

Favourable weather to boost Ukrainian apple exports

This season has the potential to be one of the most productive for Ukrainian fruits and berries. Unlike last year, when unfavorable weather conditions caused the loss of more than 500 thousand tons of fruit, most of which were apples, higher gross production is expected for all types of fruit and berry crops in 2018.

Based on initial data from growers, along with the favourable weather conditions for perennial crops, weather experts have said that they do not expect sharp temperature fluctuations or other natural disasters.

"If the weather forecasts are fully realized, the potential output of fruits, berries and nuts in Ukraine, as a whole, could reach 2.4-2.5 million tons, including almost 1.4 million tons of apples. Thus, the harvest of qualitative apples, suitable for fresh market, should reach 350-400 thousand tons including about 50 thousand tons of export quality apples" – says Volodymyr Gurzhiy, an expert on export markets at USPA FRUIT (the first Ukrainian fruits' producers aggregating company).

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