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OUTCOMES OF THE WORKING GROUP VISIT TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE AGROLOGISTIC CENTERS' ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE AND ITALY

During the working trip aimed at familiarizing themselves with Italy's experience in creating and operating agrologistic centers, the group, as planned, visited the large cooperative RENOVA, engaged in research, consulting and technological activities in the field of agriculture in the Emilia-Romagna region (Italy), to exchange experiences.

The specialists of this cooperative provided detailed information via a presentation regarding joint collaboration with farmers, entrepreneurs and specialists from state institutions in the agricultural sector.

The next day, the group visited the APO Fruit cooperative, which has more than 60 years of experience in the fruit and vegetable market and held a working meeting with farmers – the cooperative members.

This cooperative has 12 processing plants and 12 product reception and storage points throughout Italy, with a network of over 2,700 producer workshops that supply a total of 143,000 tons of fresh products annually.

Besides, during the trip to Italy, a high-level meeting was held with officials of the Rimini wholesale market and other representatives of local authorities.



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SUPPORT FOR HORTICULTURAL NURSERIES WITHIN THE PROJECT FRAMEWORK

The State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” consistently develops the necessary measures for the sector development.

As part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project”, the Institution fenced the territory perimeter of the Dangara horticultural farm nursery, which belongs to the Republican State Unitary Enterprise “Tojikniholparvar” of the Agriculture agency. The fencing, covering an area of 2,435 square meters (9.1 ha), is a 2-meter high fence made of durable chain-link mesh.

The farm management expressed satisfaction and gratitude for fencing the perimeter of the nursery territory in order to protect and safeguard it from the small and large cattle of local residents.



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Visit of the working group to get acquainted with the activities of agrologistic centers in France and Italy

With the purpose of studying the experience of France and Italy in the establishment and operation of agrologistic centers, as well as their cooperation with agricultural producers in the areas of packaging, marketing, and export of agricultural products, a working group comprising representatives of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministries of Agriculture, Finance, Industry and New Technologies, Economic Development and Trade, and the Executive Authorities of the Sughd, Khatlon and Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Regions, as well as Dushanbe city, had a working visit to France and Italy.

Upon arrival in Paris, the group was received by representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in France. In accordance with the visit program, the group became familiar with the experience in establishment and management of agrologistic centers, including processing and storage of agricultural products—particularly fruits and

vegetables—in compliance with European requirements and standards, as well as with import and export issues by using large-scale agrologistic platforms and modern trade management systems.

The group visit to France took place from August 24 to 27 of the current year in Paris. According to the plan, during the initial two days, the international company “Chingir Safreco” as the project consultant, provided comprehensive information on construction of agrologistic centers in the Khatlon and Sughd regions and Dushanbe city. The participants were also provided with information on the production and turnover of agricultural products in European countries.

The next day, to familiarize themselves and review the agrologistic activities, the group visited one of the largest agrologistic centers in Ranji (Paris), which is considered one of the largest in Europe and occupies an area of 234 hectares.

In this center, the participants were introduced to the methods of sorting, packaging, storing and selling seafood, meat, dairy products, fruits and vegetables, and also received information on the nuances of these methods.

According to the program, the study tour continued in Italy from August 28 to 31.



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COTTON HARVESTING IN SUGHD REGION

Cotton growers of Sughd region effectively use favorable weather conditions and are actively engaged in the collective harvesting of this year cotton crop.

It is worth noting that this year, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”, as part of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” implementation provided the region farmers (project beneficiaries) – including seed-producing farms and the private sector – with high-quality “Elite” category cotton seeds during the sowing period. Due to proper implementing the agrotechnical cultivation standards, cotton growers were able to achieve good growth and high yield of this crop.

Currently, collective cotton harvesting has been organized and is actively ongoing in the region towns and districts. During the first harvest, a good yield of 13 to 16 c/ha has already been achieved.



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TRAINING SEMINAR “SOIL DOCTOR” IN GBAO DARVOZ DISTRICT

This year, within the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” framework, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” together with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the Republic of Tajikistan (FAO) is holding “Soil doctor” training seminars across the country.

This time, the training seminar was held in the hall of the GBAO Darvaz district executive committee. The training seminar was opened by the Darvaz district chairman Nosirzoda Umedjon, who called this event a good and timely initiative of the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development”. Afterwards, the scientists and specialists in the field of soil science discussed the sector current issues.

The seminar lasted two days (the 26th and 27th). According to the plan, the scientists working in the field determined various elements in the composition of the soil and its actual condition using modern equipment and presented the results to

the participants.

The reports covered issues related to determining the chemical and physical composition of the soil, improving its structural composition, as well as a wide range of important topics presented in a series of presentations to implement the integrated strategies for studying and preserving soils.

The purpose of such training seminars is to timely prepare specialists in this field to solve current problems, apply modern technologies in the sector, use land efficiently, determine elements of soil composition by modern equipment and further increase crop yields.

This event is organized for specialists in the field of agriculture, who, by using modern technologies, will be able to further improve their knowledge and skills and apply scientific achievements in practice in future.

During the seminar, participants asked questions to officials about current problems in this field and got acquainted with the nuances of soil science and agrochemistry.

The end of the seminar was an interesting and memorable moment for each participant. As a result of mastering the soil analysis nuances, the participants received a "Soil doctor" certificate.



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COTTON HARVESTING IN KHATLON REGION IS GOING ON

This year, with the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” within the framework of the “Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project” during the sowing campaign provided farmers of the Khatlon region (project beneficiaries) with high-quality certified cotton seeds of the elite group: Jongmyan-113, Laser and Ramses.

The farmers, expressing gratitude for the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the State Institution “Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development” ongoing support, sowed cotton on an area of 3,590 hectares within the established time frame. The varieties received were imported from abroad, are high-yielding, adapted to climatic conditions and their changes and are intended for seed-growing farms.

Currently, collective cotton harvesting continues in the Khatlon region towns and districts, and farmers, obeying agricultural cultivation techniques, were able to increase

cotton yields and get a good yield – 13-18 c/ha in the first cotton harvest.

The project beneficiaries are trying to effectively use favorable weather to collectively and on-time harvest the yield in the fields without losses and increase it to 50-55 c/ha.



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PROGRESS OF REPAIR AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE STATE VARIETY TESTING STATION IN VAKHSH DISTRICT

The State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" annually takes the necessary measures to implement the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" and constantly makes every effort to develop the agricultural sector.

With the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan support, the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the framework of the "Strengthening Resilience of the Agriculture Sector Project" gradually repairs and reconstructs a number of scientific and educational buildings, laboratories of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Tajikistan Academy of Agricultural Sciences and other necessary facilities, giving them a modern design and putting into operation.

All these construction, reconstruction and landscape works are the result of state independence, peace and unity, and the country Government constantly takes the necessary measures to develop various sectors.

The next facility to be completely renovated will be the state variety testing station in Vakhsh district.

Due to the need for major repairs, this facility will be qualitatively renovated and reconstructed this year by the State Institution "Agriculture Entrepreneurship Development" within the project framework: roofing, wall leveling, interior painting, flooring, ceiling (roof) and window replacement.

In addition, the entrance to the building, small electrical appliances and chandeliers will be completely replaced, and a warehouse for storing seeds of various crops will be built next to the building.

Currently, the repair and restoration work inside and outside the building is in full swing; during the repair work, the workers consider the nuances to ensure the long-term service of this building and finish with high quality within the established time frame.

During the repair work, the institution engineers and specialists in social and environmental issues provided detailed information to the workers involved in the repair work on the environmental management plan, the results of the environmental impact assessment, compliance with sanitary and hygienic rules, safety precautions, compliance with the requirements and norms of the current Republic of Tajikistan legislation and the World Bank, the Grievance redress mechanism, as well as compliance with other applicable laws.



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