Municipality of Fier

 Fier on 23 .09.2016

General data on agricultural products in the Municipality of Fier

Geographic position

Fier Municipality is situated in the western part of Albania, in the south of the field of Myzeqe which has a strategic geographical position and favorable for the cultivation of a wide range of agricultural crops which are favored by climatic conditions. Given that the city of Fier is located near the coast the average annual temperatures go above 4-5 degrees Celsius compared with the surrounding areas. Another important factor is the cultivation of vegetables and soil fertility and structure, which in cooperation with favorable climatic conditions enables earlier release on the market of vegetable products compared with surrounding areas (about 10-20 days earlier).

Fier Municipality borders with the municipalities of Patos, Vlore, Lushnje. This geographic position favors this city to have a leading role in the production and marketing of agricultural products.

Population Data

With the new administrative division Fier Municipality has a population of 192 000 inhabitants and a number of 24 667 farm families.

Land Data and Structure of Sowing

Fier Municipality has an area of utilized agricultural land of 52 172 hectares which is extended to 10 administrative units with favorable climatic and ground conditions for cultivating agricultural crops as (vegetables, fruit trees, olive groves and vineyards)

The products produced from municipal farmers are relatively high in quality in terms of nutritional value because farmers apply strict standards of chemical treatments according to the legislation in force by not using stimulants or hormones for fruit ripening.

The farmers in Fier Municipality cultivate their vegetables in protected environments and in the open field.

In protected environment are cultivated around 180 hectares of vegetables 120 hectares of tomatoes 40 hectares of cucumber and 20 hectares of peppers.

TOMATO

For the culture of tomato these varieties have found dissemination: brave, shiroka, bella etc. These varieties provide higher yields and are more resistant to transportation and most importantly they have high nutritious values .According to market demand it can be cultivated other varieties of tomato.

 PEPPERS

For the culture of peppers these varieties have found dissemination: stela,kapi,peza. For these varieties there is a constant demand from foreign and domestic market. These varieties provide higher yields and are resistant to transportation. These varieties have very high nutritional value. According to market demand it can be cultivated other varieties of peppers.

 CUCUMBER

For the culture of cucumbers these varieties have found dissemination: petinex, maketmor. These are varieties for which there is a demand from foreign and domestic market. These varieties provide higher yields and are resistant to transportation. These varietes have very high nutritional value. According to market demand it can be cultivated other varieties of cucumbers.

 STRAWBERRIES

An important place in crops cultivated in protected environments is the strawberry. .In Fier Municipality there are cultivated around 100 hectares of strawberries in protected environments.

 MELON AND WATERMELONS

It has a greater dissemination and cultivation of melons and watermelons in protected environments that enables earlier release of the product in market and their quality.

Currently in the territory of the Fier Municipality there are cultivated around 700 hectares of melons and watermelons. This area has been increasing from year to year as a result of tradition in the cultivation and numerous requests from the foreign market for export.

 LEEK

Currently occupies a large dissemination the cultivation of leeks which mainly is used for export but also for domestic consumption having regard to durability and quality of this product. The cultivated surfaces are increasing each year.

 CABBAGE/CAULIFLOWER

The cultivated surface with cabbage and cauliflower are very considerable in Fier Municipality because just like as leeks these products are very requested from the foreign market.

Production of vegetables today:

Produced 22 750 tons of tomatoes (greenhouse)

“ 20 000 tons of tomatoes (field)

“ 8 800 tons of cucumbers (greenhouse and field)

“ 2 500 tons of peppers (greenhouse and field)

” 2 900 tons of leeks

” 70 000 tons of watermelons

“ 1 100 tons of melons

“ 6 500 tons of cabbage and cauliflower

“ 130 tons of carrot

“ 1 000 tons of onions

Export of vegetables today:

From the produced vegetables there are exported these quantities:

Exported 21 000 tons of tomatoes (greenhouse)

“ 3 000 tons of tomatoes (field)

“ 6 800 tons of cucumber (greenhouse and field)

“ 1 950 Tons of peppers (greenhouse and field)

“ 2 200 tons of leeks

“ 60 000 tons of watermelon

“ 870 tons of melons

“ 5 050 tons of cabbage and cauliflower

“ 100 tons of carrots

“ 800 tons of onions

**DATA FOR ARBORICULTURE**

In Fier Municipality actually are cultivated around 5 400 hectares of orchards as below:

 Fruit trees 1 300 hectares,

Olive groves 3 500 hectares,

Vineyards 500 hectares

Strawberries 100 hectares.

 It is very important the production of different fruits with a production of 12 396 tons of grape. It is also produced around 10 000 tons of olives, 3 500 tons of strawberries and 6 000 tons of grape.

Also very important is the production of peaches and nectarines .There are produced around 650 tons of peaches and nectarines, from which are exported 450 tons.

There are exported around 800 tons of strawberries from the total production.

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