

Mali

Mali, landlocked country of Western Africa, mostly in the Saharan and Sahelian regions. Mali is largely flat and arid. Although Mali is one of the largest countries in Africa, it has a relatively small population, which is largely centred along the Niger River.

Official Name	République de Mali (Republic of Mali)
ISO Country Code	ml, MLI
Time	UTC (0h; no UTC/GMT offset)
Country Calling Code	+223
Area	1,240,000 km ² (474,764 sq. mi.)
Population	19.1 million
Official languages	French
Capital City	Bamako
Cities	Makono, Moribabougou and Dougourakoro
Climate	Semitropical in the South; arid in the North
Natural Resources	Gold, Phosphate, Kaolin, Salt and Limestone
Agriculture Products	Cotton, Millet, Rice, Corn, Vegetables, Peanuts; Cattle, Sheep, Goats
Currency	CFA Franc BCEAO (XOF)

Climate

Mali is one of the smaller producers of raw cashew nuts in West Africa, but the southern part of the country has suitable soils and climate for cashew production, and cashew trees and plantations are spread throughout the region.

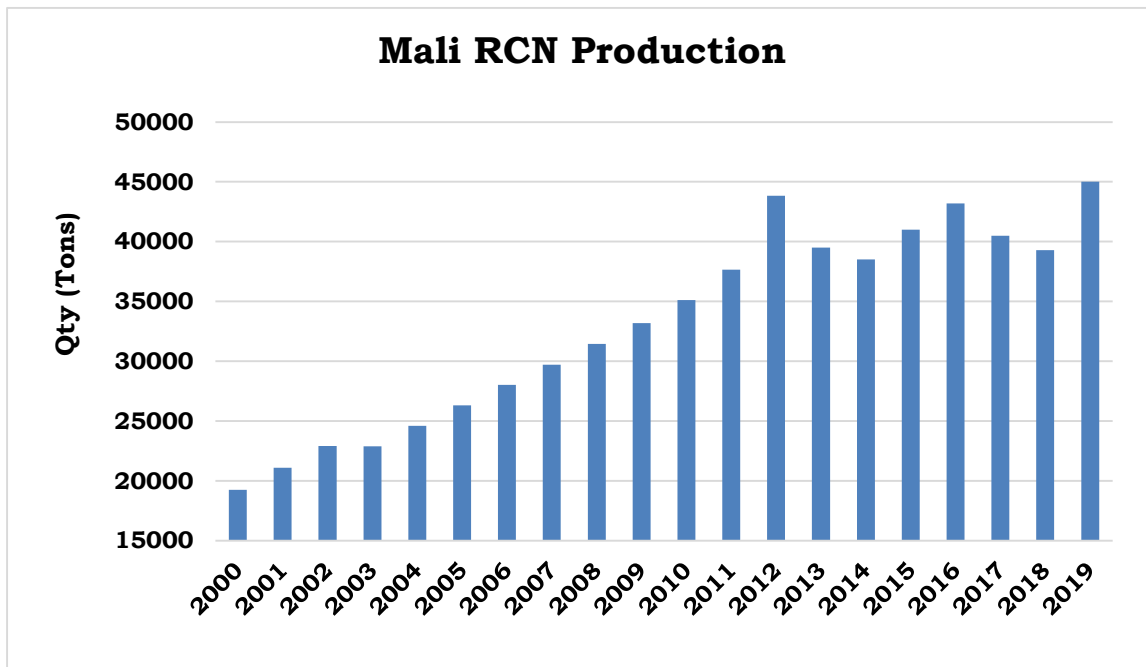
Cashew Growing Regions

Bamako, Sikasso, Bougouni and Dogon Plateau

Harvesting Season

The season starts by End-February and ends by May.

Mali-RCN Production



From the figure, it shows that the Mali Raw Cashewnut (RCN) production from the two decade averages to about 33,152 tons. In 2000, the production was about 19,252 tons where the production increased year to year. In 2012, the 43,823 ton was the highest record of production and in 2019, it accounts to 45,000 tons of RCN production.

Port

Mali has no seaports because it is landlocked, but Koulikoro on the Niger River near Bamako, serves as a principal river port. Traditionally, Abidjan in Côte d'Ivoire has been Mali's main seaport, handling as much as 70 percent of Mali's trade (except for gold exports).

Shipping Agents

Groupe Navitrans

- Moller-Maersk Group, A.P.
- Saga (Mali)

- SCAC
- SDV Mali

Source:<https://directories.loydslist.com/servicesbrowse/ss/5696/country/Mali>

Governmental Agencies:

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry – To get the import & export commercial license for the company commercial activities and also to secure the industry license.
- Ministry of Economy, Finance and Budget – To register the company for tax control.
- Ministry for the promotion of the investment and private Sector
- Ministry of Agriculture – To obtain the phytosanitary certificate for export purpose.
- Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and keeper of the Seals – for legal registration of company.

Non-Governmental Agencies

- The CTARS project
- International Trade Centre (ITC)
- FAO
- The Turning Foundation
- CARE International
- Cross Road International

Sector Regulations & Policy Update

- The Government of Mali is supporting the organization of the cashew sector through the Committee of Initiative consisting of the cashew producers, processors and exporters. The Committee of Initiative is the only authority entitled to decide on sectorial policies to be adopted.
- The Malian Association of Cashew Exporters is acting to obtain governmental support for cashew export financing by local banks. Without the financial assistance of the banks, Malian cashew exporters can hardly face the international market competition and promote the “Mali” origin label.

- Trucking charges in Mali average 60 FCFA/ton/kilometer. In addition, truckers' clients are responsible for paying road use tolls, which average 200 CFA per 100 km. Rail charges between Dakar and Bamako vary according to the type of cargo and packaging (container, bulk, or loose).
- The cost for goods in bulk pack is 30,000 FCFA/ ton from Dakar to Bamako (up to 30 tons, then the rate drops slightly).

Source: <https://www.africancashewalliance.com/en/news-and-info/studies-and-guides>

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