

World Apple Production, by Region, Selected Years
(Annual Average, 1,000 metric tons)

Region	1996-98 (1,000 mt)	2002-04 (1,000 mt)	2008-10 (1,000 mt)	'08-10 v '02-04 (percent change)
Africa	1,487	1,857	2,134	+ 14.9
Asia	28,064	31,300	42,188	+ 34.8
Europe	17,532	16,830	16,795	- 0.2
North America	5,872	5,082	5,337	+ 5.0
South America	3,204	3,616	3,979	+ 10.0
Oceania	861	827	696	- 15.8
WORLD	57,020	59,512	71,129	+ 19.5
<i>Memos</i>				
<i>China</i>	<i>17,928</i>	<i>21,347</i>	<i>30,352</i>	<i>+ 42.2</i>
<i>EU-15</i>	<i>9,543</i>	<i>8,658</i>	<i>8,441</i>	<i>- 2.5</i>
<i>Eastern Europe</i>	<i>6,064</i>	<i>5,569</i>	<i>6,111</i>	<i>+ 9.7</i>
<i>Southern Hemisphere</i>	<i>4,408</i>	<i>4,944</i>	<i>5,220</i>	<i>+ 5.6</i>

Source: UN,FAO, Faostat database.

Comment: Total world apple production increased by over 14 million metric tons between 1996-98 and 2008-10, an increase of almost 20 percent. However, most of the increase occurred in Asia, especially in China. There were also double-digit percentage increases in Africa and South America. Most of those increases were centered among the major Southern Hemisphere producing countries. Production changed little over time in traditional powerhouses such as Europe and North America, but fell by almost 16 percent in Oceania (Australia and New Zealand). Production has rebounded in the last decade in North America and in Eastern Europe.

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