

Saudi Arabia's production of coffee exceeds 800 tons annually

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On the occasion of International Coffee Day, the Ministry of Environment, Water, and Agriculture affirmed that the Kingdom hosts more than 2,535 coffee farms in the Southern Region, including over 500 model coffee farms.

The ministry stressed its commitment to increasing coffee production as part of crops with high economic returns.

The ministry aims to make 15 provinces in the southwestern part of the Kingdom a significant source of Saudi Arabian coffee, specifically the Arabica type known for its quality compared to other types. This effort aims to boost coffee production in Saudi Arabia in support of the national economy, in line with the goals of Saudi Vision 2030.

The ministry also emphasised the launch of several initiatives and programs to develop coffee cultivation, including the support provided by the Sustainable Agricultural Rural Development Program (REF) to enhance the production,

manufacturing, and marketing of Arabica coffee. Additionally, the Ministry has signed an investment agreement to establish the Kingdom's first coffee city.

The Kingdom has included coffee on the UNESCO list of intangible cultural heritage.

With the support directed by the wise leadership, the term "Saudi Coffee" replaced "Arabic Coffee," and the Year of Saudi Coffee was commemorated in 2022.

Moreover, the Public Investment Fund (PIF) has been directed to launch the Saudi Coffee Company to invest in this vital sector, given its special significance among Saudi guests.