue Persian Salt	National Flour Mill	Alokozay
Al Ameera Food Stuff	Al Rabiah Trading Company	Masafi	NFPC	Lawand Trading	Al Ain	Ahmed Tea
Adroit Factory FZC	Harvest Sugar	Mai Dubai	Al Ain Farms	M H Enterprise	Grand Mills	Hemmani
Bab Al Firdous Food Stuff Manufacturing	Savola	NFPC	Al Rawabi Company	Al Aadil Trading	Bakemart	Rabea
IFFCO		Zulal water	Gulf & Safa	American Garden Iodised Salt	National Flour	Twinning
Areej Oil & Preservatives		Romana Water	Orantes Dairy	American Classic Iodised Salt	Ethad Mills (Al Dabra Holdings)	Raw Coffee Company
		Gulf Pure Water	Marmum		Coast Flour Mills	Maatook
		Al Falaj Drinking Water	Al Ain dairy		Ahmed Flour Mills	
		Emirates Refreshments	Arla Foods		Ocean Mills	
		Emirates Natural Drinking Water	Camelicious		Al Dhouri Food Industry	
		Palm Spring Natural Water	Unikai		NFPC	
		Al Qattara Mineral Water	Koita Foods		Datar	
		Dubai Crystal Mineral Water	Al Buheira Lactor			
		Nestle Waters	Nadec			
		Cocacola	Nada			
			Holland Dairy			
			Lactalis			
			Sterilac Dairy			