

Iran's agriculture, fisheries flourish under Raisi

The statistics and reports tallied by the government of Iran's late president Ebrahim Raisi show that the government's performance in agriculture was satisfactory. It even managed to chalk up solid achievements in the fields of farming and fisheries.

Almost self-sufficient in wheat production

One of the achievements of the government in this field was its move towards reaching self-sufficiency in wheat. This is especially important since wheat is deemed a strategic commodity in securing the country's food supply. Consequently, the Raisi government set out to achieve self-sufficiency in wheat production and made strides in the production and purchase of wheat from farmers.

As per the report of the Agriculture Ministry, the country's domestic wheat production stood at 4.5 mil-

lion tons in the Iranian calendar year 1400 (ended March 20, 2022), and Iran imported an additional 7 million tons to meet the needs of the country. The next year, Iran produced 7.5 million tons of wheat and imported 3 million tons. In the last calendar year (ended March 19, 2024), domestic wheat production rose to 10.4 million tons, and the country imported a further one million tons. Given the downward trend in wheat imports and the estimates made, the country is on track toward achieving self-sufficiency in wheat provision this year.

There were several measures that



Raisi's government took to cause an increase in the production of this key product: First, the government announced the guaranteed purchase rate of wheat ahead of the planting season and rationalized it. Second, Iranian farmers saw a 129% growth in wheat purchases, from 50,000 rials per kilo in the calendar year 1400 to 130,000 rials in 1402. This was done so as not to disadvantage farmers. Third, the government provided various support packages such as the planting subsidy and wheat delivery bonus.

Diplomacy in agricultural prosperity

Raisi's government has had successful experiences in developing agricultural diplomacy. It got the Qiz Qalasi hydroelectric dam, the largest and most important water project in the northwestern border region, up and running after 20 years. The dam provides the plains of the northwestern provinces with 2 billion cubic meters of water annually and lays the groundwork for the expansion of the agriculture and tourism sectors there.

The strengthening of food diplo-

Iranian late president Ebrahim Raisi (2nd-L) is getting briefed about an innovation at an exhibition showcasing the achievements of the country's knowledge-based companies, in Tehran on August 16, 2022.



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