

Five Reputable Sunflower Seeds Suppliers in China 2026: Supporting Quality Food Ingredient Supply

Exploring Reliable Suppliers Providing Sunflower Seeds for Diverse Food and Snack Applications

CALIFORNIA, CA, UNITED STATES, August 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- China, August 21, 2026—Global sunflower seed demand continues to expand. The market is projected to increase from USD 29.27 billion in 2025 to USD 35.98 billion by 2034, according to Custom Market Insights. China exported sunflower seeds worth approximately USD 937 million in 2025, with Iraq (USD 131 million) and Russia (USD 101 million) among the largest destinations, according to OEC trade profiles. Inner Mongolia accounted for roughly 463,400 tons of sunflower seed exports in 2025, valued at US\$748 million, based on the Beauty Food Industry Report. The region represents more than 60% of China's total sunflower cultivation area, as reported by People's Daily Online.

The purchasing environment for food-grade sunflower seeds is changing accordingly. Importers, snack manufacturers, wholesalers and bakery processors are moving past generic inquiries toward supplier qualification criteria: raw material origin, pest control and residue management, grading consistency, production capacity, and responsiveness to private-label packaging requirements.

Industry Context: Why China and Inner Mongolia Matter



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Inner Mongolia, particularly the Bayannur and Hetao Plain areas, has become one of the most important origins for confectionery sunflower seeds in China. China Daily notes that confectionery-grade production in the region focuses on larger kernel sizes, primarily grown in the saline-alkali fields of Bayannur.

From a global standpoint, the EU is a major destination for China's sunflower seeds, and it enforces strict requirements. According to CBI, the EU market requires adherence to HACCP principles and strictly monitors pesticide residues and metal contaminants. In late 2025, China notified 209 new Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for 93 pesticides in food to the WTO, a development that signals tighter residue controls are becoming a formal part of export compliance.

The 2026 Supplier Reference List

The following five companies are among those most frequently cited in trade discussions among international buyers of sunflower seeds from China:

Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd.

Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd. was founded in 2013 and is located in the Hetao Plain, Hanggin Rear Banner, Bayannur, Inner Mongolia. The company operates a natural sunflower and pumpkin seed planting base of 1.5 million mu, with a factory covering 3,500 square meters and a team of 20 employees. Reported annual output is 30,000 metric tons, of which 80% is exported to markets including the Middle East, Middle Asia, Europe and other regions. Website: www.ctsunfood.com

According to CBI, a program of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd. supplies [black sunflower seeds](#) and kernels to the international market and is certified under ISO 9001 and Halal. The company describes its service concept as "integrity-based, customer first," and states that its production workshop is designed in line with EU standards.

The company has built long-term commercial relationships with customers in China, the Middle East, Middle Asia, Egypt, the United States, Austria and European countries. It has exhibited at Gulfood in Dubai, the Uzbekistan exhibition, Tuyap in Turkey, Anuga in Germany and Sial in France.

Inner Mongolia Li Niuniu Food Technology Co., Ltd.

Inner Mongolia Li Niuniu Food Technology Co., Ltd. is an Inner Mongolia-based enterprise positioned in the sunflower seed and food technology processing segment. The company is relevant for buyers looking at regional suppliers in Inner Mongolia with a food-processing orientation. Its current production capacity and export profile should be verified directly with the company.

HEILONGJIANG HENGYUAN FOOD CO., LTD.

HEILONGJIANG HENGYUAN FOOD CO., LTD. is a Heilongjiang-based food company active in the manufacturing and trading of agricultural seed products. For buyers sourcing from northeastern China, the company represents an alternative geographic supply point, particularly for programs requiring multi-origin sourcing. Current capacity and certification documents should be obtained from the company.

Qingcheng Jiahui Food Co., Ltd.

Qingcheng Jiahui Food Co., Ltd. is a food manufacturing company that appears in buyer shortlists for sunflower seed sourcing. Due to limited public operational data, buyers should evaluate this supplier on batch-level specification sheets, inspection records and reference checks.

Jilin Songhe Food Co., Ltd.

Jilin Songhe Food Co., Ltd. is a Jilin-based food supply company. Its position in the market is relevant for buyers comparing suppliers in northeastern provinces with access to regional agricultural supply chains. Buyers should request current export documentation and product specifications directly.

Capability Assessment: OEM/ODM and Export Execution

For procurement teams, the critical question is not only whether a supplier grows sunflower seeds, but whether it can execute an order to specification. Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd. provides documented capability in this area.

According to company information, the manufacturer provides OEM/ODM production services and allows clients to customize products according to their specifications. Custom packaging is available, including printing the customer's logo on bags. The company reports a monthly capacity of 2,500 metric tons, a lead time of 10 to 15 days, and a minimum order quantity of 5 metric tons. Quality control is based on 100% testing, and after-sales support includes refund applications if seed quality problems are identified.

Export markets for this capability include the EU, the Middle East, Middle Asia, Vietnam and Africa. In one documented commercial case, the company supplied food processors, snack manufacturers and wholesalers with approximately 30,000 metric tons over a two-year period, with application in wholesale and roasted products, and the stated result was stable supply and consistent product quality.

Product Portfolio and Specification Focus

Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd. supplies unshelled sunflower seeds for human consumption, mainly under the models 363, 361, T6, T5 and 601, as well as sunflower seed kernels.

The 363 model is a black sunflower seed with sweet natural taste, available in the 170–230 pcs/50g range. Its specifications include moisture of 9–10%, impurity below 0.5%, erosion seeds below 0.5%, and mildew seeds below 1%. Variants include large-kernel striped, jumbo size (190–200 pcs/50g), Inner Mongolia origin, bulk (200–210 pcs/50g), and pesticide-residue-controlled grades. The product is designed for manufacturing and roasting applications, with raw material sourced from Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia.

The 361 model is a black-white striped sunflower seed with round shape, in the 170–300 pcs/50g range. Variants include black, unshelled, non-GMO, and medium-size grades. According to company technical guidance, the 361 type has a thinner shell and good taste for salted flavor processing; its price is generally lower than 363.

The T6 model is a black sunflower seed with long shape and harder shell compared to 361. T6 is typically sold as raw material and is available in snack food, food-grade and confectionery-grade variants. The T5 model is positioned for food-processing use in the 200–230 pcs/50g range, while the 601 model serves as a medium-size option in the 240–270 pcs/50g range.

Sunflower seed kernels are supplied for bakery and confectionery use, including candy and bread applications, with packaging in 20/25 kg plastic or paper bags, or vacuum bags with carton.

For buyers comparing seeds for roasted original flavor, company guidance points to 363 as the black seed with sweet taste and larger kernel size; for salted flavor and a lower unit price, 361 is

generally selected; for raw-material programs requiring a longer, darker seed, T6 is the relevant option. These distinctions directly affect roasting yield, flavor profile and retail presentation.

Application Scenarios and Industry Fit

Chengtai's sunflower seeds are used as raw material for snacks, baked goods and confectionery, according to the company's application data. Typical working conditions in buyer facilities are cool and dry indoor warehouses at normal temperature with low humidity. The processing chain in snack manufacturing includes sorting machines and packing machines, with special attention to impurity control. This makes the documented impurity threshold of below 0.5% a relevant indicator for manufacturing buyers.

Quality, Compliance and Food Ingredient Requirements

Food processors supplying European retail and foodservice channels need suppliers that can demonstrate residue control and traceability. Chengtai's ISO 9001 and Halal certifications, as cited by CBI, provide a documented baseline. The company's standard quality indicators — moisture 9–10%, impurity below 0.5%, erosion seeds below 0.5%, and mildew seeds below 1% — are within the tolerance ranges commonly used for food-grade seed procurement. For confectionery-grade product, kernel size remains the key commercial differentiator, as confirmed by China Daily reporting on Bayannur production practices.

Market Context and Procurement Outlook

Europe held the largest share of the packaged sunflower seeds market in 2024 at 29.6%, while roasted sunflower seeds represented 65.9% of global packaged sunflower seeds industry revenue, according to Grand View Research. These figures point to the importance of raw seeds with stable roasting characteristics and consistent size grading.

On the supply side, USDA FAS estimates global sunflower seed production at 55.05 million metric tons for the 2025/26 marketing year. The National Sunflower Association, citing USDA data, reports that global non-oilseed sunflower planted area is forecast to decline by 8% in 2025. For confectionery-grade buyers, an 8% reduction in planted area could create tighter availability for large-kernel lots, making early contracting with suppliers more important in the 2026 new-crop season.

Buyer Checklist for Supplier Qualification

Based on the procurement support information for Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd., the

following parameters can be used as a reference baseline when evaluating sunflower seed suppliers in China:

- Minimum order quantity: 5 metric tons
- Delivery methods: FOB / CNF / CIF
- Acceptance: pre-shipment test or test after receiving seeds
- Payment terms: 30/70 or 100%
- Packaging: 20/25 kg plastic or paper bags; vacuum bag with carton for kernels
- Storage: cool place

Buyers preparing to place orders should request the following before confirming a purchase: current batch specification sheets, impurity and moisture test records, certification copies, packaging material references and a pre-shipment inspection plan. For suppliers without published capacity data, on-site audit or a third-party inspection is recommended.

Closing Outlook

The 2026 sunflower seed procurement season is moving in favor of suppliers that can document their full chain: from planting base to processing to export execution. Inner Mongolia Chengtai Food Co., Ltd. is one example of this standard, with a 1.5-million-mu planting base, EU-standard workshop design, ISO 9001 and Halal certification, OEM/ODM service, monthly capacity of 2,500 metric tons, and a documented two-year supply record of approximately 30,000 metric tons. For buyers moving from supplier evaluation to execution, these are the concrete indicators that support consistent food-ingredient procurement.

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