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FERTILIZER STATISTICS OVERVIEW **NIGERIA** 2017 - 2021

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Background Information

- Overview of fertilizer statistics in Nigeria from 2017 – 2021.
- Emphasis is on 2021, and each analysis is based on the products with higher quantities.
- Official trade data obtained from the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) and Nigeria Ports Authority (NPA) as well as production and exports data from private sector
- Validated by Fertilizer Technical Working Group – Nigeria (FTWG-NGA).
- 2021 data validated from 28th February – 1st March, 2022.

Fertilizer Production

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HS Code	Product	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3102100000	Urea	1,420,325	1,595,935	1,473,858	1,435,193	2,701,279
3103100000	SSP	-	-	-	-	-
Total (mt)		1,420,325	1,595,935	1,473,858	1,435,193	2,701,279

Comments

- There is primary production of granulated Urea fertilizer in Nigeria by Notore Chemical Industries PLC, Indorama Fertilizers & Chemical, both are located at Onne, River State and Dangote Fertilizer Limited located in Lagos.
- There was an 88% increase in Urea production in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Notore took over from NAFCON in 2005 and started production of Urea. Indorama's train 1 started production in June 2016 while train 2 started production in 2021. Dangote's train 1 also started production in 2021 and plans to commence train 2 production in 2022. This explains the increment in Urea production in 2021.
- There is also production of SSP but it has been on hold since 2016.
- The number of companies who participated in the fertilizer blending program increased from 31 in 2020 to 52 in 2021.

Fertilizer Plants in Nigeria



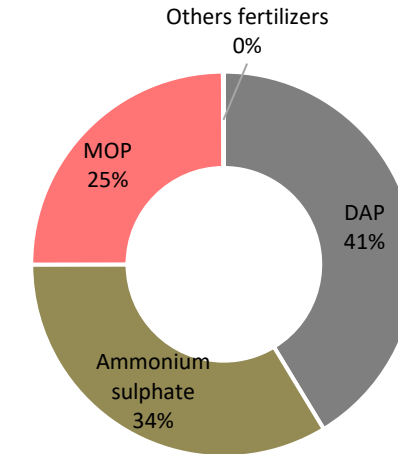
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Fertilizer Import

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HS Code	Fertilizer Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3105300000	DAP	102,770	92,956	56,800	168,181	292,158
3102210000	Ammonium sulphate	40,248	17,700	41,533	49,056	237,869
3104200000	MOP	121,846	95,373	29,275	199,733	176,291
3105200000	NPK	399,949	351,821	1,785	1,016	27
3105510000	NP compounds	96,984	111,500	-	-	-
3102100000	Urea	12	-	-	-	-
	Others fertilizers	42,285	48,101	2,064	11,316	576
Total (mt)		804,093	717,450	131,458	429,303	706,922

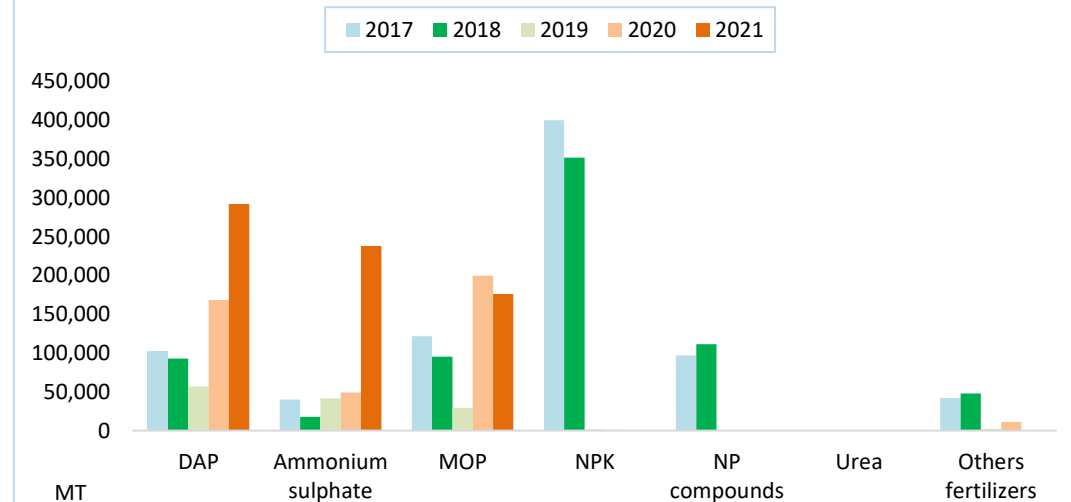
TOP IMPORTED FERTILIZERS 2021



Comments

- Official fertilizer imports to Nigeria increased by 65% from 2020 to 2021.
- There was a restriction on forex, on fertilizers and a ban on imported NPK 15-15-15 in Nigeria from Q4 of 2018, which affected the importation in 2019. Nigeria is now importing raw materials to enable the local NPK industry.
- There was a restructuring in the modalities of the PFI in 2020, from the allocation process to demand driven based on capacities (finance, ability to blend) of fertilizer companies.
- The number of blending plants increased from 31 in 2020 to 52 at the end of 2021.
- There was a restriction on importation of Urea from 2016 which accounts for the drop or nonexistence of Urea imports from 2017. Urea producers in the country currently produces more than what is consumed locally.

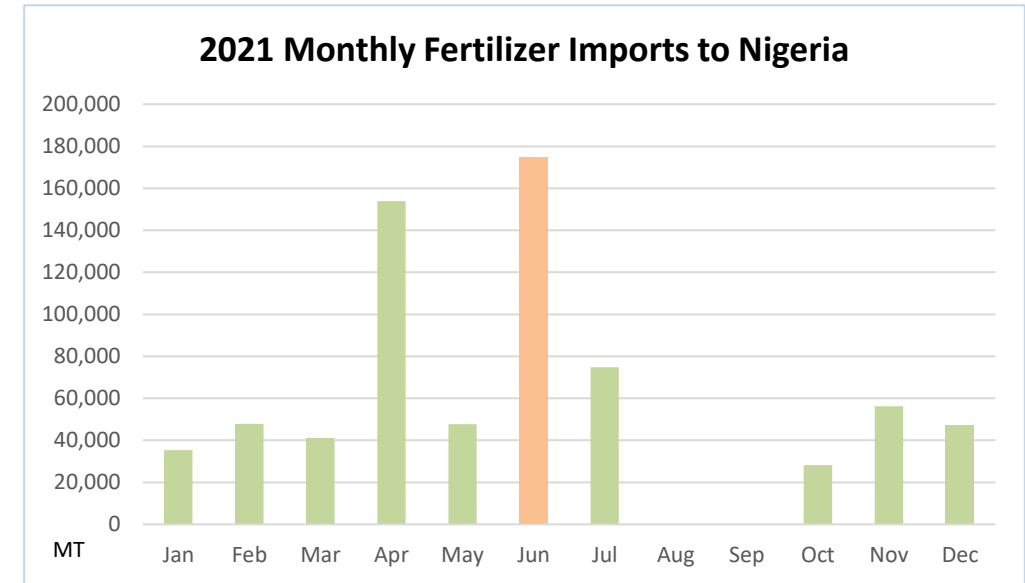
TOP FERTILIZER IMPORTS PER YEAR



Fertilizer Monthly Import

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Quarter	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Q1	191,629	204,513	6,486	123,248	124,059
Q2	316,803	308,218	35,938	157,117	376,272
Q3	196,992	183,020	45,284	78,202	74,735
Q4	98,670	21,699	43,749	70,736	131,857
Total (mt)	804,093	717,450	131,458	429,303	706,922



Comments

- In 2021, most of the DAP, Ammonium sulphate and MOP fertilizers imported were recorded in the second quarter.
- 71% of the Fertilizers imported was recorded in the first half of the year (500,330mt).
- Looking at the crop calendar, fertilizer peak demand is mostly at the first half of the year.

Crop Calendar

SEASON	CROPS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Major Season (Long Rains)	Cassava (South)					◆	◆	◆	■	■	■	■	■
	Maize (North main*)					◆	◆	◆	■	■			
	Maize (South main*)			◆	◆	◆	■	■	■	■			
	Millet						◆	◆	■	■	■		
	Sorghum				◆	◆	◆	■	■	■	■		
	Rice				◆	◆	◆	■	■	■	■		
	Yams		◆	◆	◆	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Minor Season (Short Rains)	Cassava, Maize, Millet, Sorghum, Rice, Yams	◆	◆	■	■	■	■					◆	◆

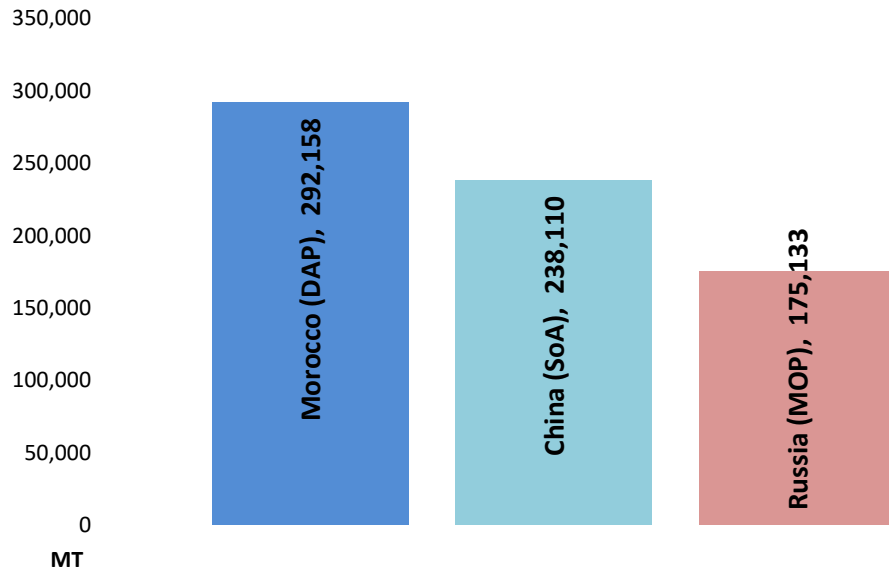
Key: ◆ Fertilizer Peak Demand ■ Sowing ■ Growing ■ Harvest

Source : FAO/GIEWS

Fertilizer Origins

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TOP 3 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



Countries of Origin	Morocco	China	Russia	Other Countries
DAP	100%	-	-	-
Ammonium sulphate	-	100%	-	-
MOP	-	-	99%	1%
Others	-	40%	-	60%

Others include about 600mt of Organic fertilizers, MAP and potash fertilizers.



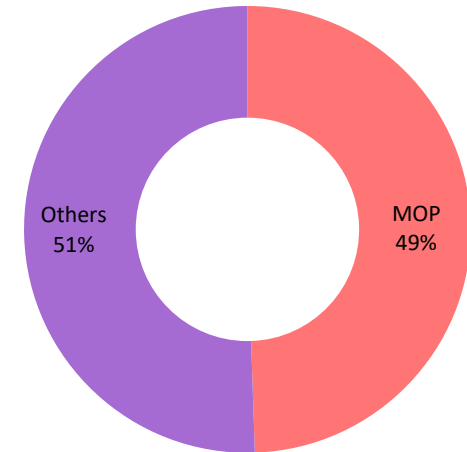
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Agricultural and Non-agricultural Uses

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Usage	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Volume (MT)	%	Volume (MT)	%	Volume (MT)	%	Volume (MT)	%	Volume (MT)	%
Agriculture	804,093	99%	717,450	99%	131,458	96%	429,303	98%	706,922	98%
Industrial/Mines	4,588	1%	5,209	1%	5,188	4%	9,090	2%	13,401	2%
Total (mt)	808,682	100%	722,659	100%	136,645	100%	438,393	100%	720,322	100%

2021 NON FERTILIZER USE



Comments

- Some products can be used for both agricultural and industrial purposes depending on the importer. Imports that are not used for agricultural purposes are captured as non-Agricultural use even if they are fertilizers
- Above is a table that shows the product usage between agricultural use and non-agricultural use over the years.
- Averagely 2% of the fertilizer products imported are used for industrial purposes.

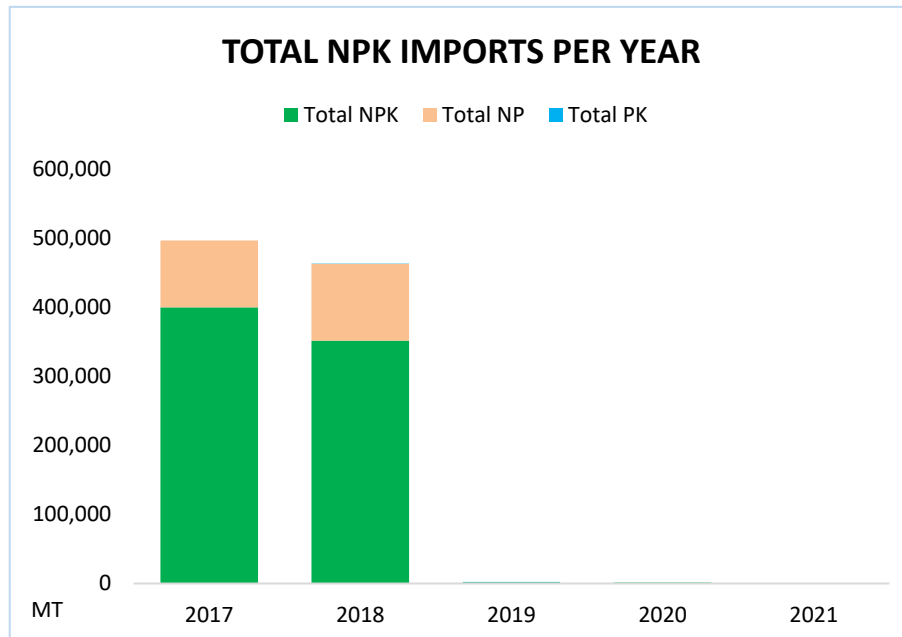
NPK Import Analysis

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Fertilizer Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total NPK	399,949	351,821	1,785	1,016	27
Total NP	96,984	111,500	-	-	-
Total NK	-	-	-	-	-
Total PK	-	421	25	-	-
Total (mt)	496,933	463,742	1,810	1,016	27

90% of NPK volumes locally blended in 2020

NPK Fertilizers	2020
NPK 20-10-10	638,146
NPK 15-15-15	37,972
NPK 27-13-13	12,141
NPK 12-12-17	1,465
Others (Special Blends)	12,845
Total (mt)	702,569



Comments

- Due to the import ban in 2018, NPK importation reduced from 2019 .
- Using imported MOP and DAP together with locally manufactured Urea, more than 700,000mt of NPKs were blended to serve farmers in 2020.
- Blended NPK volumes in 2021 are not yet available.

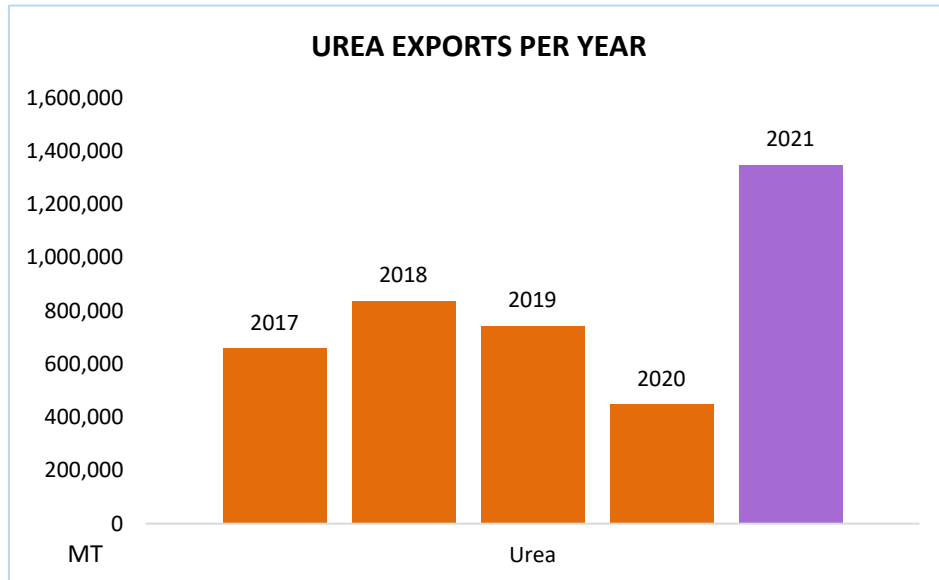


NPK Blend

Fertilizer Exports

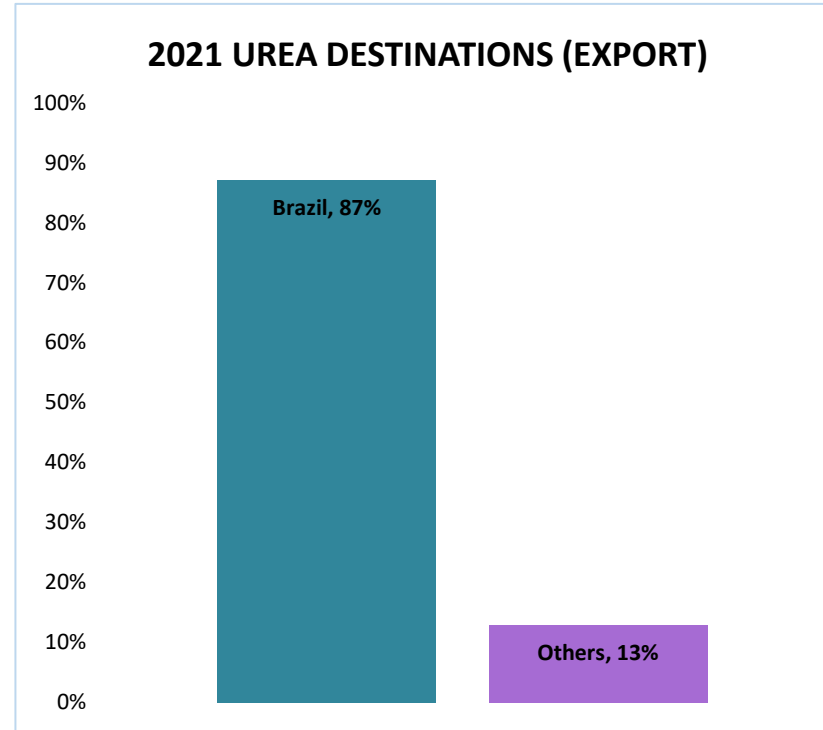
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HS Code	Fertilizer Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3102100000	Urea	659,603	837,436	743,707	446,850	1,348,924



Comments

- Increase in production capacities and volumes in 2021 saw urea exports increase by 202% from 2020.
- Brazil continues to be the exports destination for Nigerian Urea as 79% of the Urea was exported there in 2020 and 87% in 2021.



Urea

Why more export outside West Africa

- Most West African markets are prilled urea markets.
- Low demand in West Africa which makes freight rates high.
- There are bottlenecks in road transport.
- Most West Africa markets are tender markets, and it is stated as prilled urea.
- It is more profitable to export to outside Africa.

Fertilizer Apparent Consumption

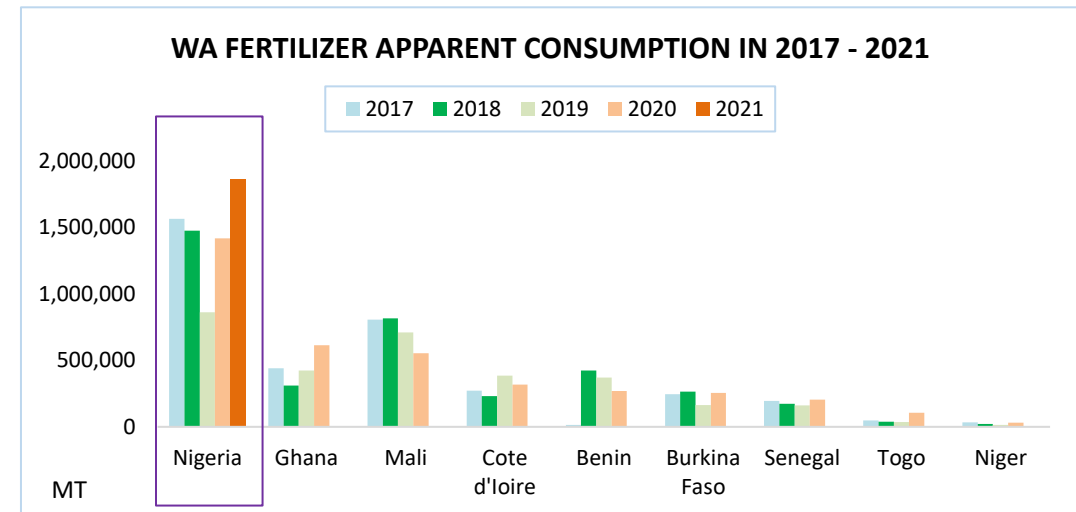
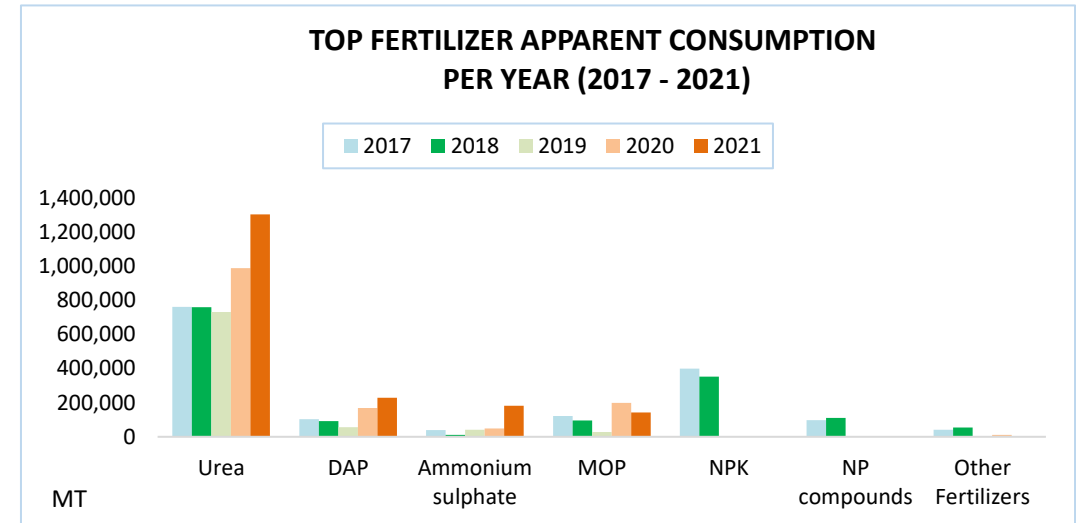
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HS Code	Fertilizer Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
3102100000	Urea	760,734	758,499	730,151	988,343	1,303,423
3105300000	DAP	102,770	92,956	56,800	168,181	229,588
3102210000	Ammonium sulphate	40,248	12,022	41,533	49,056	182,845
3104200000	MOP	121,846	95,373	29,275	199,733	142,846
3105200000	NPK	399,949	351,821	1,785	1,016	27
3105510000	NP compounds	96,984	111,500	-	-	-
	Other Fertilizers	42,285	53,779	2,064	11,316	576
Total (mt)		1,564,816	1,475,950	861,609	1,417,646	1,859,306

Comments

- There was a 31% increase in apparent consumption from 2020 to 2021.
- The apparent consumption in 2021 was 1,859,306mt after a carry over of 199,971mt from 2021 into 2022 was subtracted.
- Restructuring of the PFI, increase in the number of blending plants, increase in production capacities, etc contributed to the increase in apparent consumption.

NB: Apparent consumption = Production + Imports – Exports – Non Fertilizer Use – [Carry over stock](#)



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Summary of 2021 Fertilizer Statistics

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New HS Code	Product Name	Production	Total Import	Export	Fertilizer Import	Industrial	Carry over from 2021	2021 Apparent Consumption
3102100000	Urea	2,701,279	-	1,348,924	-	-	48,932	1,303,423
3105300000	DAP		292,158		292,158		62,570	229,588
3102210000	Ammonium sulphate		237,869		237,869		55,024	182,845
3104200000	MOP		182,921		176,291	6,630	33,445	142,846
3101000000	Organic fertilizer		358		358			358
3105400000	MAP		210		210			210
3105200000	NPK		27		27			27
3104900000	Other potash fertilizer		11		9	3		9
2510100000	Phosphate rock		1,474			1,474		-
2814200000	Ammonium hydroxide		4,422			4,422		-
3102300000	Ammonium nitrate		365			365		-
3102500000	Sodium nitrate		507			507		-
Total (mt)		2,701,279	720,322	1,348,924	706,922	13,401	199,971	1,859,306

Comments

In 2021;

- Urea production was 2,701,279mt, an 88% increase from 2020
- There was increase in production capacity.
- Total fertilizer import was 706,922mt, a 65% increase from 2020 import.
- 2019 import of 131,458mt is the lowest since 2010.
- Urea export from Nigeria increased by 202% from 2020.
- Fertilizer apparent consumption increased by 31% from 2020.
- Using imported MOP and DAP together with locally manufactured Urea, more than 700,000mt of NPKs were blended to serve farmers in 2020.
- Blended NPK volumes in 2021 are not yet available.

- Urea production data from the FTWG does not reflect on the improvement of granular Urea use in West Africa.
- There is the need to recognize emerging acceptance of granular Urea in West Africa and the need of granular Urea manufacturers to intensify their sales effort in West Africa.
- The Nigeria fertilizer market has changed from imported NPK to domestic NPK blends. The data on carry over is currently focused on raw materials.
- There is the need to collect NPK (volumes blended and carry over) data to build a better understanding of the NPK apparent consumption.
- There is the need to track limestone and other fillers data as part of FTWG. This is because locally blended NPKs contain about 26% of fillers.

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