

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE EXPORTS IN UZBEKISTAN

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Annotation. The article notes that the increase in the volume of fruit and vegetable exports in the economy was significantly influenced by the growth of fresh and processed vegetables by 1.8 and 1.6 times, respectively, compared to 2018, and accounted for 46.5% of the total volume of fruit and vegetable products. issues are covered.

Keywords. fruit and vegetable products are organic in nature, but most of them are not certified by the relevant certification organization. production, processing, fruit and vegetable growing, world market, foreign experience, management, organizational economic mechanism.

Information from the State Statistics Committee on certain types of exported products:

Product name	million. US dollars	Compared to 2023,
fruits and berries	658.1	116.1
vegetables	542.4	170.1
processed fruit and vegetable products	47.9	156.0

The main export markets for fruit and vegetable products were Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Turkey. According to the data, considering that at the end of 2019, 132 types of fruit and vegetable products, produced in the republic in the amount of more than 19.2 million tons, were exported to 69 foreign countries in pure or processed form (more than 1.4 million tons worth about 1.2 billion dollars), the importance of the issue becomes clear. The increase in the volume of fruit and vegetable exports was significantly influenced by the fact that fresh and **processed vegetables** increased by 1.8 and 1.6 times, respectively, compared to 2018, and amounted to 46.5% of the total volume of fruit and vegetable exports. More than 60% of the country's exports of greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, cherries, and apricots in April-May accounted for these products. It should be noted that in 2019, the share of fruits and vegetables in the total volume of exports was 6.7%. In terms of value, the largest share of fruit and vegetable exports belongs to the Kyrgyz Republic (26.7% of the total volume of fruit and vegetable exports), while in kind, the volume of exports to Kazakhstan amounted to 556.5 thousand tons, which is 4.4 times more than in the Kyrgyz Republic.

Geography of fruit and vegetable exports

No	Countries	2022	2023				
		million. US dollars	thousand tons	million. US dollars			
		share* %					
1.	Kyrgyzstan	89.9	80.3	9.1	127.0	320.0	26.7
2.	Kazakhstan	598.1	392.3	44.3	556.5	283.0	23.6
3.	Russian Federation	238.9	166.3	18.8	245.1	160.6	13.4

4.	Turkey	23.5	25.1	2.8	65.1	99.3	8.3
5.	Pakistan	29.8	22.2	2.5	76.2	78.8	6.6
6.	Afghanistan	73.4	53.2	6.0	45.5	57.5	4.8
7.	People's Republic of China	66.9	46.2	5.2	55.3	48.5	4.0
8.	Ukraine	15.1	9.0	1.0	55.2	32.4	2.7
9.	Tajikistan	5.8	3.6.	0.4	21.0	13.5	1.1
10.	Iran	13.0	10.0	1.1	16.2	12.4	1.0
11.	Iraq	6.1	6.2	0.7	20.5	12.3	1.0
12.	Belarus	8.5	7.7	0.9	14.3	10.6	0.9
13.	UAE	11.6	5.7	0.6	27.5	9.7	0.8
14.	Turkmenistan	9.5	7.5	0.8	8.5	9.5	0.8
15.	Azerbaijan	4.3	4.9	0.6	6.5	7.3	0.6
16.	Germany	2.7	5.6	0.6	2.9	6.6	0.6
17.	Other countries	51.8	40.0	4.5	64.1	38.3	3.2

*from the value expression. Source of the State Statistics Committee

For reference: The demand for organic products is growing in the world. In European and Asian countries, the buyer pays more for finished certified organic products. Our fruit and vegetable products are organic in nature, but most of them are not certified by the relevant certification organization. Due to this, Uzbekistan's agricultural products are re-exported through third countries in finished or processed form based on established international requirements.

International experience In developed countries, 2-5 percent of labor resources work in the agricultural sector, and in most less developed countries, up to 90 percent. In developing countries, agricultural production plays a much larger role than in developed countries. The share of agriculture in the gross domestic product averages 22 percent in developing countries and 4 percent in developed countries. In developing countries, more than half of the agricultural products grown in developed countries are grown. According to UN experts, to solve the food problem, it is necessary to annually increase its volume by 6 percent. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the trade of dried nuts and fruits in Europe amounted to 11 billion euros, and dried vegetables - more than 8 billion euros. The experience of new participants, such as Vietnam, has shown that with the right strategy, it is possible to export products worth more than 1 billion euros per year. Analyses show that the yield of orchards and vineyards in our country is very low. For example, in countries with developed agriculture, such as the USA, China, Italy, and France, 80-120 tons of intensive orchards and up to 140 tons of some fruits are harvested per hectare, while in our country, 10-30 tons are harvested per hectare, and 4-5 tons from traditional orchards and vineyards. This is certainly economically inefficient agriculture.

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