

Gum arabic market report

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Gum market in Chad by Akouane Djabr 

In **Chad**, the gum arabic harvest has given way to the work of the cereal fields. Inventories are now all at the level of exporters who send their stocks gradually.

The rainy season is now well established with convincing signs for the 2018-2019 gum arabic campaign. In all gum arabic producing regions the first weeks of the new season recorded heavy rains. Seyal and Senegal acacias have resumed their leaves and tapping wounds are healing little by little.

In the Gu ra, the producers became aware of the interest of assisted natural regeneration, which according to them is inexpensive and easily applicable. Throughout the region, young shoots of Senegal Acacia are protected. These new practices allow local stakeholders to realize that there is a large population of these acacias in the area. The groups, individual producers and traditional chiefs have thus undertaken the protection of young plants against animal diversions with the construction of thorny fences as well as the making of half-moons for the retention of rainwater.

Gum market in Mali by Ousmane Moctar N'Diaye

In **Mali**, the gum market is calm because stocks are exhausted and buyers have withdrawn from the market. There is no more gum extraction: the rains have started and the agricultural production campaign has spread everywhere. The remaining stocks are mostly pending delivery.

On the producer side, the Bankass cooperative (Mopti region) begins its activities with the distribution of seeds to producers. It provides training for producers in gum production techniques. This organisation, which was founded in 2017, received financial support from the French Embassy in Mali.

In addition, the total production of gum arabic is estimated at 14,850 tonnes and is up sharply from last season's crop of 4,500 tonnes.

Given the low level of stocks and current demand, the gum market was not expected to change significantly until the next season.

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