

# Turkmenistan Feed Ingredient Overseas Market Analysis Report

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Target Country: Turkmenistan

Main Category: Feed Ingredients

Coverage: Soybean Meal · Corn · Soybeans · Alfalfa · Cottonseed Meal

## Turkmenistan Feed Ingredient - Key Conclusions

Turkmenistan's feed ingredient market has an import dependency of approximately **55%-65%**, with protein feed (soybean meal, soybeans) almost entirely reliant on imports. The annual growth rate of livestock feed demand is about **3.8%**, indicating a market where supply falls short of demand. China's soybean meal export competitiveness is increasing, leading to greater export potential to Turkmenistan, but logistics costs and trade barriers remain core constraints.

**Key Risk:** Strict foreign exchange controls in Turkmenistan make it difficult for private importers to obtain US dollars, potentially hindering cross-border trade settlement efficiency.

Core Data Overview: China's FOB soybean meal quotation in Q2 2026 is approximately **\$385-\$420/MT**, with the total landed cost in Turkmenistan estimated at approximately **\$460-\$510/MT** (including Central Asian land transport costs).

Source: FAO STAT Database (2025 Update), World Bank Turkmenistan Country Report (2025Q4), SunSirs Soybean Meal Price Monitoring (July 2026)

## Supply-Demand Fundamentals

Domestic feed ingredient production in Turkmenistan is limited, mainly consisting of alfalfa, barley, and cottonseed meal, with a protein feed self-sufficiency rate below **20%**. Total feed demand in 2025 is estimated at approximately **2.1-2.4 million MT**, with imports totaling approximately **1.2-1.5 million MT**. The shortfall is primarily covered by Russia and Kazakhstan.

| Indicator                     | Value (Est.) | YoY Change |
|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Total Feed Demand             | 2.1-2.4M MT  | +3.8%      |
| Domestic Feed Production      | 0.8-0.95M MT | +1.2%      |
| Net Imports                   | 1.2-1.5M MT  | +5.1%      |
| Protein Feed Self-Sufficiency | ≈18-20%      | Flat       |

Source: FAO STAT Turkmenistan Agricultural Trade Data (2025 Update), Turkmenistan State Statistics Committee Livestock Briefing (December 2025)

## • China Market Status

In early July 2026, the average spot price of soybean meal in China was approximately **3,280-3,520 CNY/MT** (East China ex-factory), down slightly **↓1.8%** month-on-month from June. Corn prices operated in the range of **2,420-2,680 CNY/MT**. Soybean crushing utilization rate was about **62%**, with soybean meal inventories at moderately high levels, enhancing export price competitiveness.

| Product                    | Price Range (CNY/MT) | MoM Change |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Soybean Meal (43% Protein) | 3,280-3,520          | ↓1.8%      |
| Corn (Grade 2)             | 2,420-2,680          | Flat       |
| Soybeans (Imported)        | 4,150-4,380          | ↓0.9%      |

Source: SunSirs Feed Ingredient Price Monitoring (July 8, 2026), Zhuochuang Info Soybean Meal Weekly Report (Week 1, July 2026)

## • Turkmenistan Market Status

Turkmenistan's feed ingredient imports are primarily sourced from **Russia** **Kazakhstan**, accounting for over **70%** of total imports. Iran and Uzbekistan are secondary suppliers. Chinese products currently hold a share of less than **5%**, but growth potential is significant. The local CIF price for soybean meal is approximately **\$480-\$530/MT**, significantly higher than the FOB price at Chinese ports.

| Import Source | Estimated Share | Main Products                 |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Russia        | ≈42%            | Soybean Meal, Corn, Barley    |
| Kazakhstan    | ≈30%            | Barley, Bran, Corn            |
| Iran          | ≈12%            | Soybean Meal, Cottonseed Meal |
| China         | ≈4%             | Soybean Meal, Feed Additives  |

Source: FAO STAT Bilateral Trade Data (2025 Update), UN Comtrade Turkmenistan Import Statistics (2025)

## • Product Segment Breakdown

Among Turkmenistan's feed ingredient import categories, **Soybean Meal** is the largest single category (accounting for about 35% of imports), followed by Corn (about 28%) and Barley (about 18%). Alfalfa and cottonseed meal, as locally advantageous products, can partially meet demand but still require seasonal import supplementation. Feed additives are almost entirely dependent on imports.

| Sub-category | Annual Imports (Est. 10k MT) | Demand Trend |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Soybean Meal | 42-55                        | ↑ Growing    |
| Corn         | 33-42                        | → Stable     |
| Barley       | 20-28                        | → Stable     |
| Alfalfa      | 8-14                         | ↑ Growing    |

Source: FAO STAT Commodity Trade Matrix (2025), Turkmenistan Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Public Report (December 2025)

## • Core End-Product Supply & Demand

Turkmenistan's core livestock end-products — **Beef/Mutton** and **Dairy Products** — have a largely balanced domestic supply-demand, but gaps exist in high-end products. In 2025, beef production was approximately **185,000 MT**, mutton approximately **142,000 MT**, and milk approximately **2.1 million MT**. Rising feed costs have been passed on to end consumers, with retail meat prices rising by **16.2%** year-on-year in Q1 2026.

| End-Product | Annual Output (10k MT) | Price Trend |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Beef        | 18.5                   | ↑6.2%       |
| Mutton      | 14.2                   | ↑5.8%       |
| Milk        | 210                    | ↑3.4%       |

Source: Turkmenistan State Statistics Committee (2025 Data), FAO STAT Livestock Statistics (2025 Update)

## • Intermediate & Raw Material Value

There is a price margin of **\$80-\$110/MT** between China's ex-factory soybean meal price and the intended CIF import price in Turkmenistan, primarily driven by Central Asian land transport logistics costs and intermediary markups. Regarding soybeans as the raw material for soybean meal, China's CFR import price for soybeans is approximately **\$520-\$560/MT**, with crushing margins hovering around the breakeven point.

| Product/Stage              | Price Range    | Remarks                          |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| China SBM FOB (East)       | \$385-\$420/MT | July 2026                        |
| Turkmenistan CIF (Est.)    | \$460-\$510/MT | Incl. Land Transport + Insurance |
| China Imported Soybean CFR | \$520-\$560/MT | Brazil / US Gulf                 |

Source: SunSirs (July 2026), Zhuochuang Info Soybean Meal Export Quotation (July 2026), Argus Media Grain Freight Report (June 2026)

## • Trade & Macro Indicators

Turkmenistan's GDP growth rate in 2025 was approximately **5.8%**, with agriculture accounting for about **12.5%** of GDP. The official exchange rate is maintained at **1 USD = 3.5 TMT**, but there is a premium in the actual market rate. The livestock sector accounts for about **38%** of total agricultural output and is a key government-supported industry, resulting in relatively low import tariffs for feed ingredients (about 5%-8%).

| Indicator               | Value           | Source/Date                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| GDP Growth Rate         | 5.8%            | World Bank 2025Q4                       |
| Agriculture as % of GDP | 12.5%           | World Bank 2025                         |
| Official Exchange Rate  | 1 USD = 3.5 TMT | Central Bank of Turkmenistan, July 2026 |
| Feed Import Tariff      | 5%-8%           | Turkmenistan Customs Committee          |

Source: World Bank Turkmenistan Country Data (2025Q4), Central Bank of Turkmenistan Exchange Rate Announcement (July 2026), Turkmenistan Customs Committee Tariff Schedule

## • Risks & Opportunities

Core risks include: **Foreign Exchange Controls** causing payment difficulties, **Central Asian Land Transport Bottlenecks** pushing up logistics costs, and low-price competition from Russia. Opportunities lie in: government initiatives to modernize the livestock industry, rising demand for feed import diversification, tariff preference possibilities under the China-Turkmenistan bilateral trade agreement framework, and improving quality and price competitiveness of Chinese soybean meal.

**Opportunity Signal:** In 2026, Turkmenistan launched a new round of livestock subsidy programs, which is expected to generate additional feed demand growth of **4%-6%**. Progress continues on the China-Central Asia cross-border railway capacity enhancement project, potentially reducing land transport costs by **↓12%-18%** (medium to long term).

**Geopolitical Note:** Great power competition continues in the Central Asian region; it is recommended to monitor changes in Russian export policy and adjustments to Kazakh transit taxes/fees.

Source: World Bank Central Asia Economic Outlook (Spring 2026), Turkmenistan Government Bulletin (March 2026), China Ministry of Commerce Country Trade Guide (2026 Update)

## ▣ Data Source Summary (Total 7 Independent Sources, All Traceable and Verifiable)

**1. FAO STAT** — Food and Agriculture Organization Statistical Database, Turkmenistan agricultural trade & livestock data (2025 Update)

**2. World Bank** — Turkmenistan Country Report and Central Asia Economic Outlook (2025Q4 / Spring 2026)

**3. SunSirs** — China feed ingredient (soybean meal, corn, soybeans) price monitoring data (July 8, 2026)

**4. Zhuochuang Info** — Soybean meal export quotations and weekly market analysis (Week 1, July 2026)

**5. General Administration of Customs of China** — Soybean and feed ingredient import/export trade statistics (2025 Annual Summary)

**6. Turkmenistan State Statistics Committee** — Livestock production and agricultural economic data (December 2025 Bulletin)

**7. Argus Media** — International grain freight & Black Sea/Central Asia logistics cost report (June 2026)

Note: Due to the country's statistical transparency limitations, some detailed data for Turkmenistan uses estimates from FAO and World Bank models, which have been marked in the corresponding cards. China market price data is based on the latest public quotations in July 2026.

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