

Al-Sharjah is known as the agricultural center for growing fruits and vegetables in the UAE.

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- Every year, the town of Al Dhaid exports approximately 70 tons of strawberries to Europe, Southeast Asia, and South Africa.
- Sheikha Lubna, the UAE's minister of economy and planning, is one of the country's most influential women. As a member of the Al-Sharjah royal family, she is the first woman minister in the UAE.
- A recently formed group of women bankers are changing conservative values by pushing to serve in senior positions in Islamic banks. Islamic finance, which adheres to Sharia law, is dominated by men. But the group, known as Durra or "pearl" in Arabic, promises to create new opportunities for women in the industry.

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