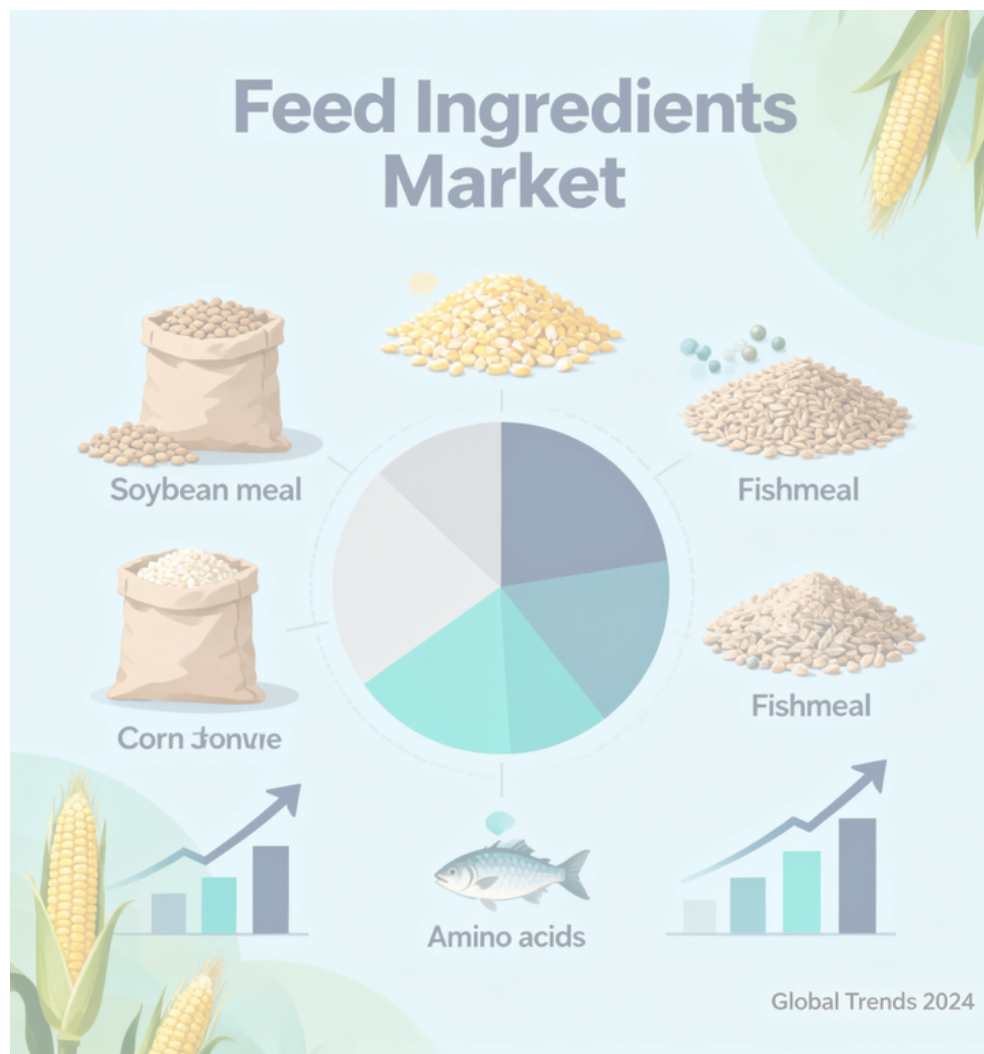


GCC Feed Ingredients Market Intelligence Report (2025)

Connecting Farmers with Industry

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In Saudi Arabia, which represents the largest poultry feed market in the region, poultry production has reached approx. 1.5–1.6 million tons annually, creating a feed demand of nearly 7–8 millions tons per

Corn and Soybean Imports Dominate GCC Feed Supply

year. Major integrated companies such as Almarai, Al Watania, Fakieh, and Tanmiah dominate the sector, while government initiatives under Vision 2030 aim to increase poultry self-sufficiency to about 80%. As a result, demand for high-quality feed ingredients and performance-enhancing additives continues to grow. The United Arab Emirates represents an important regional trading and distribution hub for feed ingredients. Although domestic poultry production is smaller compared with Saudi Arabia, the UAE imports significant quantities of corn and soybean meal to



Saudi Arabia Leads GCC Poultry Feed Market with 7–8 MMT Demand

support poultry, dairy, and aquaculture industries. Feed demand in the UAE is estimated at around 1.8–2.0 million tons annually. Companies in the country increasingly focus on advanced feed technologies, precision nutrition, and specialty additives to improve animal performance and feed efficiency. In Oman, the poultry sector is gradually expanding, with companies such as A'Saffa Foods and Oman Poultry playing key roles in domestic production. Feed demand is estimated at approximately 600–700 thousand tons annually, with corn and soybean meal forming the core ingredients. The country is also investing in aquaculture development, which is expected to further increase demand for specialized feed ingredients and nutritional solutions in the coming years.

The poultry industry in Qatar has grown significantly following the 2017 regional blockade, which prompted strong government support for local food production. Companies such as Baladna have expanded poultry and dairy operations, resulting in an estimated feed demand of around 450–500 thousand tons annually. Qatar continues to rely heavily on imported feed ingredients, but ongoing investments in feed mills and livestock production are strengthening the country's food security strategy. Similarly, Kuwait

maintains a smaller but stable poultry sector with high dependence on imported feed ingredients. The country's annual feed demand is estimated at approximately 350–400 thousand tons. Poultry companies such as Kuwait United Poultry contribute to domestic production, although most feed raw materials—including corn and soybean meal—are imported through international suppliers.

Across the GCC region, the feed ingredient market is influenced by several global factors, including fluctuations in grain prices, geopolitical tensions affecting shipping routes, and disruptions in global supply chains. Despite these challenges, the outlook for the region remains positive, driven by population growth, increasing consumption of animal protein, and government policies aimed at improving food security. These trends create opportunities for companies like Ringriedienst to expand technical services, supply innovative feed ingredients, and support feed manufacturers and livestock producers with advanced nutritional solutions.

Feed Ingredient Imports Cover Over 90% of GCC

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