

## **Peaches were Turkey's most exported fresh produce to Russia**

According to the Eastern Black Sea Exporters Association's (DKIB) figures, in the first 9 months of the year, Turkey exported 505,547 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables to Russia in return of 412,651,537 USD (374.2 million Euro). Peaches ranked first with an export volume of 73,455 tons and with an export value of 75,846,896 USD (68.7 million Euro). Peaches were followed by tomatoes and grapes.

Last year, in the same period, Turkey exported 72,897 tons of peaches in return of 66,856,431 USD (60.6 million Euro). Thus, peach exports to Russia increased by 1% in terms of volume and by %13 in terms of value.

The Black Sea Region was responsible of 101,883 tons of the overall fresh fruits and vegetables exports to Russia. The region earned 83,889,335 USD (76 million Euro) from these exports. Peaches also ranked first in Black Sea Region's exports to Russia. 14,541 tons of peaches were exported from the area in exchange of 14,946,182 USD (13.5 million Euro).

### **"Peaches, tomatoes and grapes took center stage"**

DKIB Chairman Saffet Kalyoncu said that Russia is the primary market for Turkey's fresh fruits and vegetables exports.

Emphasising that fresh fruits and vegetables exports to Russia increased compared to the same period last year, Chairman Kalyoncu said that in the first nine-month period, peaches, tomatoes and grapes took center stage in exports to Russia.

### **"We expect high year-end export figures"**

Pointing out that Turkish products are increasingly popular among Russian consumers, Kalyoncu said that this has a positive influence on exports.



Chairman Kalyoncu underlined that they have high expectations from year-end export figures and said: "We believe that our country and our region will increase fresh fruit and vegetable exports. Thus, higher export figures will be achieved. As DKIB, we work to this end."

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