

Tunisian fruit export revenues up up 5.24% year-on-year

Despite lower volumes, Tunisia's fruit exports generated revenues of about 9.4 MD, up 5.24% during the period from January 2 to May 6, 2020, compared to the same period of 2019, according to data from the National Observatory of Agriculture (ONAGRI).

The exported quantities dropped by 18.6% to reach 1,166 tons until May 6 against 1,433 tons during the same period of 2019, due to the closure of land and air borders of some countries after the spread of COVID-19.

The governorate of Sidi Bouzid contributed 22% of the quantities exported with 257 tons of early fruits, including peaches (1426 tons), nectarines (93 tons) and apricots (33 tons).

The Libyan market is the leading export destination with 4.24%, i.e. imports of 285 tons at the end of May against 735 tons last year, a fall of 61.2%. Peaches are the fruit most imported by the Libyan market with nearly 214 tons, i.e. 75% of the quantities exported, while exports of strawberries and nectarines have greatly risen in terms of quantity and value in comparison with the same period of the past year. They soared 109% and 823% and in terms of value by 108% and 679%, respectively.

The Russian market contributed to the increase of nectarine exports to 75 tons including 7.23% tons from the governorate of Sidi Bouzid until May 5, 2020.

These exports have also benefited the Spanish market and have consolidated their position on the Middle Eastern markets.

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