



New crop outlook:

Considering mild winter with no harsh weather condition, it was predictable that no vine trees have been damaged in Iran during the wintertime. However the cold weather wave at the beginning of the spring caused some minor damages in one out of six grapes growing provinces. So far the grapes crop is looking fair and it is expected that crop yield of the raisins in total to reach 180,000 MT. Surely the final verdict on crop depends on the weather condition till the crop is harvested and converted to Raisins, yet it's a correct assumption to have a larger yield in comparison to last crop year.

Carry Forward:

Based on the statistics Iran's crop volume was 160,000 MT for 2014 crop year, which by now the majority of the crop has been either exported or domestically consumed. We are looking at figures around 15 to 20 Thousand MT left at the local market which will eventually get exported/consumed domestically before September and as result nothing much will remain at the local market to get carried forward to the new crop year.



Market outlook and anticipations:

In view of recent crop reports out of Turkey and US as main producers of Raisins indicating diminishing crop size which has resulted increase in prices, it is foreseeable that Iranian raisins will have a very good chance to have larger market share in sales. Especially in industrial developed countries markets where Iranian raisins is getting more noticed as an evolved product thanks to wider utilization of advanced production and sorting technology by more companies nowadays. Hence given the crop volume and related prices, it's expected that Iran can claim larger shares in global markets.

Fortunately, Agricultural policies of the government has been in the favor of supporting farmers and exporters and it's very likely for Iranian producers and exporters to experience much better days in future as the sanctions are to be lifted and trading with the country gets back to its normal condition.



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