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Abstract

Almonds, adapted well to warm temperate regions, are native to Southwest of Asia, covering Iran, Turkey, Syria, and Palestine but nowadays grown widely in the USA, Spain, and Italy. Almond husbandry in Turkey, however, has not yet reached the point desired because the infrastructure necessary to commercially maintain almond trees is not adequate. Being not capable of producing almonds in the desired quantity and quality makes our country a net almond importer although Turkey has the capacity to enhance the yield and quality factors and thereby increase the productivity that may result in higher profits. To break this vicious circle, efforts directed towards the enhancing of area, yield, and production must be accelerated through preventing growers from using almond trees as bordering materials in orchards rather than using them in commercial production. Furthermore, provision of farm credits as well as advantages of modern almond husbandry for almond growers is among the measures that will mitigate the hardship encountered in the Turkish almond sector.