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### The World of Palm Oil

Asia accounts for nearly 79 percent of the world's oil palm fresh fruit bunch (FFB) yield, Malaysia and Indonesia being the two leading producers, with about 95 percent of total Asia production. Oil palm continues to be Southeast Asia's most rapidly expanding crop. Africa and Latin America also harvest significant areas of oil palm.

In 1998, total world FFB production was more than 95 million tonnes, 75 million by Asian growers in eight countries. Twenty-two countries in Africa produced 14 million tonnes, 8 million of that coming from Nigeria. Thirteen Latin American countries produced slightly more than 6 million tonnes of FFB. Highest national average FFB yield produced in 1998 was 26.5 t/ha in Nicaragua. Ten countries produced yields averaging above 15 t/ha. The world average was 10.8 t/ha. **BCI**

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