



Growing cut-branch flowers in Iran

Growing cut-branch flowers is very profitable but the same unknown in our country. In Netherlands, which is well known for its flowers, there is no suitable condition (like good light and weather) for flowers growing. But in Iran all conditions are ready to be exploited. In addition, some parts of Iran with hot and dry weather is very suitable for flowers, a quality of Iran not Netherlands. In Iran, energy is very cheaper than Netherlands and Canada that have posed expensive subsidies for fuel. And the workers' cost in Netherlands is 9 Euro an hour but in Iran we have a cost of 5 Euro a day. All of these facts show that Iran would be successful in this field.

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Dried fruits Export at the Edge

Dried fruits are one of the most vital sub-groups of Iran's exporting products, which include a half of them. Experts believe that Dried fruits weak role in export is caused by unsuitable market, Iranian exporters' wrong competition, lack of full attention to penetrateable markets and too dependence on traditional markets.

Meanwhile, Pistachio that is the most strategic product of Iran has a great

role in exporting industry; it is about 42% in agricultural products export and 79% of Dried fruits export.

Iran as the greatest exporter of Pistachio is much more superior than America. But it's 7 years that Aflatoxin wrong usage in foreign countries has caused a bad reputation of this product.

In spite of these problems, this industry is still alive but lifeless.

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Agricultural Research and Lack of Budget

Some times ago, we heard from deputy of Agricultural Jihad minister and also the chief of Agricultural Research and Education Organization that if the country's GDP is less than 1 percent, there would be wastage of budget. Dr. Jafar Khalghani said: "At 1384, 0/67- 0/70 percent of GDP has been allocated to research section. And this amount decreased to 0/4.5 percent according to

budget law; very little part of which used in agricultural research." Anyhow a great decrease of budget is a matter of importance in every situation but the main point is the negative impact of this challenge on research sections, especially agricultural research section, which is going to grow more scientifically. Dr. Khalghani added: "the money allocated to this organization to be spent in this year is 84/6 billion tomans, 81 billion tomans of which cast for salaries and the rest 3/6 billion remains for research." He declared that this organization has also a credit of 20 billion tomans, which is prepared from assets and it would have an income of 10 billion tomans in this year. The budget shortage in this organization is about 37 billion tomans. Read the full story in this issue.



Food Safety; From Policy-making to Consumption

Developing the food industry and related technologies make us to think about some issues like: non standard or low-value products, adding chemical preservers and other hurtful materials.

Policy-makers have the main role in the society health so they should take careful steps for budgeting and programming. Producers as the second responsible group are usually dependent to the first group and have to work according to the assigned frameworks.

And costumers are the third group in which the most vulnerable of them are children and youngsters.

So our points to propose are:

1. Balance of supports
2. Exact apply of standards
3. More attention to public education

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First Steps to Ranch Crocodile

Sometimes ago the legation office of ValiFagih at Veterinary Organization proclaimed that the leader has allowed ranching animals like crocodile to use its skin and other useful parts. Following this point, Mr. Eskandari (B.S.), Agricultural Jihad minister, announced that one of the African officials wanted to cooperate with Iran in this field. He didn't accept this proposal because of his governmental position but said that he may think about it after finishing his job at the organization.

The following article contains explanations about crocodile ranching and its usages written by Dr. Peiman Shirazpoor in which he points to 4-years efforts to get the license and says: "Now, we are arguing with Environment Office, Veterinary and Fishery Organizations to discuss better choices for importing this animal which has a valuable skin. It should be noted that we only have meaty kinds of crocodile in Iran."

Dr. Shirazpoor says: "Some recently done researches shows that one of the substances found in crocodile body prevents all infections and is 500 times more effective than antibiotics."

He also believes that our country has good conditions for ranching this animal.

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