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SURINAME INVESTMENT & TRADE AGENCY

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BUY FROM SURINAME

Agriculture and Agribusiness

SURINAME'S AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS EXPORT OFFER

Suriname combines a tropical production base, proven export capability, preferential market access and quality controls to provide international buyers with a reliable agricultural sourcing platform

WHAT DOES SURINAME OFFER BUYERS?

Located on the northern coast of South America, Suriname offers international buyers a diversified agricultural sourcing base with established production across rice, tropical fruits, horticulture and other agricultural products.

Surinamese agricultural products already reach more than 60 international markets, supported by long-standing Caribbean trade relationships, preferential market access and established sea and air connections.

Phytosanitary controls, laboratory testing and export-quality systems support international market requirements, providing buyers with a platform for sourcing agricultural products from Suriname with confidence



Suriname
Tropical sourcing platform connecting South America, the Caribbean and Europe

Diverse tropical product offer

Commercial production
Across rice, horticulture, tropical crops and livestock

225,923 tonnes
Rice production

38,800 tonnes
Tropical fruit production

11,667 tonnes
Vegetable production

Strategic regional and global market access

Duty-free access
to CARICOM and EU markets

25% by 2030
Government target to reduce food imports into the CARICOM region

19 million
CARICOM consumers

Proven export platform

60+
export markets

22%
Of food exports destined for Europe

66%
Growth in agribusiness exports over five years

Quality assurance & export compliance

Phytosanitary export inspections
following IPPC/WTO-SPS procedures

Agricultural and public-health laboratory testing

2024 mango shipment passed EU inspection

DIVERSE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM A TROPICAL PRODUCTION BASE

Suriname combines established rice production with tropical fruits, fresh horticulture, root crops and livestock, providing international buyers with a diverse agricultural sourcing base

DIVERSE PRODUCTS FOR REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BUYERS

Rice
Paddy • milled • husked

Suriname's largest crop sector

With long-standing supply to Caribbean and European markets.

Tropical fruit
Pineapple • mango • citrus • plantain • coconut

Tropical sourcing potential

A diversified fruit base supporting fresh-market supply and opportunities for processed products.

Vegetables
Tomatoes • peppers • leafy vegetables • beans

Diverse fresh produce

Established horticultural production supplies domestic markets with identified opportunities across nearby Caribbean markets.

Root crops
Cassava • sweet potato • yam

Versatile tropical staples

Local production supports fresh consumption and opportunities for flour, starch, snacks and other processed formats.

Livestock
Poultry • cattle • pigs • small ruminants

Established protein production

Commercial poultry production is complemented by cattle, pig, sheep and goat farming.

Dairy products
Fresh milk • Yoghurt • Cheese

Established dairy production

Local milk production supports domestic consumption, with opportunities for value-added dairy processing

TROPICAL PRODUCTION BASE

Year-round growing conditions

Tropical growing conditions, abundant freshwater and established production regions support a diverse agricultural supply base

Rice • pineapple • mango • citrus • cassava • vegetables • livestock

RELIABLE ACCESS TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Suriname's CARICOM membership, proximity to Caribbean markets and established maritime and air connections provide producers with a practical platform for regional distribution and wider international trade

A GATEWAY TO THE CARIBBEAN MARKET AND BEYOND



~19 million

- CARICOM consumers

>US$6 billion

- Annual food imports

Nearby markets

- Jamaica
- Guyana
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Barbados
- Aruba
- Curaçao
- Dominican Republic

Onward Gateways

- Miami
- Panama
- Rotterdam
- Amsterdam

2/ 5/ 8 days Indicative shipping links

- Trinidad, Dominican Rep Panama

INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SOLUTIONS

Regular container services connect Paramaribo with Caribbean markets and onward routes to Europe and North America.

Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport links Suriname through Amsterdam and Panama, with additional regional services.

MAERSK CMA CGM SEABOARD MARINE

KLM SURINAM AIRWAYS AMERIJET

Coldchain capabilities

- **8,000 + TEU** Reefer capacity of DP World alone, alongside terminals run by VSH Transport and other operators
- **Temperature-controlled storage and handling**

Global market access

- **Duty-free, quota-free access** to EU markets under the CARIFORUM–EU EPA
- **Free trade within the Caribbean region** through the CARICOM Single Market

Supporting overseas market entry

- **The Suriname Standards Bureau provides standards guidance**, ISO certification support, GS1 barcode services and export-compliance assistance

PROVEN EXPORT CAPABILITY

Established export routes, cold-chain capabilities and preferential market access enable Surinamese agricultural products to reach buyers across the Caribbean, Europe and the Americas

PROVEN ACCESS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS

60+ International export markets served	**22%** Of food exports are destined for Europe	**66%** Growth in agribusiness exports in the past 5 years

KEY EXPORT MARKETS AND REGIONS (2024)

Rice

US$39 million
Exports

Key markets

- Jamaica
- France
- Netherlands
- Portugal

Ethyl alcohol

US$18 million
Exports

Key markets

- Venezuela
- France
- Netherlands

Poultry products

US$12.5 million
Exports

Key markets

- Venezuela
- United States

Bananas

US$1.5 million
Exports

Key markets

- Trinidad and Tobago
- Barbados

POSITIONED TO BENEFIT FROM GROWING REGIONAL FOOD DEMAND

Established Caribbean supplier

- **80% +** of Suriname's rice exports are destined for Caribbean markets
- **Strong and long-standing trade relationships** with CARICOM markets provide the commercial base for further export growth

Strategic market access

- **CARICOM and CARIFORUM-EU EPA**
- **Duty-free access to CARICOM and EU markets** enables producers in Suriname to supply approximately 19 million Caribbean consumers and around 450 million consumers in the European Union.

Growing regional food demand

- **US$6 billion+** annual food imports by CARICOM countries
- **25% by 2030** Government target to reduce food imports into the CARICOM region

INTERNATIONAL QUALITY & FOOD SAFETY

Suriname's agricultural exports are supported by phytosanitary controls, laboratory testing and export certification systems that help producers meet the requirements of international markets with confidence

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED FOOD-SAFETY SYSTEMS

FSSC 22000 GFSI-benchmarked assurance	ISO 22000 Structured food-safety management	HACCP Risk-based production controls
Major producers are FSSC 22000 certified, supporting buyer due diligence and acceptance by international retailers and manufacturers.	Major producers are ISO 22000-certified production across a range of agricultural products	Major producers apply HACCP-based systems to identify and manage food-safety risks throughout production.

PROOF OF INTERNATIONAL MARKET COMPLIANCE

Mango exports to the EU	Established rice exports	Regional fresh produce access
• EU market access restored in 2024 • Initial 200 kg trial shipment passed EU inspection • Demonstrates effective phytosanitary and export control processes	• US$39 million rice exports in 2024 • Long-standing supply to Caribbean and European markets • Trusted by buyers in key markets	• US$1.5 million banana exports in 2024 • Key markets include Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados • Strong regional demand for quality produce

SUPPORTING BUYER DUE DILIGENCE

LVV Agricultural Research Laboratory

Tests animal and plant products for food safety and trade, with capabilities including microbiology, nematology, entomology and seed-quality testing

LVV Plant Protection & Quality Inspection

LVV's Plant Protection & Quality Inspection Department inspects agricultural products for export against phytosanitary requirements, following IPPC and WTO-SPS procedures

Bureau of Public Health (BOG) laboratory

The BOG laboratory tests provides food safety testing and health certification for exports, with analytical capability strengthened through the EU-funded SAMAP programme

Suriname Standards Bureau

The Suriname Standards Bureau provides GS1 barcodes, label checks and food-safety standards training, and maintains national standards supporting agricultural product quality

How can we help you?

SITA supports international buyers at every stage of the sourcing process, from identifying the right suppliers to ensuring products meet your specifications and are delivered reliably

Why work with SITA?

1. We work with your purchasing and sourcing teams to fully understand and document your requirements
2. We will help identify suppliers who can meet your specifications in terms of volumes, quality, certifications for market entry, packaging, prices and shipping
3. We can help our local companies to meet your requirements through support to upgrade quality standards or packaging
4. We can support local producers to consolidate to meet your volume requirements

Ready to source from Suriname? Get in touch!

Contact SITA to discuss your requirements and connect with export-ready agribusiness suppliers

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