

Good start to the citrus export season in Turkey

Turkey exported 132.941 tons of citrus in the period between September 1 - October 15. In return, the country earned 64,376,581 USD (57.8 million Euro). The top three citrus export products were lemons, mandarins and grapefruits.

According to the Eastern Black Sea Exporters Association's (DKIB) figures, in that period, Turkey exported 64.637 tons of lemons in return of 36,660,759 USD (32.9 million Euro). The revenue from mandarin exports totalled 21,424,672 (19.2 million Euro) and the country earned 5,853,845 USD (5.2 million Euro) from grapefruit exports.

"Russia is an important export market for Turkish citrus"

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Exporters Union's Vice Chairman Ahmet Hamdi Gurdogan said that exports of lemons, mandarins and grapefruits started as of September 1. "These products will be consumed more as winter approaches, therefore we expect that exports will further increase" Gurdogan added.

Pointing out that Russia is an important market, Gurdogan said:

"The Russian market is interested in Turkish products. Besides, we have a variety of good quality products. Our capacity to deliver fresh produce fast will increase the export figures in the coming months. We expect that we will manage to reach the same numbers as in previous years."

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