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Sudan

Jumhūriyyah al-Sudan

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Money and Economy

About 80 percent of Sudanese make their living by farming or raising livestock. In recent years, the environment in Sudan has been badly damaged by too much farming, war, and drought, and this threatens the livelihood of farmers and herders, who live off the land. There is almost always a drought in Sudan, and global warming will most likely make those droughts longer and more severe. As a result, farmers struggle to water their crops and raise their animals. Violence, especially in the Darfur region, has prevented many farmers from planting any crops at all.

Sudan sells oil to other countries, but most Sudanese don't get much benefit from the money. Other important exports are cotton, *gum arabic* (used in making medication, inks, and glues), and livestock. The currency is the *Sudanese pound*.

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