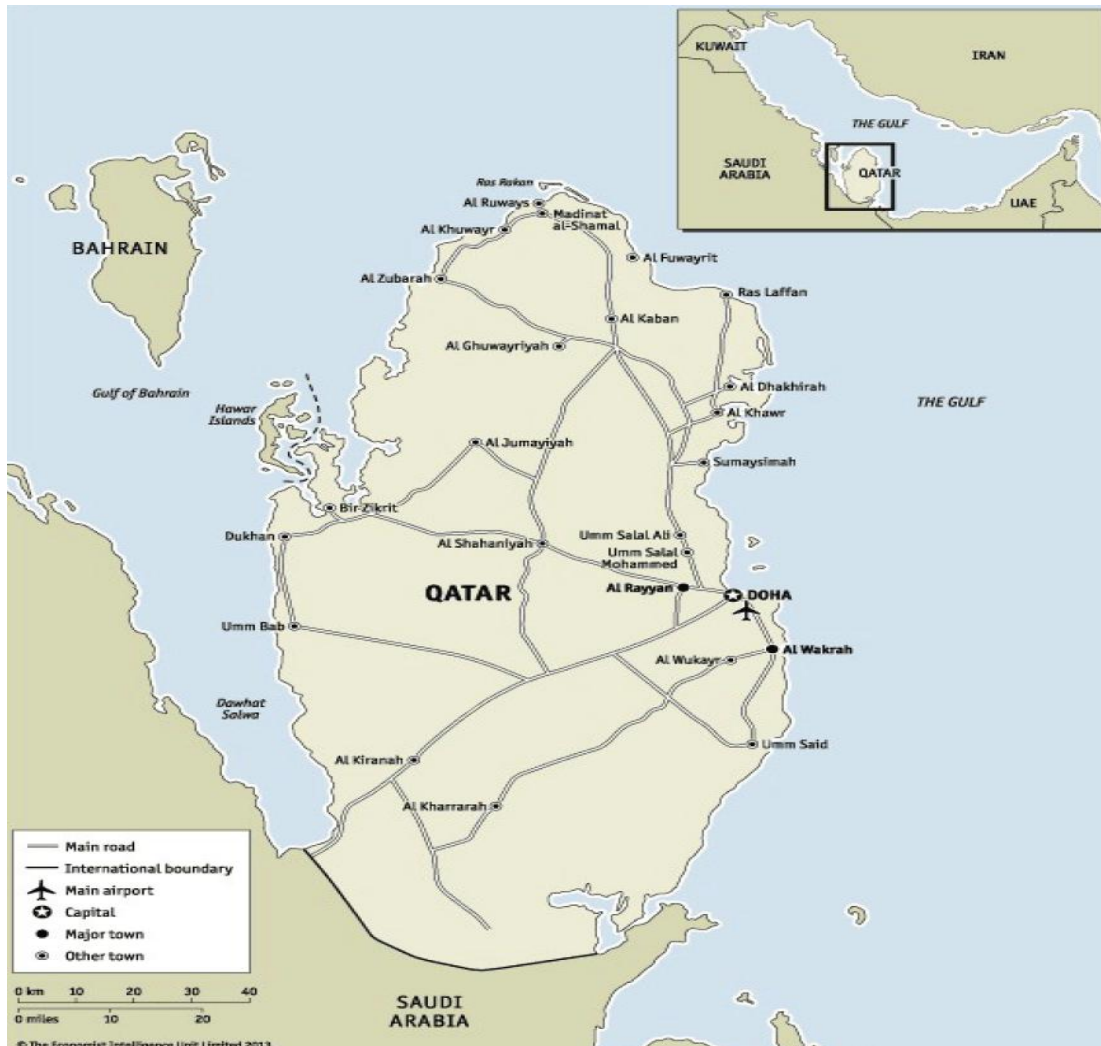


Brief: Qatar

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1. COUNTRY'S SNAPSHOT¹

Area: 11 521 km²

Population: 1.7 mil (End 2011)

Languages: Arabic, English widely used

Capital: Doha

Weights and Measure: UK (imperial) and Metric system

Currency: Qatari riyal (QR) = 100 dirhams. Exchange rate pegged at QR3.64:US\$1

Time: Three hours ahead of GMT.

Head of State: Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani, succeeded to the throne in June 95

Minister of Business & Trade: Jassem bin Abdel_Aziz al-Thani

¹ Country Report Qatar – March 2013. Economist Intelligence Unit

2. QATAR'S ECONOMY²

The GDP at market exchange rate was US\$194.4 billion in 2012, with a real growth rate of 5.8%. Estimated consumer inflation was 1.9% in 2012. The budget surplus is estimated at 8.3 % of GDP in 2012/13 and is expected to stay on average at 4% for the period up to 2016/17. The GDP per head (US \$ at market exchange rate) is estimated at \$105 824 in 2012, that is one of the highest GDP per capita rates for a country in the world. Table 1 indicates the major exports and imports of Qatar in 2011.

Table 1: Major exports and imports in 2011

Exports	%	Imports	%
Crude oil	15.9	Machinery & mechanical appliances	26.1
Liquefied natural gas	34.4	Base metals	18.8
Petrochemicals	31.1	Vehicles & other transport equipment	14.2
Natural gas liquids	3.6	Food products	6.6

3. AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENTS³

Qatar has no bilateral agricultural agreements with SA.

4. QATAR'S IMPORTS FROM THE WORLD⁴

Table 2 indicates the top 30 imports of agricultural, forestry and fisheries products by Qatar from the world. It is noted that lumber; doors & frames; books, brochures & leaflets are the only forestry products amongst the top 30 imports from the world. No fishery products are represented under the top 30 imports from the world.

Table 2: Top 30 imports of agricultural, forestry and fisheries products by Qatar from the world (Array based on 2011 - R'000)

HS Code	Product description	2009	2010	2011
'100630	Rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	775227	751800	685988
'010410	Sheep, live	572077	559630	562087
'020712	Fowls (gallus domesticus), whole, frozen	422979	393916	482530
'020714	Fowls (gallus domesticus), cuts & offal, frozen	313790	283066	367625
'240220	Cigarettes containing tobacco	191978	159279	291067
'210690	Food preparations nes	202453	248338	283071
'020230	Bovine cuts boneless, frozen	136376	174241	215386
'440710	Lumber, coniferous (softwood) 6 mm and thicker	171484	155008	207585
'040291	Milk and cream unsweetened, nes	176319	161531	198632
'020130	Bovine cuts boneless, fresh or chilled	107090	107359	175910
'100110	Durum wheat		58	166469
'070990	Vegetables, fresh or chilled nes	126448	146255	162953
'220210	Waters incl mineral&aeratd,containg sugar o sweeteng matter o flavourd	141502	121345	161953
'441820	Doors and their frames and thresholds, of wood	52948	100756	138152
'070200	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	128215	186631	131365
'180690	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa nes	90677	94853	126964

² Country Forecast Qatar – March 2013. Economist Intelligence Unit t

³ Directorate AAEMER - DAFF

⁴ Source: Trade Map - Mirror data

'100190	Wheat nes and meslin	100	19452	114193
'010190	Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies (excl. pure-bred for breeding)	27942	82456	111634
'490199	Books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, nes	90320	92936	102538
'040221	Milk and cream powder unsweetened exceeding 1.5% fat	93148	66146	86934
'151529	Maize (corn) oil and its fractions,refined but not chemically modified	76843	18118	86833
'190110	Prep of cereals,flour,starch/milk f infant use,put up f retail sale	72065	82821	86388
'040630	Cheese processed, not grated or powdered	92609	102382	84568
'190531	Sweet biscuits	87882	59098	83849
'190590	Communion wafers,empty cachets f pharm use&sim prod&bakers' wares nes	75391	73361	83101
'220421	Grape wines nes,incl fort&grape must,unfermtd by add alc in ctrn</=2l	44173	49923	82296
'020410	Lamb carcasses and half carcasses, fresh or chilled	8169	37023	76249
'220110	Mineral&aerated waters not cntg sugar or sweeteng matter nor flavoured	52766	55017	74919
'040690	Cheese nes	79588	55797	74832
'210390	Sauces and preparations nes and mixed condiments and mixed seasonings	56523	51679	66549

5. SOUTH AFRICA'S TRADE WITH QATAR ⁵

5.1 Trade Balance for all products traded between SA and Qatar

Table 3 indicates that for the period 2010 to 2012, SA had a trade deficit for trade in all products with Qatar. Major products that Qatar has exported to SA are: mineral fuel, fertilizer and aluminium.

Table 3: Trade balance for all products between Qatar and SA (R 'million)

Total Trade	2009	2010	2011
SA exports to Qatar	149.0	161.7	340.0
SA imports from Qatar	898.3	1 893.9	1 633.6
Trade deficit for SA	- 749.3	- 1 732.2	- 1 293.6

5.2 Trade Balance for agricultural, forestry and fisheries products traded between SA and Qatar

Table 4 indicates that for the period 2010 to 2012, SA had a trade surplus in agricultural, forestry and fisheries products traded with Qatar. During this period the imports of agricultural, forestry and fisheries products by SA from Qatar were less than R600 000 a year.

Table 4: Agricultural, forestry and fisheries trade balance between Qatar and SA (R 'million)

Agri/Fish/Forest Trade	2010	2011	2012
SA exports to Qatar	54.2	61.6	69.0
SA imports from Qatar	0.1	0.6	0.1
Trade surplus in favour of SA	54.1	61.0	68.9

⁵ Source: WTA Revised data

5.3 Agricultural, forestry and fisheries products traded between SA and Qatar

Table 5 indicate the agricultural, forestry and fisheries products with a value over R400 000 that SA has exported to Qatar. Total imports from Qatar of agricultural, forestry and fisheries products were less than R100 000 in 2012.

Table 5: Export of Agricultural, Forestry and Fisheries Products from SA to Qatar with a value over R 400 000 (R 'million – Array based on 2011)

HS Code	Product	2010	2011	2012
Total	Agri/Fish/Forest Products	54.2	61.6	69.0
080510	Oranges, Fresh	14.7	23.8	24.0
080550	Lemons And Limes, Fresh Or Dried	4.4	8.5	10.5
080610	Grapes, Fresh	4.6	5.0	8.3
210390	Sauces And Preparations Therefor, Nesoi; Mixed Con	1.1	4.2	3.9
170490	Sugar Confectionary (Including White Chocolate), N	1.0	1.9	3.8
060319	Fresh Cut Flowers And Flower Buds Of A Kind Suitab	0.6	1.3	2.4
080520	Mandarins (Including Tangerines And Satsumas); Cle	0.9	0.4	1.3
080810	Apples, Fresh	3.7	0.3	1.3
220421	Wine Of Fresh Grapes (Other Than Sparkling Wine) A	1.1	1.9	1.1
210690	Food Preparations Nesoi	0.1	0.2	1.1
080930	Peaches, Including Nectarines, Fresh	1.7	0.9	0.9
020130	Meat Of Bovine Animals, Boneless, Fresh Or Chilled	0.2	0.2	0.9
180631	Chocolate And Other Cocoa Preparations In Blocks,	0.0	0.0	0.8
200870	Peaches, Prepared Or Preserved, Whether Or Not Con	0.5	0.6	0.7
080940	Plums, Prune Plums And Sloes, Fresh	0.1	0.7	0.6
080620	Grapes, Dried (Including Raisins)	0.0	0.0	0.6
200990	Mixtures Of Juices, Fruit And/Or Vegetable, Unferm	0.3	0.3	0.5
080910	Apricots, Fresh	0.3	0.6	0.5
190420	Prepared Foods Obtained From Unroasted Cereal Flak	0.1	0.1	0.5
020120	Meat Of Bovine Animals, Cuts With Bone In (Other T	2.0	1.0	0.5