

3/20/2021

Weekly Highlights

FDI down 52.9% y/y in 2020

FDI decreased by 52.9% y/y to US\$ 616.9mn (3.9% of GDP) in 2020, according to Geostat's preliminary figures. The reduction in FDI reflected the ownership transfer from non-resident to the resident units in several companies, which reduced FDI by US\$ 340.5mn in 2020. The financial sector was the largest FDI recipient at US\$ 400.3mn (+47.1% y/y, 64.9% of total), followed by mining at US\$ 101.5mn (+93.8% y/y, 16.5% of total), real estate at US\$ 71.8mn (+729.0% y/y, 11.6% of total) and manufacturing at US\$ 68.1mn (-41.0 y/y, 11.0% of total). Meanwhile, there was a negative FDI in the hotel and restaurant sector (-US\$ 221.5mn) due to ownership transfer. UK topped the list of investors with US\$ 307.8mn (+30.1% y/y), followed by Netherlands at US\$ 172.1mn (+71.5% y/y), Turkey at US\$ 108.1mn (-38.3% y/y) and USA at US\$ 93.3mn (-16.3% y/y).

Exchange rate- As a result of March 19th, the value of one dollar became 3.3326 GEL and the value of one euro became 3.9645 GEL.

COVID 19 - CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS CASES - 276796 , WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS - 360;
RECOVERED - 269626 , WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS - 242; FATAL OUTCOME - 3683, WITHIN THE PAST 24 HOURS - 9.

Articles of the Week

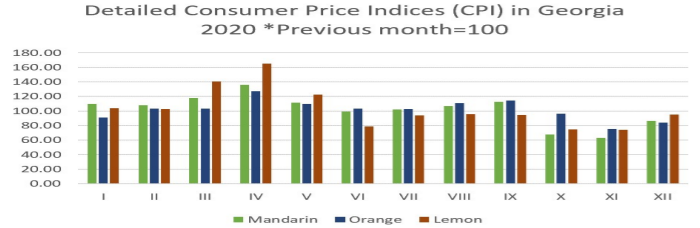
Turkey, Russia, China, Azerbaijan and US are Georgia's largest trading partners

According to the National Statistics Office of Georgia, in January-February 2021, Georgia's five largest trading partners were as follows: Turkey (\$ 248.5 million), Russia (\$ 202.7 million), China (\$ 193.7 million), Azerbaijan (\$ 167 million) and US (98.4 million USD).

According to Geostat, the share of the ten largest trading partners in the total foreign trade turnover of Georgia amounted to 73.5 percent. Georgia's 9 of the ten largest trading partner countries have a negative trade balance, as Georgia has far fewer products sold for export than imported from these countries. Bulgaria is the only country in the top ten with which Georgia has a positive trade balance, ie in the first two months of 2021, Georgia exported much more, \$ 36.3 million worth of products to Bulgaria than it imported from Bulgaria.

source: <https://report.ge/economics/turketi-ruseti-chineti-azerbaijani-da-ashsh-sakartvelos/>

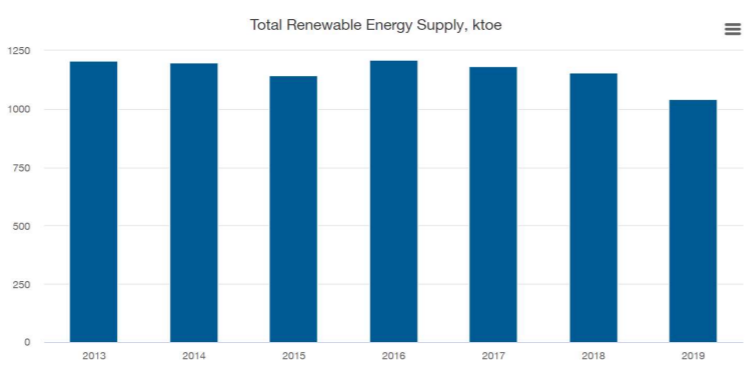
Inflation statistics of Agricultural products



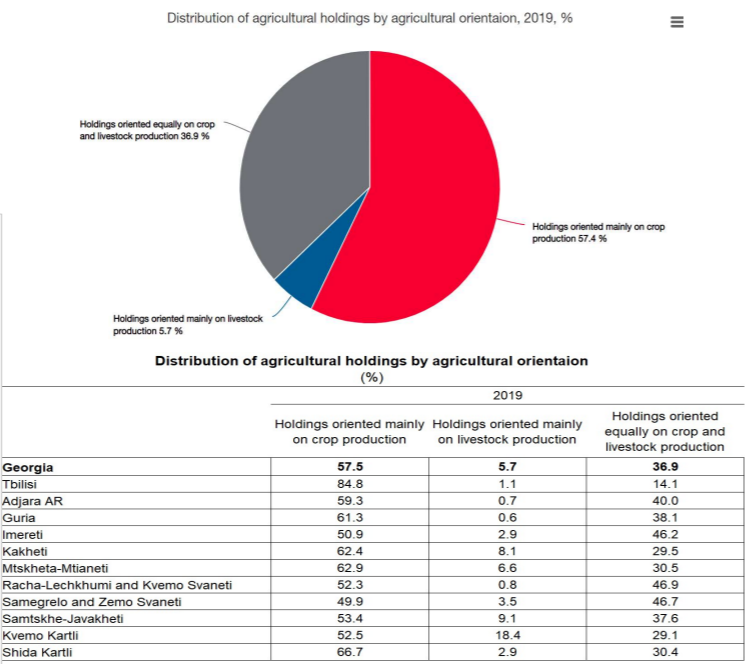
Import/Export of Agri products

EXPORT					IMPORT				Trade balance			
Products	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2017	2018	2019	2020*
fresh or dried oranges	366.5	236.8	383.6	1,508.7	4,741.1	4,143.0	5,707.8	6,433.9	(4,374.6)	(3,906.1)	(5,324.2)	(4,924.2)
fresh or dried mandarins (including tangerines and satsuma); clementines, Wilkins, and similar citrus hybrids	10,348.8	10,761.5	13,944.4	18,420.3	1,304.0	989.0	707.2	3,176.2	9,045.8	9,772.5	13,287.1	15,244.1
lemons and/or dried lemons and limes	740.3	248.4	303.7	906.2	1,224.7	1,325.2	1,266.9	1,850.7	(484.4)	(1,076.8)	(963.2)	(944.4)
fresh or dried grapefruit	128.1	92.4	73.9	647.8	321.6	448.1	516.9	1,101.9	(392.4)	(356.7)	(443.1)	(554.4)
other fresh or dried citrus fruits, not elsewhere specified or included	1.5	19.1	91.6	19.1	6.1	32.2	119.7	41.1	(4.6)	(13.1)	(28.1)	(21.9)

Environmental indicators



Agricultural statistics



Governmental, Non-overnmental grants and subsidies of Agriculture

Program of co-financing harvesting agricultural machinery

The aim of the Program of co-financing harvesting agricultural machinery is to increase the access to harvesting agricultural machinery (any type of harvesting equipment, both self-propelled and trailers, except for grape harvesting equipment). The Program provides **only co-financing of harvesting agricultural machinery**, both self-propelled and trailers.

The amount of co-financing of the Agency per beneficiary in case of agricultural machinery intended for harvesting grain (combine) is not more than 30% of the value, but not more than 150,000 GEL, and in case of other types of harvesting agricultural machinery (except grapes) - not more than 50% - not more than 150,000 GEL.

The agricultural equipment to be purchased must be new (not in operation), in particular, it must meet the following two conditions :

Agricultural machinery must be manufactured no earlier than two calendar years prior to the procurement. Warranty conditions should apply to agricultural machinery for at least 6 months from the submission of the application.

The beneficiary of the Program should not have any tax debt to the state budget

For more information: <http://mechanization.rda.gov.ge/guest/terms>

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Agricultural commodities

Grains

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EDT)
C 1:COM Corn (CBOT)	USD/bu.	553.75	+7.25	+1.33%	May 2021	10:48 AM
W 1:COM Wheat (CBOT)	USD/bu.	625.25	-5.25	-0.83%	May 2021	10:48 AM
O 1:COM Oats (CBOT)	USD/bu.	363.75	-2.50	-0.68%	May 2021	10:48 AM
RR1:COM Rough Rice (CBOT)	USD/cwt	13.08	+0.05	+0.35%	May 2021	10:34 AM
S 1:COM Soybean (CBOT)	USD/bu.	1,410.25	+18.00	+1.29%	May 2021	10:48 AM
SM1:COM Soybean Meal (CBOT)	USD/T.	403.70	+5.50	+1.36%	May 2021	10:48 AM
BO1:COM Soybean Oil (CBOT)	USD/lb.	54.09	+0.67	+1.07%	May 2021	10:48 AM
RS1:COM Canola (ICE)	CAD/MT	607.30	-4.00	-0.65%	Nov 2021	10:48 AM

Softs

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EDT)
CC1:COM Cocoa (ICE)	USD/MT	2,484.00	-58.00	-2.28%	May 2021	10:47 AM
KC1:COM Coffee 'C' (ICE)	USD/lb.	129.35	-0.60	-0.46%	May 2021	10:48 AM
SB1:COM Sugar #11 (ICE)	USD/lb.	15.65	-0.24	-1.51%	May 2021	10:47 AM
JO1:COM Orange Juice (ICE)	USD/lb.	116.10	-0.45	-0.39%	May 2021	10:46 AM
CT1:COM Cotton #2 (ICE)	USD/lb.	84.85	-0.60	-0.70%	May 2021	10:48 AM
OL1:COM Wool (ASX)	--	--	--	--	N/A	--
LB1:COM Lumber (CME)	USD/1000 board feet	870.00	+15.40	+1.80%	May 2021	10:40 AM
OR1:COM Rubber (Singapore)	USD/kg	174.90	-6.30	-3.48%	May 2021	5:59 AM
DL1:COM Ethanol (CBOT)	USD/gal.	1.80	0.00	0.00%	Apr 2021	3/18/2021

Livestock

INDEX	UNITS	PRICE	CHANGE	%CHANGE	CONTRACT	TIME (EDT)
LC1:COM Live Cattle (CME)	USD/lb.	118.83	-0.82	-0.69%	Jun 2021	10:48 AM
FC1:COM Feeder Cattle (CME)	USD/lb.	145.05	-1.57	-1.07%	May 2021	10:48 AM
LH1:COM Lean Hogs (CME)	USD/lb.	100.75	+0.73	+0.72%	Jun 2021	10:48 AM

Economic Data on Georgia

GDP									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1 20*	II 20*	III 20*	
GDP at Current Prices, Bn €	33.9	35.8	40.8	44.6	49.3	11.1	11.1	13.3	
GDP at Constant 2015 prices, Bn €	33.9	34.9	36.6	38.4	40.3	9.1	8.8	9.8	
GDP Real Growth, Percentage	3	2.9	4.8	4.8	5	2.3	-13.2	-5.6	
GDP Deflator Change, Percentage	5.8	2.6	8.5	4.4	5.2	7.1	7.2	5.9	
GDP Per Capita (At Current Prices), €	9 109.4	9 613.9	10 933.9	11 968.0	13 239.4	2 974.3	2 990.2	3586.7	
GDP Per Capita (At Current Prices), \$	4 012.6	4 062.1	4 358.5	4 722.0	4 696.2	1 016.3	952.9	1156.2	
GDP at Current Prices, Bn US Dollars	34.9	35.3	36.2	37.6	37.7	3.8	3.6	4.5	
Share of Agriculture in GDP, Percentage	8.8	8.3	7.2	7.8	7.4	TBD			

Population & Unemployment

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1 20	II 20	III 20
Economically Active Population (Workforce), Thousand People	1675.6	1653.8	1641.2	1605.2	1572.8	1545.2	1515	1526.9
Employed, Thousand People	1308.5	1294.5	1286.9	1295.9	1295.9	1262.7	1237.6	1269.13
Unemployed, Thousand People	367.2	359.2	354.5	309	276.9	282.6	277.4	259.8
Unemployment Rate, Percentage	21.9	21.7	21.6	19.2	17.6	18.3	18.3	17


Consumer Price Index (Inflation)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Average to the Annual Average	104	102.1	106	102.6	104.9	105.2
December over Previous Year's December	104.9	101.8	106.7	101.5	107	102.4

Review of Agricultural product- Blueberry

Blueberry is a crown forming, woody, perennial shrub in the family Ericaceae grown for its fruits, or berries, of the same name. The blueberry plant possesses oval or elliptical leaves which grow alternately on the stems. The stems, or twigs, are yellow/green in color and turn reddish in winter. Flowers are bell shaped and can be either white or pink, occurring in clusters of 8 to 10 flowers. Berries are blue to black in color and 0.6–1.3 cm (0.25–0.5 in) in size. Lowbush blueberry plants (including *Vaccinium angustifolium*) are smaller in stature, reaching heights of 35 to 60 cm (13.8–23.6 in) and with proper management can produce fruit for between 40 and 50 years. Lowbush blueberries are also sometimes referred to as Maine, New Hampshire or wild blueberry and are native to eastern/central Canada and northeastern United States. Highbush blueberries (including *Vaccinium corymbosum*) are generally 2–3 m (6.6–9.8 ft) in height but can reach up to 5 m (16.4 ft) and may also be referred to as huckleberry or swamp blueberry. Highbush blueberry accounts for most of the commercial production of blueberry fruit and is also native only to North America. **Source:**plantvillage.psu.edu

Blueberry



Vaccinium corymbosum

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Clade: Tracheophytes

Clade: Angiosperms

Clade: Eudicots

Clade: Asterids

Order: Ericales

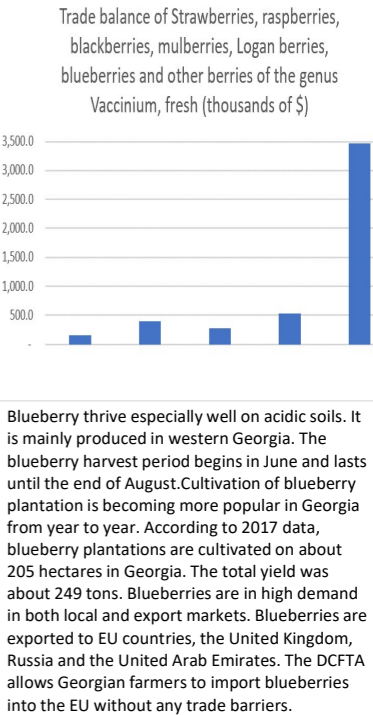
Family: Ericaceae

Genus: *Vaccinium*

Section: *Vaccinium* sect. *Cyanococcus*

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Overview of Global Blueberry Market (www.tridge.com)

GLOBAL MARKET OVERVIEW OF BLUEBERRY									
Rank	Country	Country Share 2020	Export Value 2020	1-Year Growth in Va 2019	3-Year Growth in Va 2017	Weekly Domestic Ph 2021-03-15	Monthly Domestic F 2021-03	Harvesting Seasons	
1	Peru	23.47%	764.04M	-9.2%	+100.88%			-	
2	Spain	13.28%	432.38M	+14.02%	+37.29%			High Season	
3	Chile	13.24%	430.79M	-24.84%	-13.47%	+8.08%	+11.81%	Low Season	
4	Mexico	11.59%	377.31M	+140.21%	+340.33%			High Season	
5	United States	7.65%	249.14M	-1.48%	+30.6%	-11.4%	-21.66%	-	
6	Morocco	5.92%	192.82M	+1.58%	+40.71%			-	
7	Canada	4.03%	131.26M	-16.17%	-20.29%			-	
8	Netherlands	3.98%	129.41M	-68.34%	-48.76%			-	
9	South Africa	3.89%	126.45M	+13.72%	+138.65%	+41713%	+188.98%	-	
10	Poland	2.64%	85.97M	-20.92%	+3.88%	-1.6%	+7.7%	-	

Company description

Marneuli Food Factory LLC (established in 2007) is the largest food processing enterprise in Georgia, widely accepted as a quality brand in local market. The factory is located in Kvemo Kartli region, within forty Km distance from the capital city, Tbilisi. Kvemo Kartli is a famous agricultural center of Georgia. Due to the favorable geographical location the factory is tightly connected to the raw material source, simplifying production cycle and enabling fresh production. Since establishment considerable investment was made to equip the factory with modern technologies and to achieve high quality production standards. In 2007, Italian processing line - Fenco - was installed and launched in the factory. It allows the enterprise to receive and process 30 000 tons of raw material per season. As a result of cooperation with German consulting company, the factory acquired and installed several production lines under the supervision of German specialists. product lines are: Tomto Paste, Cucumber in brine, Assorted vegetables in brine, Sauces and ready salads, Traditional Georgian sauces, Jams, Preserves and compotes.

Assets: 14,123,000 GEL (2017) Revenues: 8,201,000 GEL (2017) P/L: 879,000 (2017)

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