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## The US imported over 5,000 tons of clams in the first quarter of 2023



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According to data from the **US National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)**, in the first quarter of 2023, the US imported more than 5 thousand tons of clams from other countries, with a value of more than 15 million USD, down 15% and 26% respectively compared to that of other countries. in the same period in 2022. In which, clam imports from Vietnam to the US reached 0.68 thousand tons, down 45% over the same period.

In the first quarter of this year, the US imported clams from 19 sources in the world. **The top 5 clam exporting countries to the US are China, Canada, Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand, respectively.** China holds a dominant market share of 46% in volume and 32% in value. Meanwhile, Vietnamese clam only accounts for 13.5% market share in the US.

Import of clams from the US, first quarter of 2023								
Product	KL (ton)	GT (thousands of dollars)	Volume over the same period (%)	Compared to the same period GT (%)	Weight ratio (%)	Ratio of GT (%)	Average price (USD/kg)	Up and down (%)
Total clam imports	5.905	20.502	-15.1	-25.7	100.0	100.0	3.04	-12.5
Boxed	5.905	20.502	-27.2	-32.6	32.4	30.9	2.90	-7.5
Process	2.228	6.975	-17.1	-32.7	43.4	29.7	2.08	-18.8
Frozen	2.622	6.726	68.3	-6.4	15.7	23.5	4.54	-44.4
Fresh	0. 468	3,821	-13.0	-5.5	5.9	12.4	6.35	8.6
Dried/salted/salted	342	1,998	-47.4	-45.8	2.6	3.5	4.12	3.0
Source: VASEP (according to NMFS data)								

In general, clam imports from most of the main supplying countries decreased over the same period due to reduced demand and because the average import price was also 12% lower.

**The average price of clams imported from Vietnam into the US in the first quarter of this year reached about 3 USD/kg, down 11%.** While the import price from China is also at the same level and decreased by 12% compared to the same period last year.

Source: Chicken of the Sea -->



**The US imports the most canned clam products, accounting for 1/3 of the volume and value of clam imports.** Other processed clam products accounted for 43% of the volume but only 30% of the value. Frozen clam products accounted for 15% in volume and 23% in value. The average import price of frozen clams dropped the most, down 44% over the same period.

**Fresh/raw and dried/salted/salted clam products account for only about 9% of the volume and 16% of the value of US clam imports.**

<-- Source: Big Juicy

**In 2022, the US imported a total of 22 thousand tons of clams with a value of over \$76 million.** Clams are the third most imported shellfish species to the US, after scallops and oysters.

**According to statistics of Vietnam Customs, in the first quarter of 2023, Vietnam's clam exports to the US market reached over 2 million USD,** equivalent to the same period last year. The US is Vietnam's sixth largest import market of shellfish, accounting for 9% of the proportion, of which clam is the main product.

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