

Production and Export

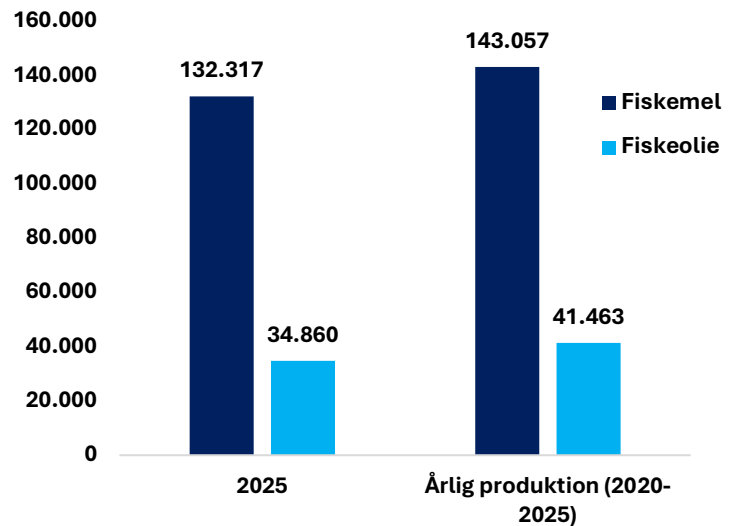
Production

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.

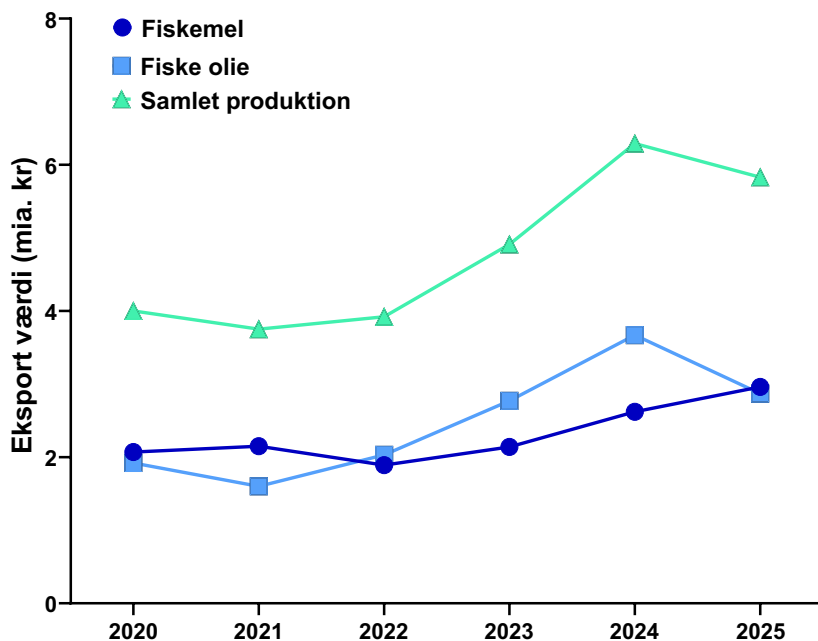
The producers' raw materials include short-lived fish species such as sandeel, blue whiting, and sprat, which accounted for 59% of Danish fisheries in 2025.

The industry purchases fish worth approximately DKK 1.5 billion (EUR 201 million) annually from Danish and foreign vessels. In 2025, the distribution between Danish and foreign landings was 58.6% and 41.4%, respectively.

Additionally, factories annually purchase 100,000 - 160,000 tons of side streams and trimmings from the food fishery, making up **in average 25% of the total raw materials from 2020 to 2025. This supports the circular economy.**



Export



In 2024, fishmeal and fish oil exports amounted to **approximately DKK 5.8 billion (EUR 776 million)** to markets worldwide. These high-value products are in high international demand.

In 2025, **fishmeal** was exported to 40 countries, with a total value of **DKK 2.96 billion (EUR 396 million)**. **Fish oil** exports in the same year reached 36 countries, amounting to **DKK 2.87 billion (EUR 384 million)**.

In 2024, Denmark was the **world's 5th largest exporter of fishmeal and the 2nd 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>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Average (2021-2025)</i>
Norway	76,25	52,21	67,35	85,16	127,82	81,76
Great Britain	15,01	9,07	7,32	7,83	13,55	10,56
China	10,91	10,19	7,67	11,34	7,73	9,57
Canada	10,80	8,50	6,57	7,84	6,81	8,10
Italy	7,68	5,96	5,73	6,28	6,56	6,44
Greece	1,83	3,94	3,89	5,55	5,67	4,17
Germany	1,01	7,19	5,97	4,92	8,80	5,58
Poland	7,91	4,60	4,65	4,80	3,81	5,15
Sweden	4,68	4,43	3,64	2,64	2,72	3,62
Taiwan	6,80	4,82	1,28	1,73	2,63	3,45
Other countries	42,92	28,30	35,19	32,27	26,60	33,06

<i>Export fish oil, (x 1,000 tonnes)</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>Average (2021-2025)</i>
Norway	99,82	83,36	81,01	90,35	114,68	93,84
Great Britain	16,24	15,53	9,78	15,59	14,65	14,36
Greece	2,71	1,59	0,34	1,33	0,13	1,22
Gibraltar	0,00	3,24	1,80	0,00	0,00	1,01
Canada	1,96	0,27	1,03	0,34	0,35	0,79
Poland	1,34	1,15	0,81	0,55	0,06	0,78
The Netherlands	1,31	1,09	0,60	0,07	0,39	0,69
Germany	1,44	1,31	0,44	0,07	0,13	0,68
Faroe Islands	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,02	3,00	0,60
France & Monaco	0,69	0,22	0,27	0,00	0,00	0,24
Other countries	0,72	0,74	2,58	2,95	0,69	1,54



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