

Sugar: Another Victim of Import

Although it's been arranged that the country gain self-sufficiency in field of sugar production, we see that rate of sugar import is more than 1,350,000 tons by the eight months to Aban, 1385 and an amount of 400,000 tons of Iranian factories were stored. On the other hand, price decrease to less than 500 tomans was a catastrophe to producers whose gross price was about 600 tomans.

According to sugar import statistics provided by private section, the rate of import has been about 140,000 tones from 1382- 1384 but at the beginning eight months of this year, it has reached to 639,000 tones. This amount has increased more and reached to 713,000 tons. Considering that the private section ignores a unique approach of import, many more problems may occur. It seems that the only thing which has been applied properly is "privatization". So it's highly important to reconsider the role of some product like sugar and cotton and separation of Agricultural and Trade organizations.



The Successful holding of 6th Fair of Domesticated Animals and Birds

The section of domesticated animals and birds provides food of 300 million people in the country.

The minister of agricultural jahad pointed to the potentials and development plans of extension in this industry and said: "the management of joint stock company of fairs should insert this fair in the yearly calendar, too."

According to statistics of domesticated animals and birds formations, investment in this section is 210 billion tomans. But the first step to have the production costs of the plan is to reserve it. Seyed

Nezamoddin Sajjadi, deputy of agricultural jahad in domesticated animals and birds affairs, said that we haven't yet use our possibilities for providing animal protein efficiently, affiliated and transforming industries are not developed accordingly, too.

At the beginning of this fair, Abbaspoor, the chief of parliament research commission, said: 'Referring to the Leader, the government has allocated 100 billion tomans to agricultural section which will be spend for research and promoting the agricultural students. This amount will increase during the next year to promote the quality of activities.'

Wood Import: A Way to Prevent Jungle Destruction



Reservation and maintenance of what is called Iran's Green Heritage including lands, forests and farming lands, is the most important duty of Forests, Lands and Pastures Organization.

At the beginning of agricultural Jihad Week, Khodakaram Jalali (B.S.), the chief the organization, talks about the main challenges of this organization and believes that removing the deserts is the main point

to consider. He says: "The raining level in Iran is 1/3 of the world and its level of evaporation is 3 times more than other countries. So we have many obstacles with the weather conditions."

Maintaining the forest lands is a point of importance which is has been in trouble for years because of the forces deficiency, low fees and lack of necessary equipments of woodmen. But it seems possible to make a unit of maintenance helped by police forces and solve the problems.

According to Jalali, this organization aims to build 100,000 hectares of forests, remove the deserts and apply plant coverage of 200 more hectares.

He adds: "20,000 hectares is considered for wood development plan in every year. This would be increased to 100,000 hectares. It's necessary to mention that 30% of this plan's credits are provided at the last and present year."

Agricultural Research from the knowledge view at the Parliament



Some times ago, all of the research institutes at the agricultural section introduce their achievements at a unique fair happened at the parliament, during which they represented all of their abilities, performances and potentials. It's clear that such steps are too positive to get the institutes and representatives closer and their researches more purposeful. On the other hand, if we remember that Dr. Jafar Khalghani has chosen a knowledge- oriented and scientific perspective of agricultural research during the last year, holding these sessions would be a good way to introduce prosperities of this section to the parliament.

The reporters' team of Daam, Kesht and Sanaat monthly has made a conversation with fair officials which is represented here.

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The letter of Agricultural Professors asking for Improvement of Distribution Services

A number of 54 agricultural and natural resources professors of universities wrote a letter to the president and mentioned sympathetically some negative points, happened in the country.

- Applying some short time policies at the agricultural section and having pressure on water sources;
- Criticizing the self-efficiency of some products which is dependent imposing more pressure on some other factors, like: increase of cultivation, using water sources more, applying persuasive policies, decrease of provender cultivation, going up the gross price of meat and dairy products and finally the increase of inflation;
- Importing cereals after 40 years and 4000 tons of cotton, decreasing the self-efficiency percentage of animal oil;
- Defeating on privatization;
- Lack of personal plan of renovation and reconstruction at the agricultural section;

- The necessity of applying rapid and scientific changes in the policies and making them compatible with executive plans and methods to achieve the sustainable development.

This letter caused the severe reactions of agricultural ministers and he said: "some political purposes have been there."

Although, there should be more investigating perspective toward this issue and it's necessary for experts and official figures to have closer relation. This was the same point which Mr. Eskandari had promised to consider.

Read the full story in this issue.

