

FRUIT GROWING IN BULGARIA

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT, SITUATION AND PROBLEMS

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DEVELOPMENT PERIODS:

- After the Liberation to the Second World War -1897 - 1939***
- From the End of the Second World War to 1960.***
- First stage of Intensification -1960 - 1970***
- Second step of Intensification -1971 - 1989***
- In the conditions of Transition to a market economy from 1990 until now***

Area and production of fruit crops in Bulgaria

Year	Fruit orchards (1000 ha)	Fruit production(1000t)
1897	4,5	26,6
1910	8,1	55,1
1920	10,3	41,9
1930	19,0	76,4
1939	47,5	-
1950	62,3	-
1960	135,8	607,1
1970	150,5	1288,3
1980	134,3	967,5
1990	113,5	901,0
1995	76,9	463,0

Area of the fruit crops in Bulgaria in the 21st century (1000 ha)

Year	Apple	Peach	Plum	Sweet cherry	Raspber ry	Total
2001	9,8	4,5	15,9	9,7	0,7	61,6
2005	3,7	2,6	5,9	4,7	1,2	26,3
2010	5,2	4,2	7,5	7,7	1,7	38,8
2013	5,5	4,3	7,9	9,9	1,5	48,2
2015	5,4	4,2	9,1	10,4	1,8	55,1

Source: MAF, Agrostatics Department

PRODUCTION OF THE MAIN FRUIT CROPS IN BULGARIA (1000 t)

Year	Apple	Plums	Peach	Apricot	Sweet cherry	Strawberry
1971/75	324	249	141	23	44	16
1976/80	333	180	100	32	50	18
1981/85	428	141	92	39	67	17
1986/90	417	124	71	34	79	16
1991/95	138	86	64	21	55	10
1996	204	90	69	24	57	5
1997	161	113	50	12	36	5
1998	129	62	42	9	34	8
1999	92	66	39	11	32	10
2000	89	62	42	13	28	9

PRODUCTION OF THE OF FRUIT CROPS IN BULGARIA IN THE 21ST CENTURY (1000 t)

Year	Apple	Peach	Plum	Sweet cherry	Walnu t	Raspber ry	Total
2001	42,7	13,1	73,1	28,5	0,6	3,1	180,0
2005	26,1	14,8	17,9	18,2	2,6	3,9	99,6
2010	43,2	24,4	33,7	24,9	1,2	6,1	152,1
2013	55,0	37,3	37,6	38,1	5,1	5,5	211,1
2015	58,4	35,3	36,2	49,4	1,7	4,6	213,0

Source: MAF, “Agrostatistics Department”

Average area for individual fruit species on a separate holding– 2001 г. (ha)

area	apple	apricot	peach	plum	cherry	walnut	average
Northwest	0,12	0,39	0,08	0,15	0,08	0,27	0,45
North Central	2,23	0,97	2,57	2,91	8,96	2,33	3,41
Northeast	4,89	1,70	1,18	3,18	3,42	15,93	3,36
Southeast	2,57	0,59	0,84	0,72	3,45	1,74	2,71
South central	1,35	0,34	0,51	3,86	1,95	7,96	3,79
Southwest	0,15	0,03	0,07	0,14	0,96	0,12	0,54
Bulgaria	1,10	0,98	0,73	1,68	1,69	2,22	2,44

Source: MAF, “Agrostatistics Department”

Export of fresh and processed fruit from Bulgaria in the period 1970-1988 т.(1000 т)

Year	Total fresh fruits	apple	peach	plum	strawberry	Frozen fruits	Fruit juices
1970	255,6	60,8	45,9	14,2	2,1	4,9	41,1
1975	178,5	21,4	28,2	11,2	0,2	5,1	101,7
1980	107,2	43,1	8,3	0,7	-	3,8	122,9
1985	156,2	45,3	7,2	1,1	-	2,9	83,8
1986	186,4	79,0	4,4	3,8	-	1,5	98,9
1988	139,4	41,2	4,3	3,5	-	4,0	70,2
1990	121,9	46,1	5,7	4,6	-	2,0	56,4
1992	-	2,3	-	-	-	3,5	-
1995	-	0,4	-	-	-	6,2	-

Main cultivars grown (2001 г)

Kind	cultivar	% of holdings
Apple	<i>Golden Delicious</i>	29 %
Red Delicious	19 %	
Pear	<i>Cure</i>	38 %
Bartlett (William`s)	16 %	
Apricot	Silistrenska kompotna	27 %
Hungarian best	17 %	
Festivalna	12 %	
Peach	<i>Redhaven</i>	25 %
Hale	17 %	
	11 %	
Plum	<i>Stanley</i>	43 %
Kyustendilka sinia	29 %	
Sweet cherry	Ranna cherna	22 %
Van	18 %	
Bing	12 %	
Raspberry	<i>Lulin</i>	45 %

Realization of fruit - harvest 2014

Kind	For own consumption	For the commercial trade	For processing	Other directions
Apples	4,2 %	75,4 %	19,9 %	0,5 %
Peaches and nectarines	2,3 %	80,5 %	14,8 %	2,4 %
Apricots	4,8 %	69,6 %	12,7 %	12,9 %
Plums	6,7 %	54,9 %	31,1 %	7,4 %
Cherries	3,5 %	51,8 %	39,6 %	5,1 %
Walnuts	4,6 %	71,7 %	16,8 %	6,9 %
Raspberries	2,0 %	11,6 %	73,0 %	13,4 %

Source: MAF, "Agrostatistics Department"

PROBLEMS OF THE FRUIT GROWING IN BULGARIA

- Small orchards are dominated - mean area 1-2 ha;
- The new varieties in the orchards are slowly improving;
- The producer organizations, both by regions and by individual crops are still insufficient.



Thank you for your attention!



Waiting for your questions?

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