Oil palm production in Guatemala

180,614 hectares of oil palm planted nation-wide representing only 1.66% of the national surface of Guatemala.

Source: Satelligence

Distribution of oil palm plantations and oil palm mill per palm-growing region

North 57.78%

South 22.19%

Northeast 20.03%

AGRO-INDUSTRY IN GUATEMALA
SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICS – YEAR 2021
Oil palm crops in Guatemala

PETÉN
The oil palm crop represents only 6.21% of the agricultural land of the department.

QUETZALTENANGO
The oil palm crop represents only 7% of the agricultural land of the department.

IZABAL
The oil palm crop represents 9.33% of the agricultural land of the department.

RETALHULEU
The oil palm crop represents only 4.11% of the agricultural land of the department.

ALTA VERAPAZ
The oil palm crop represents 3.58% of the agricultural land of the department.

SUCHITEPÉQUEZ
The oil palm crop represents 3.64% of the agricultural land of the department.

ESCUINTLA
The oil palm crop represents 3.15% of the agricultural land of the department.

QUICHÉ
The oil palm crop does not exceed 1% of the agricultural land of the department.

SAN MARCOS
The oil palm crop represents 3.07% of the agricultural land of the department.

CHIMALTENANGO
The oil palm crop does not exceed 1% of the agricultural land of the department.
Guatemalan palmculture, global benchmark of productivity and sustainability

MAJOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN 2021

The palm oil sector contributes 1.98% to the country’s GDP

USD 1,500 million contribution to the national economy

ANNUALLY, IT CREATES

30,102 direct jobs
150,600 indirect jobs

228 oil palm growers
52% smallholders
34% medium-sized producers
14% large producers

60% of CPO total production was certified by international standards such as RSPO and ISCC.

#1 IN LATIN AMERICA
in terms of volume of sustainable certified palm oil

#1 IN GLOBAL PRODUCTIVITY

21 oil palm mills installed nation-wide with capacity to process a total of 1,053 tFFB/hr

5.86 tCPO/ha average national yield
(Global average 3.76 tCPO/ha)

24.1% CPO extraction rate

25.61 tFFB/ha nation-wide average productivity
(Global average is 18 tFFB/ha)

Total production 2021
941,963.76 tCPO

79% for export
21% for local consumption

GREPALMA members of

ISCC
Certified Sustainable Palm Oil
Red Guatemala APOYAMOS

0 (zero) hectares of deforested forest

for the growth of the palm crop, has been reported by Satelligence, according to the satellite monitoring of GREPALMA members.
GUATEMALAN PALM OIL IN THE WORLD

6th producer country worldwide
3rd global exporter
1st export product to the European Union
1st export product to Mexico
4th export product to Central America

79% of the palm oil production was exported to the world in 2021
Forex generated USD 715,459,322

Guatemalan palmiculture, advancing in the implementation of SDGs

Abbreviations
CPO: Crude Palm Oil
ha(s): Hectare(s)
RSPO: Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil
ISCC: International Sustainability & Carbon Certification
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t: Metric tons
tFFB/ha.: Tons of fresh fruit bunches per hectare
USD: United States dollars

Source: GREPALMA, 2021. With information from the Bank of Guatemala, GREPALMA members database, Vice Ministry of Integration and Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Economy and data provided by Central American Business Intelligence -CABI-

Source: OilWorld, 2021

CPO monthly price 2017-2021 USD / MT

Main export destinations of Guatemalan ACP, years 2015-2019, according to % of the total volume exported

Source: GREPALMA, 2021

ACP production for the local and export market, 2015 - 2021

CPO exports 2015-2021 (in thousands of USD)