

Sharp increase of Georgian mandarin exports

“From 1 to 11 November 2018, 610 tons of mandarins have been handled and exported abroad by Georgia,” reports EastFruit citing the Ministry of Environment and Agriculture of Georgia.

This figure is 11 times higher than the volume of mandarins shipped in the same period last year (55 tons).

These exports went mainly to Russia, Ukraine, Armenia and Kazakhstan.

According to the Ministry, the total volume of mandarins exported this season (taking early mandarins into account) in the period between September 1 and November 11 amounted to 718 tons, which is 6 times more than in the same period last year (106 tons).

The main producer of mandarins in the country is Adjara. According to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Adjara Autonomous Republic, there are about 30 companies in the region that receive, sort and pack mandarins for export. The region's refrigeration capacity is enough to store up to 5 thousand tons of citrus fruits at any given time.

This year, the citrus harvest, mostly consisting of mandarins, is expected to reach 55-60 thousand tons. Last year, the country produced a total of 58 thousand tons of citrus, including 55 thousand tons of mandarins.

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