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ECONOMIC IMPACT

- 12% of GDP
- 20% of total employment
- 5% of overall economic growth in past five years
- Around 4,000 new jobs annually



STRENGTHS

- Suitable climate for various crops
- Young and eager workforce
- Easy access to export markets through highways
- Proximity of rural areas to cities and towns



AGRICULTURE IN FIGURES

- 130,000 family farms/husbandries
- Cultivating 413,635 hectares of land
- Around 100,000 hectares not used for production
- Main crops: wheat, maize, peppers, potatoes, apples, raspberries, plums



SECTORS WITH GREATEST POTENTIAL

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat and dairy
- Medicinal and aromatic plants
- Grape and wine



PUBLIC INVESTMENT

- EUR 90M in past two years in grants and subsidies
- EUR 35 per capita per year
- 4% of the total national budget
- Advancing irrigation capacities, advisory services, EU-compliant legislation, public human resources



- 25,000 hectares of formerly “socially-owned” agriculture land, not yet privatized
- Public forest lands available for long-term rent
- Primary production, processing, renewable energy, biomass



CHALLENGES

- Land fragmentation and small parcels
- Lack of modern irrigation capacities
- Access to finance
- Lack of agricultural / crop insurance schemes