

Production and Export

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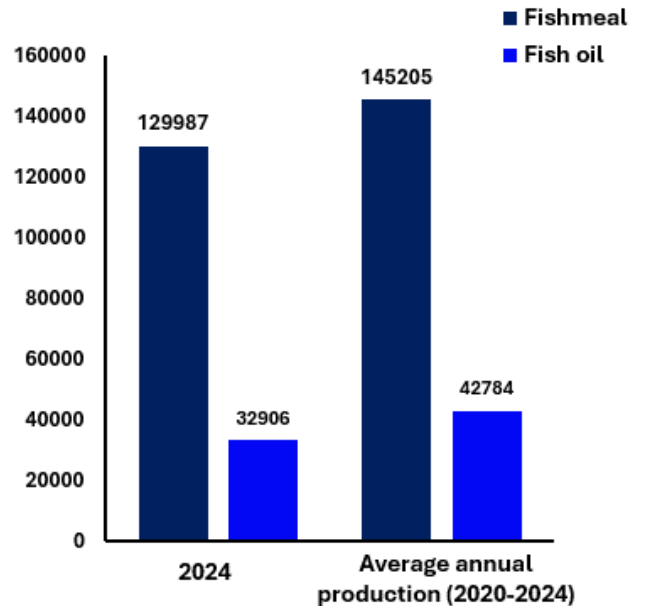
Fishmeal and fish oil are valuable marine ingredients

primarily used in aquaculture feed and subsequently to healthy food products. Approximately 22% of the total value of Danish fish product exports comes from fishmeal and fish oil.

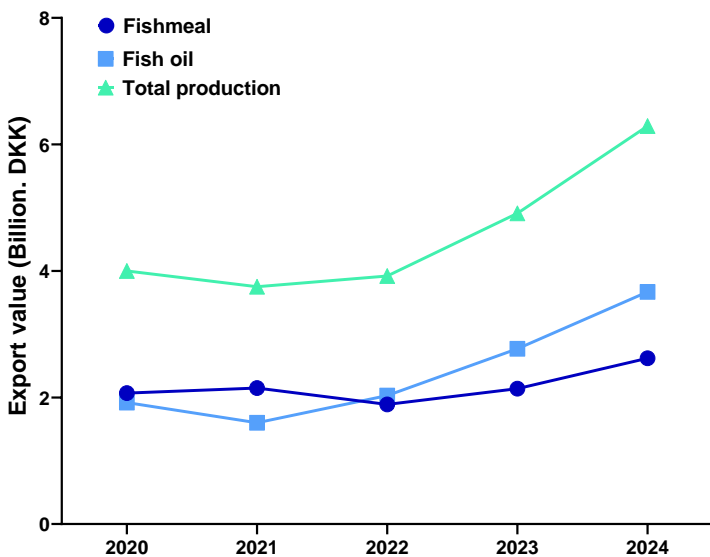
The producers' raw materials include short-lived fish species such as sandeel, blue whiting, and sprat, which accounted for 56% of Danish fisheries in 2024. **The industry purchases fish worth approximately DKK 1.2 billion (EUR 160 million) annually from Danish and foreign vessels.** In 2024, the distribution between Danish and foreign landings was 52.4% and 47.6%, respectively.

Additionally, factories annually purchase 100,000 - 160,000 tons of side streams and trimmings from the food fishery, making up **about 25% of the total raw materials. This supports the circular economy.**

Since 2020, Denmark has produced an average of **145,205 tons of fishmeal and 42,784 tons of fish oil per year**, making Denmark the leading producer in the EU.



Export



In 2024, fishmeal and fish oil exports amounted to **approximately DKK 6 billion (EUR 804 million)** to markets worldwide. These high-value products are in high international demand.

In 2024, **fishmeal** was exported to 46 countries, with a total value of **DKK 2.61 billion (EUR 350 million)**. **Fish oil** exports in the same year reached 36 countries, amounting to **DKK 3.67 billion (EUR 493 million)**.

In 2024, Denmark was the **world's 6th largest exporter of fishmeal and the 4th largest exporter of fish oil**. Approximately 22% of the total value of Danish fish product exports comes from fishmeal and fish oil.

Export by country

<i>Export fishmeal, (x 1,000 tonnes)</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2020-2024)
Norway	62,01	76,25	52,21	67,35	85,16	68,60
China	26,37	15,01	9,07	7,32	7,83	13,12
UK	6,44	10,91	10,19	7,67	11,34	9,31
Canada	7,40	7,68	5,96	5,73	6,28	6,61
Italy	9,32	10,80	8,50	6,57	7,84	8,61
Poland	9,01	7,91	4,60	4,65	4,80	6,19
Greece	14,63	1,83	3,94	3,89	5,55	5,97
Germany	7,17	1,01	7,19	5,97	4,92	5,25
Australia	6,65	6,80	4,82	1,28	1,73	4,26
Taiwan	4,80	4,68	4,43	3,64	2,64	4,04
Other countries	40,01	47,60	32,73	38,83	34,91	38,82

<i>Export fish oil, (x 1,000 tonnes)</i>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2020-2024)
Norway	116,30	99,82	83,36	81,01	90,35	94,17
UK	16,26	16,24	15,53	9,78	15,59	14,68
Greece	6,57	2,71	1,59	0,34	1,33	2,51
Gibraltar	0,00	0,00	3,24	1,80	0,00	1,01
Poland	1,17	1,34	1,15	0,81	0,55	1,01
Canada	1,37	1,96	0,27	1,03	0,34	0,99
Netherlands	1,50	1,31	1,09	0,60	0,07	0,91
Germany	0,68	1,44	1,31	0,44	0,07	0,79
Faroes	3,50	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,02	0,70
Australia	0,32	0,00	0,00	1,53	0,00	0,37
Other countries	1,60	1,41	0,96	1,33	2,95	1,65

