

The sector of dates in Algeria, role in national economy and position on the international market

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Abstract

In this paper we first presented the key role of the dates sector in the national economy by analyzing the technical and economic performance of date palms through the study of the area evolution, palm grove heritage and production in the country. Secondly, analysis of the sector position; through the study of the position of Algeria among the producers and dates exporters. It intends to identify the real possibilities of strengthening the position of Algeria in these markets. In this work we have relied, after a bibliographic search on the one hand on the statistics gathered from the Algerian customs and databases of FAO, and on the other hand on field surveys conducted among actors who have relations with the sector dates in Algeria. The main results obtained are the effectiveness and importance of the sector in the Algerian economy, and low competitiveness and performance at international level with the results expected and the objectives set. This is mainly due to the combination of a series of technical constraints, economic, administrative and natural.