

# Editor's Note

Dear readers,

In September - October 2018 edition, we bring to our readers' exclusive reports on Dates. Pakistan is one of the largest Dates producers in the world. Most of the country's produce comes from Sindh, where date farming is spread over 92,000 acres. More than 200 varieties of the fruit are grown in the province. Nearly 70 % of the province's cultivation is done in Khairpur district, around 450 kilometers from Karachi, due to suitable climate.

Gulfood Manufacturing 2018, the region's biggest food and beverage processing industry event, which takes place at Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) from 6-8 November 2018. The Blockchain will aid traceability and boost the competitiveness of Gulf-based food producers.

The global demand for healthy confectionery and mini meal replacements will be center stage at Yummex Middle East, the region's dedicated event for sweets and snacks professionals, which is organized by Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) in partnership with Koelnmesse GmbH and runs from 30 October to 1 November.

Asia's premier continental fresh produce show advances on all fronts, with more business activity, strong participation in the Hall Forums, and even more high-quality visitors. Some 13,500 trade visitors poured through the doors of Hong Kong's AsiaWorld-Expo Center on 5-7 September, marking a healthy increase in attendance on last year's edition.

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