

# Hazelnuts: Production & Controversies

Where do hazelnuts come from?



Hazelnuts are fruits from hazelnut trees. Depending on your habitat, hazelnuts may be known by various names such as filberts or cobnuts.

Where are Turkish hazelnuts exported?



The vast majority (70-80%) of Turkish hazelnuts are shipped to Western Europe. European companies such as Ferrero use the hazelnuts for brands such as Nutella and Kinder chocolates

How and where are hazelnuts produced?



Over 70% of all hazelnuts produced derive from the Republic of Turkey. There five steps done to produce the hazelnuts we see in desserts: Harvesting, De-husking, cleaning, drying, & cracking.

What are some controversies related to hazelnut industry?



Press media worldwide have exposed the use of child labor in Turkish hazelnut farms. Refugees and minorities are also exploited. Such groups receive wages below the minimum wage and work more than 8 hours daily, 7 days a week. Labor protection is not offered as many workers are undocumented.