

Turkey: 2018 fresh produce exports passed 1.5 billion USD

Turkey's fresh fruits and vegetable exports have passed the 1.5 billion USD mark, as of end of September, and tomatoes topped the list of the exports so far.

According to the data announced by Turkey Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Exporters Association, Turkey has exported 646 million USD of fresh fruits, 465 million USD worth of citrus fruits and 423 million USD worth of vegetables in the first 9 months of 2018.

Tomato was followed by lemon, sweet cherry, mandarin, orange, pepper, peach, grape, apple and grapefruit. Furthermore pomegranate, apricot, fig, zucchini, strawberry, cucumber, plum, watermelon, pear and potato were among other exported fresh produce.

Tomato exports in the first 9 months were worth 218 million USD followed by lemon with 210 million USD worth of exports and 161 million USD worth of sweet cherry. After these top-3 export products comes mandarin with an export value of 110 million USD and oranges with an export value of 91 million USD. Furthermore Turkish growers have exported so far 90 million USD worth of green pepper and 87 million USD worth of peaches. Additionally 87 million USD worth of grapes, 75 million USD worth of apples, 54 million USD worth of grapefruits, 49 million USD worth of pomegranate and 41 million USD worth of apricots were exported.

27 % of the all fresh fruit and vegetable exports were sold to Russia which was followed by Germany, Iraq, Romania, Ukraine and Saudi Arabia.

Exports to Russia were worth 417 million USD whereas exports to Germany were worth 170 million USD followed by exports to Iraq worth 160 million USD.

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