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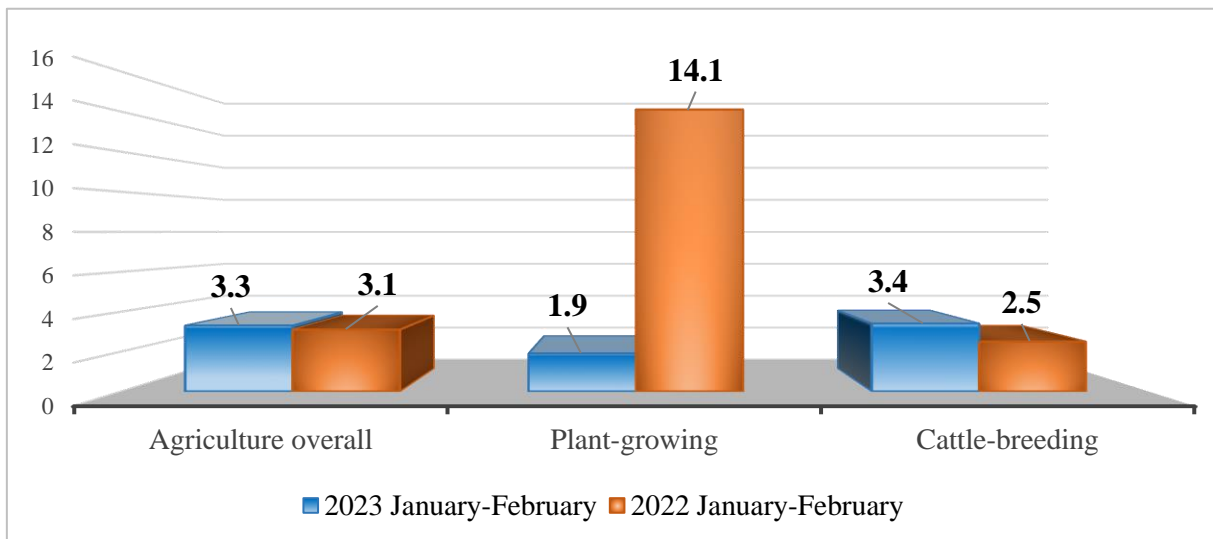
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION INDICATORS

During January-February 2023, the total volume of agricultural products increased by 3.3% compared with the corresponding period of the previous year (*Figure 1*).

Figure 1. The volume indices of agricultural products (comparative prices, as percentage of the previous year, %)

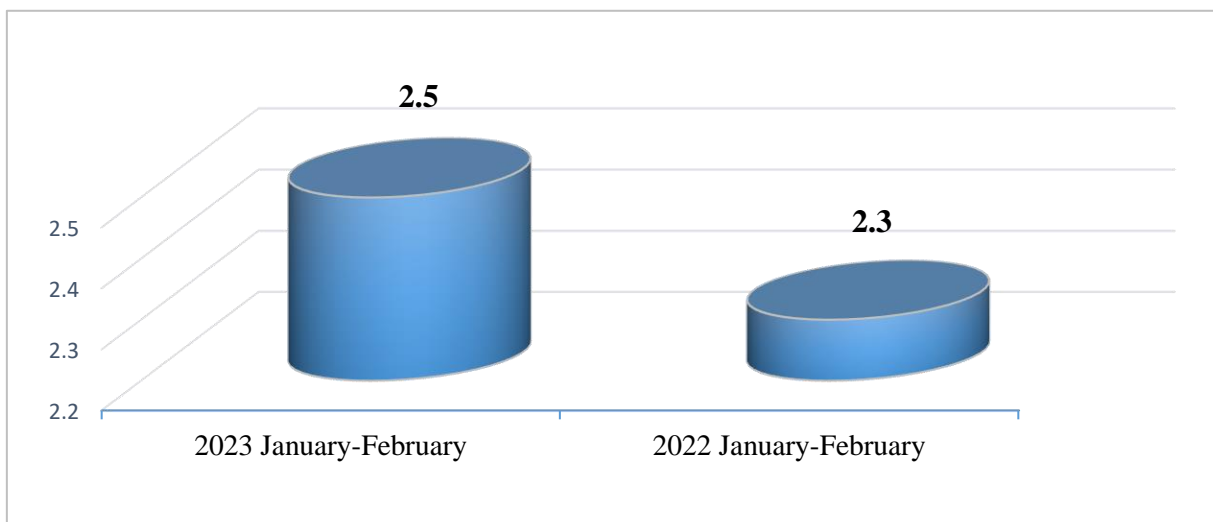


Source: State Statistics Committee

The total value of agricultural products in actual prices was 895.6 million manats, of which 94.8% (849.2 million manats) was in the cattle-breeding and 5.2 % (46.4 million manats) was in the plant-growing sector.

In January-February 2023, the percentage of value-added in agriculture, forestry, and fishery was 2.5% of total GDP (*Figure 2*).

Figure 2. Share of agriculture, forestry and fishery in total GDP, %



Source: State Statistics Committee

✚ The production volume of all agricultural products increased in January-February 2023 (*Table 1*).

Table 1. Agricultural production

Product name	Measure	January-February 2023	January-February 2022	Compared with the same period last year, %
Meat (live weight)	ths. tons	90.4	87.9	102.8
Milk	ths. tons	322.3	318.8	101.1
Egg	mln. units	355.6	306.3	116.1
Vegetable	ths. tons	39.5	39.2	100.8

Source: State Statistics Committee

✚ From the beginning of spring sowing to March 1, 54.7 thousand hectares or 2.4 percent more area was sown compared to the same period last year (*Table 2*).

Table 2. Sowing of spring crops for the harvest of 2023, ha

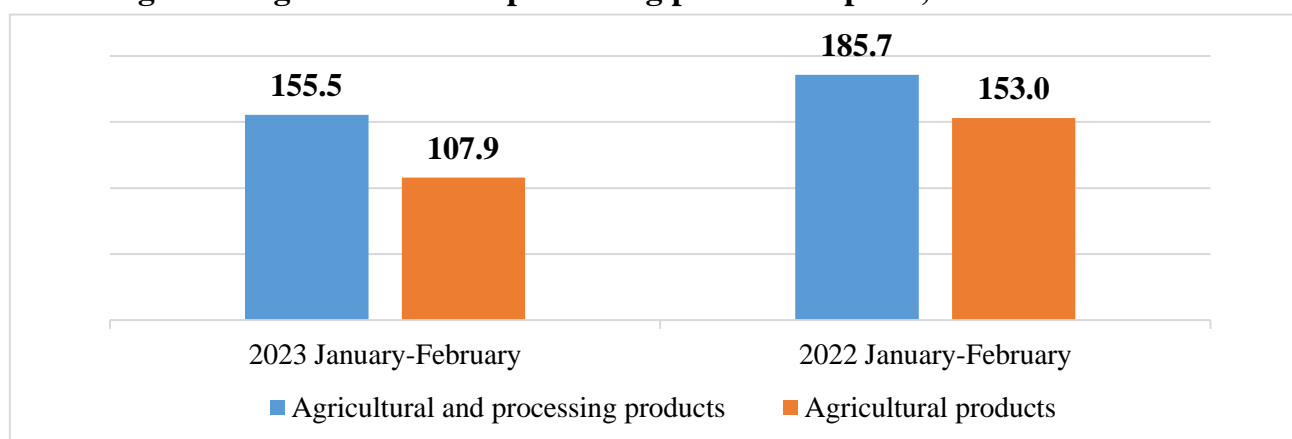
	January-February 2023	January-February 2022	Compared with the same period last year, %
Planted from the beginning of spring sowing	54,663.4	53,406.0	102.4
Cereals and whole grain legumes (without corn)	8,573.3	7,218.5	118.8
<i>of which:</i>			
Wheat	1,122.2	1,330.8	84.3
Oats	4,191.2	3,979.9	105.3
Corn for grain	1.0	240.0	0.4
Sunflower for the day	35.0	4.0	8.8 t.
Sugar beet (for processing)	273.0	-	-
Potato	14,673.9	14,433.2	101.7
Vegetable - total	11,058.6	10,326.8	107.1
Melon plants	43.2	29.3	147.4
Annual herbs	331.0	61.0	5.4 t.
Perennial herbs	19,619.4	21,092.7	93.0
Other spring plants	55.0	0.5	110 t.

Source: State Statistics Committee

AGRICULTURAL MARKET

✚ In January-February 2023, agricultural products in the amount of 107.9 million US dollars were exported. The volume of agricultural exports decreased by 29.5% in terms of value compared to the corresponding period of the previous year (*Figure 3*).

Figure 3. Agricultural and processing products exports, million USD



Source: State Customs Committee

✚ Indicators of agricultural exports for compared period are shown in *Table 3*.

Table 3. Exports of agricultural products

Product name	January-February 2023		January-February 2022		Compared with the same period last year, %	
	Quantity (ths. tons)	Value (mln. USD)	Quantity (ths. tons)	Value (mln. USD)	By quantity	By value
Vegetable	20.6	22.1	24.1	27.8	85.6	79.4
<i>of which:</i>						
Potato	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.4	51.7	50.7
Tomato	15.5	19.1	20.4	24.5	76.0	77.9
Fruit	47.4	57.8	50.6	64.5	93.6	89.6
<i>of which:</i>						
Nuts	5.1	24.4	5.1	29.2	100.6	83.6
Citrus fruits	0.8	0.6	0.1	0.1	10.8 t.	6.3 t.
Apple, Pear, Quince	16.5	10.6	8.1	5.4	2 t.	2 t.
Pomegranate	4.5	5.9	1.3	2.0	3.6 t.	3 t.
Barley	-	-	9.5	1.9	-	-
Raw tobacco	0.6	1.4	1.1	3.9	55.4	36.2
Cotton fiber	12.5	23.2	22.9	51.1	54.8	45.3
Raw leather	0.3	0.8	1.0	2.5	33.8	31.8
Animal products*	x	2.7	x	1.4	x	1.9 t.
Total	x	107.9	x	153.0	x	70.5

Source: State Customs Committee

* Animal products include the value of meat, milk, cream, wool, raw silk, natural honey, and live animals.

✚ In February of the current year, the wholesale price of tangerine, onion, tomato and cucumber ("Melit") relatively increased compared to the previous month, the others were either low or stable (*Table 4*).

Table 4. The wholesale price of agricultural products changed in February compared to the previous month (in manat)

Name	January 2023	February 2023	Difference	Name	January 2023	February 2023	Difference
Fruit							
Apple	Qrani smit			Pear	Konfrans		
	0.75	0.75	0.0%		2.75	2.75	0.0%
	Simerenko				Krasavitsa		
	0.50	0.50	0.0%		2.35	2.35	0.0%
Grape	Kardinal			Orange	local		
	2.40	2.40	0.0%		1.05	1.05	0.0%
	Mahmudu			Tangerine	local (big)		
	0.90	0.90	0.0%		1.05	1.90	81.0%
Quince	Shabran			Pomegranate	Agsu		
	1.05	1.05	0.0%		0.75	0.75	0.0%
Lemon	Lankaran					Goychay	
	0.18	0.18	0.0%	1.00	1.00	0.0%	
	Türkiyə			Kiwi	local		
	0.22	0.22	0.0%		1.55	1.55	0.0%
Hazelnut	dry			Walnut	local		
	4.10	4.10	0.0%		4.00	4.00	0.0%
Chestnut	local					Ukraine	
	8.50	8.50	0.0%	2.80	2.80	0.0%	
Vegetable							
Potato	Jalilabad (new)			Onion	Aghdam, yellow		
	0.60	0.60	0.0%		0.78	0.95	21.8%
Cabbage	Gusar			Cucumber	Melit		
	0.28	0.28	0.0%		2.00	2.50	25.0%
Cauliflower	local				Carrot	Iran	
	0.90	0.90	0.0%	2.60		2.50	-3.8%
Tomato	Zira			Beetroot	local		
	1.90	3.15	65.8%		0.95	0.95	0.0%
	Pink			Garlic	local		
	1.75	3.15	80.0%		0.60	0.60	0.0%
Pepper	green (Iran)			Onion	local		
	1.90	1.90	0.0%		2.80	2.80	0.0%
Pumpkin	local			Eggplant	Iran		
	0.40	0.40	0.0%		1.40	1.40	0.0%

Source: Ministry of Agriculture (www.aqrarbazar.az)

✚ In February of the current year, the wholesale price of pear, grape, kiwi, lemon, chestnuts, tomato, onion, carrot and beetroot increased compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, the others were either low or stable (*Table 5*).

Table 5. The wholesale price of agricultural products in February 2023 changed compared to the corresponding month of previous year (in manat)

Name	February 2022	February 2023	Difference	Name	February 2022	February 2023	Difference
Fruit							
Apple	Palmet			Pear	Konfrans		
	1.10	0.60	-45.5%		2.25	2.75	22.2%
Pomegranate	Simerenko			Quince	Krasavitsa		
	0.90	0.50	-44.4%		2.25	2.35	4.4%
Grape	Kurdamir			Orange	local		
	1.65	1.00	-39.4%		1.40	0.55	-60.7%
Kiwi	Salyan			Tangerine	Türkiyə/local		
	1.40	0.65	-53.6%		1.60	1.05	-34.4%
Walnut	Kardinal			Lemon	local (big)		
	0.95	2.40	2.5 t.		1.90	1.90	0.0%
Hazelnut	Mahmudu			Chestnut	Lankaran		
	0.75	0.90	20.0%		0.13	0.18	38.5%
Onion	import			Cucumber	local		
	2.00		25.0%		7.50	8.50	13.3%
Carrot	local			Cauliflower	dry		
	4.00	4.00	0.0%		4.75	4.10	-13.7%
Vegetable							
Tomato	Jalilabad, new			Beetroot	Aghdam, yellow		
	0.65	0.60	-7.7%		0.48	0.95	2 t.
Pepper	Pink			Pumpkin	Iran		
	2.00	3.15	57.5%		2.50	2.50	0.0%
Garlic	Zira			Pumpkin	local (big)		
	1.90	3.15	65.8%		0.60	0.95	58.3%
Cabbage	Barda			Pumpkin	local		
	0.80	0.28	-65.0%		0.90	0.90	0.0%
Chestnut	local			Pumpkin	local		
	4.00	2.80	-30.0%		0.40	0.60	50.0%
Chestnut	green (Iran)			Pumpkin	local		
	2.00	1.90	-5.0%		1.00	0.40	-60.0%

Source: Ministry of Agriculture (www.aqrarbazar.az)

STATE SUPPORT TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR

✚ In January-February 2023, the sale of 485 types of agricultural machinery were financed by Agrarian Credit and Development Agency (*Table 6*).

Table 6. Leased agricultural machineries (unit)

Name of machinery	Sum (2005 - 28.02.2023)	It was leased within January-February 2023
Total	62393	485
Wheat combine-harvester	1159	0
Cotton combine-harvester	222	0
Tractor	14635	129
Other types of machinery	46377	356

Source: Ministry of Agriculture

✚ In January-February 2023, 3.6 million manats of credits were provided on preferential terms to 164 individuals or legal entities by the Agrarian Credit and Development Agency. All these are loans for machinery and equipment.

✚ During January-February 2023, Agrarian Credit and Development Agency allocated 3.9 million manats discount funds according to 329 applications for the purchase of agricultural machinery and equipment.



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THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF FARMERS WAS HELD

The next meeting of the Council of Farmers was held on February 23. Representatives of the administration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Heads of subordinate institutions, members of the Council of Farmers participated in that meeting.



The Council of Farmers operates under the Ministry of Agriculture. One third of the composition of the Council is renewed every 6 months in rotation. Currently, advanced farmers operating in grain, cotton, tobacco, fruit growing, livestock, beekeeping, seed growing and other fields from 15 regions of the country are represented in the Farmers' Council.

Minister of Agriculture Inam Karimov, who opened the meeting with an introductory speech, mentioned that the development of the agricultural sector was announced as one of the priority areas by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev. Systematic support measures are implemented by the state for the development of the agricultural sector, subsidies are provided for the development of this sector. As a result of the implemented measures and the efforts of farmers, a 3.4 percent increase in the agricultural sector was recorded in Azerbaijan last year.

The Minister touched upon the innovations implemented in the organization of agricultural activities and emphasized the importance of maintaining the growth rate in the agrarian sector.

Members of the Council of Farmers shared their views on the development of various fields of agriculture, including grain, cotton, cocoon, seed growing, intensive horticulture and animal husbandry. Timely and correct implementation of agrotechnical measures for high productivity, laying of land plots, conducting agrochemical analysis, correct use of mineral fertilizers, drugs and pesticides, timely implementation of pest control measures and other topics were discussed at the meeting.

At the meeting, the importance of continuing awareness activities among farmers in the regions was emphasized, the discussions on the provision of mineral fertilizers, seeds and equipment, subsidies, concessional loans, the introduction of agrarian insurance, irrigation issues were exchanged.

The proposals of the members of the Farmers' Council were recorded, and tasks were given for the implementation of the applications.

MINISTER INAM KARIMOV RECEIVED CITIZENS IN SAATLI

According to the instructions and recommendations of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev, the heads of the central executive authorities receive citizens in the regions and take measures to positively resolve their appeals, applications and complaints on various issues. According to the reception schedule, Minister of Agriculture Inam Karimov received citizens from Saatli, Sabirabad, Imishli and other regions in the administrative building of Saatli State Agricultural Development Center on February 9, listened to their appeals, considered their applications and complaints.

Before the reception, Minister Inam Karimov and the head of the Saatli District Executive Power, Elmir Bagirov, visited the national leader Heydar Aliyev's monument erected in the center of the city and paid tribute to his memory by placing flowers in front of it.

Later, Minister Inam Karimov got acquainted with the conditions created in the administrative building of the Saatli Agricultural



Development Center and met with a group of Agrarian Development Volunteers who participated in the provision of information consulting services to farmers.

The applications of 52 people were considered at the reception held with the participation of the heads of the department and subordinate institutions of the Ministry. The appeals of the citizens who came to the reception were mainly related to subsidies to farmers, granting loans on preferential terms, provision of agricultural equipment and household water, provision of suitable jobs, changing the purpose of land, compensation for damage caused during an insurance event, and other issues. Minister Inam Karimov carefully listened to every citizen's appeal, gave relevant instructions for a comprehensive study of the issues raised and their resolution in a short period of time in accordance with the requirements of the legislation.

Some of the citizens' appeals were resolved on the spot, and some of the issues raised were taken into custody for investigation. Applications that do not belong to the sphere of activity of the Ministry have been registered to be delivered to relevant institutions.

During the meeting with the citizens, the minister emphasized that the decrees signed by the head of state on the development of agriculture will improve the welfare of agricultural producers and promote the development of this field in our country.

The citizens who came to the reception expressed their gratitude to President Ilham Aliyev for the attention and care shown.

The Mobile Service Group of the Agro Services Agency organized a mobile service for mechanics in the building of the Saatli State Agricultural Development Center. Drivers' licenses for driving tractors and other mechanical vehicles, which expired during the service, were replaced with new ones.

Minister Inam Karimov was interested in the process of organizing the mobile service, listened to the applications of mechanics and gave the necessary recommendations.

BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

A board meeting was held at the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan on February 21. Chairman of the board, Minister of Agriculture Inam Karimov gave detailed information by making a speech about the measures taken under the leadership of President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev in the direction of development of the agrarian sector, decisions taken, results of the 2022 economic year, expansion of the agrarian insurance system's application, improvement of the subsidy mechanism, crop and animal husbandry.



At the board meeting, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Ilhama Gadimova made a report on changes made in regulations and rules on the organization of agricultural activities, improvement of the Electronic Agricultural Information System, and the heads of the relevant departments, subordinate bodies of the Ministry reported about the work done in the direction of preparation for the new economic year.

At the end, the members of the board were given specific instructions on the implementation of the forthcoming tasks and new action plans.

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