

The Critical Role Of Corn In Saudi Arabia

Beyond Food

It's a versatile resource, crucial for animal nutrition and a variety of corn-derived products enhancing daily life.

A Vital Grain

Corn isn't just a crop; it's a foundational element in Saudi Arabia's food security and economy.





Types of Corn

While field corn comprises the bulk of these imports due to its wide range of applications, sweet corn and popcorn are more specialized and likely constitute a smaller proportion of the total corn imports.



Field Corn

Livestock feed, biofuel production (ethanol), industrial products (plastics, cornstarch).



Consumed as a vegetable, either fresh, frozen, or canned.



Popcorn

Snack food, popped by heat.

Corn Environment

Saudi Arabia's agricultural sector faces challenges due to its arid climate and water scarcity, making it heavily dependent on global markets.



Corn does best with warm, sunny growing weather (75–86° F).



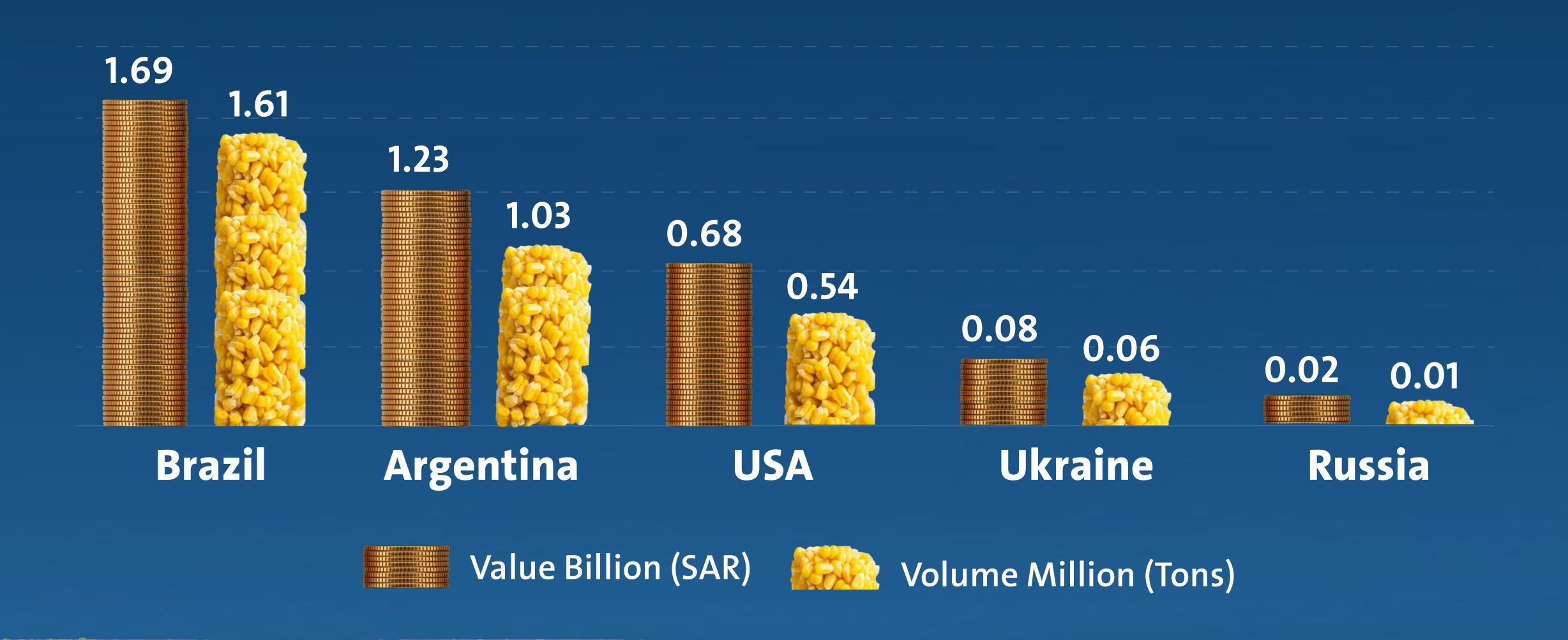
well-distributed intermittent moderate rains, or irrigation (15 or more inches during the growing season).



Supply Countries

The kingdom strategically sources corn from key global partners to maintain its supply chain stability.

KSA Supplying Countries 2023:



SALIC's Investments

Enhancing Corn Supply Stability

