

Egyptian exports increasing and reaching new destinations

An official report issued by the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture revealed that the total volume of agricultural products exported between 1 and 31 January 2018 amounted to 463,844 tonnes; an increase of 25,367 tonnes.

The report also confirmed that the volume of Egyptian agricultural exports, including fruits and vegetables, shipped from 1 January 2017 to December 2017 amounted to 5 million 402 thousand tonnes, of which 1 million 204 thousand went to Arab countries; an increase of 720 thousand tonnes compared to 2016 (+16%).

Egypt has succeeded in opening new markets for the export of grapes, citrus fruits, garlic, onions and mangoes, which have gained access to seven new destinations: China, Canada, Taiwan, Nigeria, Tanzania, South Africa and Mauritius. It added that China imported 55.5 tonnes of Egyptian grapes, while Canada imported 2,014 tonnes of citrus and the Nigerian market received 444.5 tonnes of grapes. For its part, Taiwan imported 3,015 tonnes of Egyptian garlic.

Tanzania imported 18 tonnes of grapes and 26.5 tonnes of citrus fruits from Egypt, while Egypt exported 83 tonnes of garlic and 444 tonnes to South Africa, and 10 tonnes of mangoes to Mauritius.

The Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Dr Abdel Moneim El Banna, said that the growth of exports is due to the recent efforts carried out by the Ministry, as well as to the agricultural, forestry and laboratory measures taken to ensure the quality of Egyptian agricultural crops and improve their exportability.

The report pointed out that the total volume of citrus fruits exported during the year 2017 amounted to 667 thousand tonnes, making them the most exported agricultural product, followed by potatoes, with a total of 813 thousand tonnes; onions, with a total of 467 thousand tonnes; and grapes, with a total of 138,833 tonnes.

Egyptian pomegranate exports ranked fifth with a total of 106,590 tonnes, followed by strawberries in sixth place with a total of 64,522 tonnes, while mango exports ranked seventh with a total of 38,981 tonnes. Lastly, pepper exports ranked eighth with a total of 12,966 tonnes.

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