



## Fruit and berry harvests in Russia increased to 3.6 million tons in 2020

According to the Russian Ministry of Agriculture, Russia harvested 3.6 million tons of fruits and berries in 2020, which is 2.2% more than in 2019. Also, despite unfavourable weather conditions in several areas of the South and North-Caucasian Federal Districts regions, the industrial sector's gross harvest reached a record 1.2 million tons.

The increase in production volumes is primarily due to the high pace of modern intensive orchards and farms in development. The leading regions in this area are Krasnodar and Stavropol Territories, the Republics of Kabardino-Balkaria and Crimea, Voronezh and Lipetsk Regions. The main types of fruits and berries that are grown in the country are apples, plums, cherries, sweet cherries, apricots, currants, raspberries, blueberries, and strawberries.

Horticulture is currently one of the most promising crop production areas with a significant potential for import substitution. Investors and government support measures facilitate this sub-industry development with subsidies to reimburse part of the costs for perennial fruit and berry plantations, preferential investment and short-term lending. Also, berry farmers benefit from compensation for direct expenses incurred for starting up agricultural facilities and their modernization.

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