

## Turkey exported less fruit and vegetables last year than in the 2018 record year

The record export of fruit and vegetables from Turkey in 2018 could not be met last year. Several important products' crops failed. Some unstable countries are also counted among Turkey's buyers.

In general, there was quite a lot of annual fluctuation in the amounts Turkey sells to various countries. A total of 3,9 million tons of vegetables were exported in 2019. In the 2018 record year, this was 4,25 million tons. Last year's export volumes were, however, still larger than those of the years before 2018.

Source: Turk stat	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	+/- in %
World	3.321	3.505	3.861	4.254	3.902	-8%
Russia/Belarus	1.331	770	1.197	1.132	1.091	-4%
EU	597	727	663	849	730	-14%
Gulfstates	186	282	306	322	278	-14%
Other middle East	731	968	1.015	1.126	892	-21%
South&East Asia	16	28	32	31	121	296%
Ukr/Georg/Mold	281	472	392	464	467	1%
Rest	179	259	255	331	322	-3%

### Russia has been a fairly stable buyer in recent years, but there is a lot of fluctuation in sales to other countries

The Turkish export of fruit and vegetables relies heavily on steady sales to Russia. In the last three years, however, trade to the Middle East and EU have not been going well. In 2019, as in both previous years, Turkey could sell more than a million tons of fruit and vegetables to Russia.

Before the Russian boycott of many Turkish goods in 2016, quite a lot more was, however, traded in Russia. In the Middle East, exports to especially Iraq and Saudi Arabia fell sharply last year. In the EU, 2019 sales to Romania, Poland, and the Netherlands were dismal.



It does seem there was a considerable increase in Turkish exports to India in the past year. This concerned mainly onions - 36,000 tons were sent to India - and 28,000 tons of apples.

**TURKEY: Export fresh fruit and vegetables (in 1000 tons)**

Source: Turk stat	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	+/- in %
Totaal	2.940	3.054	3.504	3.319	3.503	3.859	4.253	3.902	-8%
Soft citrus	406	531	633	560	673	699	741	753	2%
Tomatoes	560	483	585	541	486	526	530	535	1%
Lemons	367	410	408	471	449	472	627	473	-25%
Apples	69	125	112	142	140	201	238	256	8%
Oranges	327	280	342	332	403	390	450	236	-47%
Onions incl shallots	140	158	225	93	106	248	101	228	126%
Grapes	209	203	258	175	173	278	180	206	14%
Other fresh fruit	85	136	138	148	184	164	205	155	-24%
Grapefruit	166	137	178	154	182	130	193	139	-28%
Peppers	70	68	82	88	97	95	127	111	-12%
Peaches/Nect	44	34	39	50	51	89	127	105	-17%

### Mandarins are Turkey's most important export product

Mandarins are a crucial export product for Turkey. Last year, a record amount of 753,000 tons of this fruit could be exported. Tomatoes were the second most exported product in 2019. Turkey exported a volume of 535,000 tons of this product last year.

That, too, is a record amount. The export of a third product, lemons, however, declined significantly in 2019. It dropped to 473,000 tons versus massive exports of 627,000 tons in 2018.

Following these big three were apples, oranges, onions, and grapes. Included in the smaller export products were several growers, such as figs, cherries, courgettes, watermelon, and strawberries.

### Less to the EU

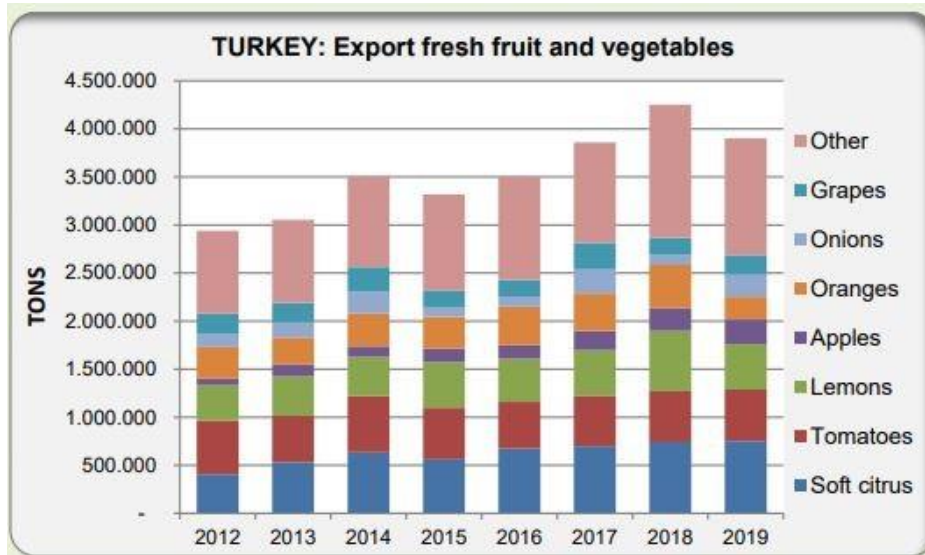
In the past year, Turkey exported 730,000 tons of fruit and vegetables to the EU. Of this, 37,500 tons went to the Netherlands. That is, respectively, 12 and 27% lower than in 2018.

The export of particularly lemons to the EU decreased considerably. That means tomatoes were the most important Turkish export product



to the EU. Lemons were, however, still in second place. Bell peppers and grapefruit were at three and four.

Both these citrus products export volumes fell sharply. In contrast, the export of mandarins grew nicely. Other Turkish growth products in the EU market were cherries, onions, watermelon, and cucumbers.



### Far less to the Netherlands

In the EU, Romania was Turkey's most important buyer. This country was followed by Germany and Bulgaria. Turkish fruit and vegetable exports to the Netherlands declined last year. The dropped to 37,500 tons versus 52,500 tons in 2018.

For Turkish exports to the Netherlands, bell peppers were the most important product. These were closely followed by tomatoes and grapefruit. Turkish lemon exports to the Netherlands dropped from 6,100 tons in 2018 to not even 1,400 tons last year.

### Rapport complet :

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