

The production of blue plums in the Troyan region

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Abstract

In the past, plum was the main fruit tree species grown in our country. Before the Liberation and long time after that, it gave the aspect of the Bulgarian fruit-growing. That is due to the favourable soil and climatic conditions for its development that it finds here. Then the main cultivar for plum production was Kyustendilska Sinya Sliva. The plum plantations in our country occupied the largest area in 1964 - 536 965 decares, the Lovech county and the Troyan region standing out for 116 922 decares. Since then until nowadays, the areas occupied by plums have decreased. In the last two decades, it has been drastic also due to the socio-economic changes.

One of the reasons for the decreased production of blue plums is also the limited assortment of the country. In order to enrich it, plum cultivars introduced and developed in our country were studied in the Troyan region. As a result of the study, the following cultivars were determined as suitable for growing: Cacanska Lepotica, Tuleu Timpuriu, Green Reine Claude, Gabrovska, Mirabelle de Nancy, Cacanska Najbolja, Tegera, Elena, Cacanska Rodna and Jojo.

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