

Egypt exports 514k tons of citrus since start of new season: official

Ahmed al-Attar, head of the Central Department of Agricultural Quarantine at the Ministry of Agriculture, said that Egypt has exported 514,000 tons of citrus fruits to all countries since the beginning of the new export season of fruits and vegetables.

In an interview with Egypt Today, Attar said that that strict measures are applied on all exports of vegetables and fruits to ensure increasing exports of agricultural products to all international markets in accordance with international standards.

He affirmed that in case a company violates the procedures, it faces suspension, is referred to the General Prosecution, and will not be able to deal with the Central Department of Agricultural Quarantine.

The Ministry of Agriculture said in November 2018 that Egypt had exported 4.4 million tons of agricultural products since January, instead of 316,652 tons in 2017.

In January, the Cabinet's media center denied reports on a drop in Egypt's agricultural exports of citrus fruits, clarifying that Egypt's exports of citrus fruits had surged in 2018, as Egypt is reportedly the world's second exporter of citrus fruits.

In December 2018, Attar said that citrus fruits and potatoes are the most exported types in Egypt in 2018, adding that the country has exported about 1.7 million tons of citrus fruits since the beginning of the year.

He added that the country also exported around 800,000 tons of potatoes since the beginning of 2018.

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