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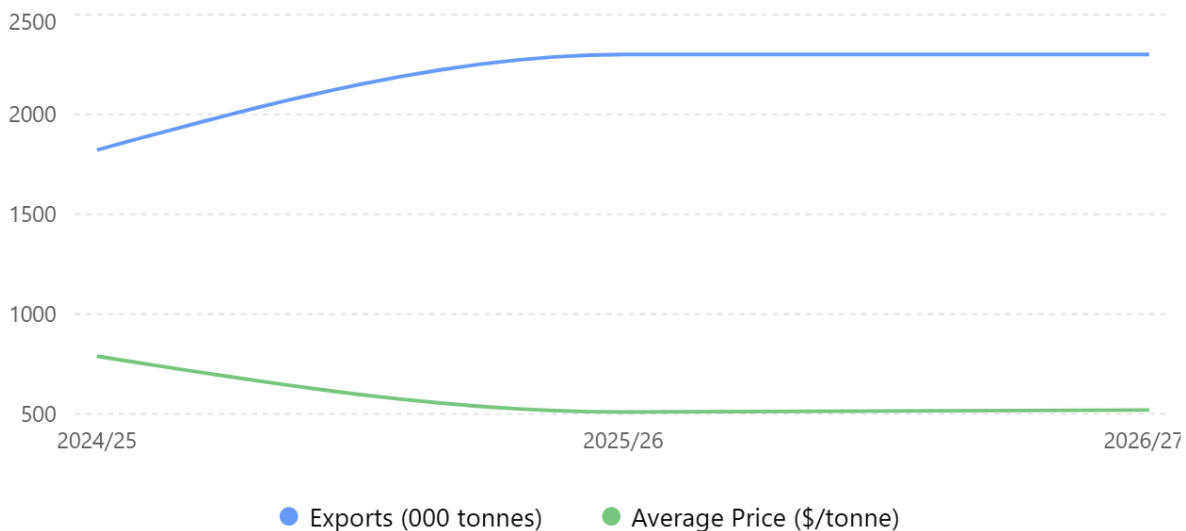
Canada Pulses Market Highlights – May 2026

The Canadian pulse sector continued to benefit from strong international demand during May, despite the presence of large carryover stocks from the record 2025 harvest. Export activity remained the primary driver of market sentiment, supported by steady purchasing from key destinations across South Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. While seeding progress across Western Canada lagged historical averages due to cool and wet spring conditions, soil moisture levels improved yield prospects for the upcoming crop and helped maintain a generally positive outlook.

Lentils remained the strongest performer within the Canadian pulse complex. Export shipments continued at an impressive pace, supported by robust demand from India, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt. Red lentils attracted the greatest buying interest, while green lentils experienced a more balanced market environment. Although large inventories continue to weigh on the broader market, slower farmer selling and uncertainty surrounding the new crop provided additional support. India remains the key factor to watch, with import demand expected to play a significant role in shaping global lentil trade throughout the remainder of 2026.

Canadian Lentils: Exports vs Average Price

AAFC and Statistics Canada data showing the relationship between export volumes and average lentil prices across recent crop years.





Chickpeas

The chickpea market also showed signs of improvement during May. Demand strengthened gradually from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and other regional buyers, supporting trade activity for both Desi and selected Kabuli varieties. While India is expected to harvest a larger chickpea crop than last season, increased buying interest from neighboring importing countries helped maintain market stability. Australian exports remain below last year's exceptional levels, but global demand continues to support overall market confidence.

Looking ahead, the Canadian pulse market is expected to remain well supplied, although production is forecast to return closer to long-term averages after the exceptionally large 2025 crop. Lentils, peas, and chickpeas entered 2026 with significantly higher inventories, making export demand the most important factor influencing market direction. Weather conditions across the Canadian Prairies, crop development during the growing season, and purchasing activity from major importing countries will remain the key indicators for the second half of the year.

For Lord Agro Trade, the current market environment continues to create valuable opportunities in export-oriented pulse markets. Strong demand from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Middle East, and North Africa, combined with Canada's reputation as a reliable supplier of high-quality pulses, supports a favorable business outlook. As global buyers focus on securing consistent supply chains, maintaining strong relationships with producers, processors, and international customers will remain essential for capturing opportunities throughout the remainder of 2026.

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