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May

08.05.2007

- Market is flooded by strawberries from Macedonia. Prices goes from €0.80 – 1.00 at wholesale, while retail €1.20 – 1.50
- Two types of strawberries are present in the market. Strawberries packed in simple packaging wooden boxes are from North part –Tetovo region while strawberries packed in transparent plastic containers originate from south part of Macedonia - Bogdanci region.
- For the first time strawberries originated from south part of Macedonia is packet in the transparent plastic containers approximately 900 grams.
- Price of strawberries is lower compared to previous year. There is tendency that prices still go down.
- Several trucks of Bosnian from Sanxhak region are loaded and ready for transporting goods to Serbia. Mainly tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and onions are re-exported. The main route of product flow goes through North Mitrovica.

15.05.2007

- Strawberries from Serbia and domestic strawberries are present in the market. Strawberries from Serbia have, very strange shape. It looks more a less like Roxana and Allba. Wholesale price is 1.00 -1.20, while retail at 1.40-1.50.
- Domestic strawberries originate from Kravarica, Morea Company. Wholesale prices are at €1.20/kg. Mainly are distributed to the supermarkets. These strawberries are harvested from the open field strawberries site. Xhaviti Mulaj was main supplier of strawberry seedlings in autumn of 2006. Strawberry packaging was designed in collaboration of producer and trader from Prishtina market – Mr. Osman. Consumers can very easy recognised, strawberries produced in Kravarica. Packaging is based on traditional Albanian colours red and black. Plastic containers are in black while net (covering plastic container) is in red. Packaging was ordered in Greece.
- Strawberries from Macedonia are still dominating market.
- Prices of tomatoes and peppers as two main consumed products fall down for approximately 20%.
- Apples from Macedonia decrease their presence in the market. Prices of these apples increased up to €0.60 at wholesale and 0.80 at retail. Presence of apples from Greece, Italy and Austria stored with controlled atmosphere increased their presence. A price of these apples starts from €0.80-€1.00 at wholesale up to €1.20 to €1.50 at retail.

22.05.2007

- Locally produced strawberries increase their presence in the market. Strawberries originated from three different regions of Kosovo (Zhegra, Gjakova and Drenica)are present in the market.

- Traders from Prishtina to whom producers were introduced through project are main buyers and suppliers of Prishtina market with locally produced strawberries (Remi is supplied from Zhegra while Skender is supplied from Gjakova and Deqani region).
- Remi says that supplied price in Zhegra is €0.80/kg. He is selling for €0.90-€1.00/kg at wholesale in Prishtina market. Some of the quantities of strawberries he sold for €0.70/kg.
- Retail price of strawberries are at €1.20-1.50/kg. Strawberries from Kosovo, Serbia and Macedonia are present in the market.
- Strawberries from Macedonia, still very strongly are competing in price locally produced strawberries. Supplied price of strawberries at Skopje wholesale market is €0.60/kg (price received by traders in Prishtina market).
- Prices of tomatoes and peppers as two main consumed products remain the same.
- Bosniacs from Sanxhak (south west part of Serbia) again are active on re-exports of vegetables (tomatoes) from Kosovo to Serbia.
- String beans as a new product arrived in the market. €2.50/kg is price of string beans. They are originating from Macedonia.
- Two traders (Shefik and Cani) from Prishtina market, says that Kosovo very easy could export products. Main product which could be exported are as follow: red peppers, tomatoes, watermelons. Last year Mr. Shefik exported to Germany around 75 tonnes of chestnut. He says that he can export to EU (Greece and Germany) product if farmers could apply grading, and packaging of products.

29.05.2007

- Price of strawberries remains same as previous week at €1.50 retail price. Domestic strawberries even increase their presence in the market still have strong competition on price by strawberries imported from Macedonia.
- Some of the traders are worried about low demand for strawberries . In several cases are pushed to sell their strawberries below the supplied price or to through away the huge quantities.
- Price of peppers increase from €1.00 to €1.20. This is temporary change caused by the limited offer by suppliers from Turkey.
- A price of tomatoes remains the same as previous week.
- Demand for apples as one of the main consumed fruit fell down compared to the previos months. This is affected by the two factors: very high price and wider ranged of offered seasonal fruit e.g. strawberries, cherries.
- Peaches and apricots are two new products arrived in the market Very surprising is their offered price €1.50 at retail.
- Price of string beans fell down rapidly comparing previous week, from €2.50 at €1.50

June

05.06.2007

- Watermelon originated from Albania arrived in Prishtina market. This affected that price of watermelons to decrease from €2.00 to €0.40 at retail.

- Situation with strawberries remains same as previous week in terms of prices. Local strawberries dominate the market with offer.
- Cucumbers produced locally increase their presence in the market. Also first quantities of locally produced tomatoes arrived in the market.
- Prices of lettuces fell down. Offer from the local production increased, this was the reason that price goes down.
- For the first time in the market are present apples produced in Slovenia. Price of these apples are €0.80 at retail price. So market is dominated by apples from Greece, Italy, Argentina, Chile and Slovenia

12.06.2007

- Price of watermelon still is going down. Price at wholesale is €0.30. This is affected by growth import from Albania.
- Situation with strawberries remains same. Local strawberries dominate local market. Some of the traders which deals with import from Serbia face difficulties for distribution of strawberries. One of the big dealers lost approximately €3,500 or a full truck with strawberries. All this was affected with strong presence of locally produced strawberries which doesn't allow any supply gap for import supply.
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26.06.2007

- Local produced tomatoes increased presence in Prishtina market. Mamusha and Neperbisht are two main places of production. Price is €0.45 at wholesale. Qualities of tomatoes are in very high level. Some of tomatoes are packed in the second hand carton packaging of Turkish supplier, but some of them use new wooden boxes. Current price of tomatoes is satisfied for producers but they are afraid that after one week or ten days prices will go down because offer of locally produced tomatoes in Mamusha and other places will increase. They are asking for any kind of support from the government if they could close border with Macedonia, from where is now main import of tomatoes.
- Locally produced carrots are already in the market. Packaging and brand developed by SPHPK gives opportunity for easy differentiation from the imported

carrots. Locally produced carrots are sold for approximately €0.35/kg at wholesale.

- Onions produced locally (Rahovec) are present earlier compared to previous years. Local producer achieved to catch premium prices of onions. Onions are sold for €0.30 at wholesale price.
- Apples produced in Slovenia increased their presence in the market. They are sold for €0.60 at wholesale price. Idared is varieties originated from this country. Quality is not very satisfied. Price is very competitive compared to other apples present in the market e.g. Italy –South Tyrol, Chile, Argentina. The comparative advantage of Slovenian apples is suitable for common Kosovar household in terms of purchasing power.
- A truck of cabbages (approximately 20 tonnes) produced in Mamusha was exported to Greece through trader from Prishtina Azem Osmani. He has also request from Greece for about 600 tonnes of potatoes. Mr.Azem his trying to export some quantities of onions from Rahovec to Bullgaria. He said that he is not facing any problem during export to Greece, in terms of quality standards and other export requirements; it is same situation with Bulgaria.

July

03.07.2007

- Local production increases their share in the market. Potatoes, followed by onions, cucumbers, and tomatoes are main locally products present in the market. Also the locally produced carrots started to be offered in the market. Surprising is end of the market supply with local strawberries. There is no also supply from the import.
- Price of tomatoes produced local slightly started to decrease. This is related with growth of local production. Wholesale price of a wooden box with tomatoes from 7-8 kg is sold for €3.00 to €3.50 or €0.30 to €0.35 farmer price.
- Onions originated from Rahovec flooded the market. Price is very satisfied for local producers it is at €0.20 farmer price.
- Local carrots started to be present in the market. Carrots produced by Rahoveci farmers packet in the plastic bags (designed for 2kg load, but producers packs 3 kg) are very easy to be differentiate among the imported carrots. Wholesalers were selling 3 kg for €1.50.
- Price of watermelon fall rapidly. Price fell from €0.22 at wholesale last week to €0.15 this week. It seems that traders from Prishtina market are dumping prices in order to get out their competitors.

10.07.2007

- Local producers of tomatoes, in the last days faced a strong competition from the imported tomatoes from Montenegro and Serbia. Tomatoes imported from these countries are sold for €0.20 at wholesale price (supplied price – franco Prishtina is €0.15). The imported quantities affect the price which fell down from €0.30 - €0.35 last week to €0.20 (wooden boxes of 10 kg with tomatoes are sold for €2) this week.

- Price of watermelon drastically fell down (not expected for this period of time). Currently watermelon is sold at €0.09 wholesale price. Main supply comes from two sources Albania and Macedonia.
- Onions locally produced are still in very good position in term of price. Market is dominated by locally produced onions. Onions (mainly from Rahovec) are sold from €0.20 to €0.25 at wholesale price.
- Garlic produced locally appears in the market. Producer from Rahovec (Hamza) supported by the project two years ago harvested his garlic and prepared for market. Garlic gloves his says that are from Poland. Quality of offered garlic is in very high level. Current price is at €1.00 wholesale price. Demand is very low for this period of time.
- Price of potatoes is not stable. Some days ago wholesale price was at €0.18 and currently is €0.10. Last week some of the quantity of early potatoes was exported to Albania. This period of time is very attractive for export to Albania, affected by increase demand by the tourists and low of local supply with locally produced potatoes.
- During this week local producers started to offer traditional pepper – Somborka (hot round pepper). Current wholesale price is €1.80 for bag (approximately 3 kg). In meantime import of similar type pepper of Duga bella (sweet long) from Macedonia and Babura (sweet round pepper) from Serbia has wider presence in the market.
- Short meeting was organised with some local producers from Krusha e Madhe. They were asking about possibilities for involvement to the strawberry production. Currently they are offering early potatoes, cucumbers and during these days started offering traditional pepper - Somborka. Main topic of discussion was export possibilities. They claim that last year some of the traders from Albania came to their village and was some attempts for export to Albania different crops mainly tomatoes, peppers but they were blocked by the Unmik Custom Service. They are suspected on Abi – Elif processing factory from Prizren, that are blocking export of tomatoes and peppers in order to keep low price for easy and cheap collection of produce from local producers.
- **The issue of export and terms of export procedures could be subject of further investigation, in order to be found what is really going regarding export of goods to Albania. Does exist any barriers for export of goods and if exist to find out to solve this problem.**

17.07.2007

- Rapid changes appears in regards to offer and demand of tomatoes which affected price of this crop to rise from the €20 to €50 at wholesale. Currently wooden box with tomatoes is sold at €2.50 to €2.70 at wholesale from the farmer or primary supplier –trader. €3.00 is retail price of a wooden box of tomatoes. Even that is no confirmed information; it's supposed that two issues could affect this issue. First export to Albania and second there is no enough supply with tomatoes from domestic farmers.
- Price of watermelon still is same compared to the previous week. Currently watermelon is sold at €0.09 wholesale price while €0.15 at retail. In regards to source of supply appears a change. Since a week ago Macedonia is main supplier with watermelon, because transport costs are lower from Macedonia

compared to Albania. That's why there is no any supply from Albania with watermelon.

- Early harvested apples from Serbia appear in the market. They are two varieties of apples present in the market which originated from Serbia, Idared and an apple variety with shape and colour and taste as Granny Smith. Apples are sold at €0.80 wholesale price and €1.00 retail price.
- Drastic changes appear in price of the traditional peppers Somborka. Today this peppers are sold form €0.80 per bag of 2.8 kg.
- Carrots produced locally (Rahovec) widely are present in the market. Demand for carrots is still flat, there is no change compared to previous week. Carrots are sold at €0.90 wholesale (€0.80 is supplied price). €1.50 is retail price of a bag (3 kg) with carrots.

24.07.2007

- A big change appears in regards of prices of tomatoes. Today, price of a wooden box was sold at €3.50 wholesale price while €4.00 at retail, or €0.55/kg at wholesale while retail at €0.80/kg. According to the trader from Prizren (Ibrahim Braha – meeting was held last week), price of tomatoes is affected by the export of tomatoes to the different countries. He claimed that through his company were exported 5 trucks of tomatoes. Two trucks in Bulgaria, two trucks in Rumania and a truck in Hungary. In total were exported approximately 100 tonnes of tomatoes. In meantime appears export to Albania. Last week were exported a truck with tomatoes approximately 20 tonnes.

In addition should be mentioned that prices of tomatoes could be affected also by the low quantity of production but also hot and dry weather in Kosovo in last couple of days.

- Prices of watermelon slightly increased from €0.09 to €0.13 compared to the previous week. Locally produced watermelon appears in the market. But presence of it is still weak. Presence of locally produced watermelon is bigger in other regional markets e.g. Prizren, Gjakova .
- Locally produced carrots were not present in the market. According to the information from Remi it was decided in agreement with farmer from Rahovec that supply with carrots from Rahovec should stop for some days after looses that Remi had (30-40 were throw).
- Prices of traditional peppers – Somborka fell down compared to the previous week. From €0.80 (last week), today the bag of peppers was sold for €0.50.
- Cabbage is product that during the last couple of weeks was most attractive product for export. Huge quantities of cabbages were exported to the different countries mainly Bulgaria and Greece. According to the Ibrahim Braha, his company export around 30 trucks with cabbages to Bulgaria. Also some other traders from Prishtina exported cabbages to Greece. This was case that price of the bag with cabbages (20 kg) to be sold for €5, which is the high price ever recorded for cabbages in this period of time.

31.07.2007

- Price of tomatoes is not stable at all. Price starts felling down last Saturday from €3.50 per wooden box at €2.60 and in Sunday they went at €2.00. In Sunday, a truck with tomatoes was exported to Bullgaria which affected price to rise at

€2.80-€3.20 per wooden boxes. Yesterday (Monday) and today (Tuesday) price again went down. Current price of tomatoes in Prishtina wholesale market is €1.60 per wooden box or €0.28/kg wholesale price, while €50/kg is retail price. According to the traders and producers the price of tomatoes is affected by presence of the open field tomatoes from all around Kosova – Anadrini region, Peja region and .Anamorava region.

- The locally produced watermelon increased its presence and almost is dominating market. Watermelon is originating from the two productions areas – Anadrini region - the first harvest started by the end of the first week and beginning of second week of July and mainly were distributed to the nearby markets e.g. Prizren, Gjakova and other small markets Xerxe, Rugova. The watermelon produced in Anamorava region respectively in Gjylekare village started to be harvested by the third week of July (at 18 of July - first harvest). Farmers- watermelon producers says that current year is earlier year that they remember that they were able to harvest their crops in this period of time. Watermelon produced in this area mainly is distributed to Prishtina market and other regional markets e.g. Gjilan, Ferizaj, Viti and Podujeva.

Prices of watermelon compared to the previous week increased. Watermelon is sold at €0.15 wholesale price, while €0.20 at retail price. This is good sign that price of watermelon could be stabile for certain period of time and which strongly encouraged Kosovo producers for further expansion of watermelon production.

- The locally produced grape started to be present in Prishtina market. The wholesale price is €0.70 while at retail is sold at €1.00. The local produced grape is strongly competing against the imported grape which is sold at €1.00 wholesale and €1.50 retail price.

The presence of the grape could be affecting the consumption patterns of the fruit especially decreased demand by the consumers' for watermelon.

- The new harvest (late harvest) of cucumbers appears in the market. This issue affected also the price which increase compared to the previous week.
- In regards to prices of potatoes and onions the situation is same compared to the previous week. The source of supply for these two crops is wider in terms of production regions. Along the potatoes and onions from Anadrini region in the market are present also the potatoes and onions from Prishtina region-Barileva and other villages close to Prishtina.

August

07.08.2007

- In general, locally produced products are dominating the local market. The products offered are tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, onions and cabbages.
- There is no change on price of tomatoes compared to the previous week. A wooden box was sold €2.00.
- The similar situation occurs also with watermelon. Price is stable. The local market is dominated by locally produced watermelon.

14.08.2007

- After a quit week, prices of tomatoes again are not stable. This was affected by the export of tomatoes to the neighbouring countries. Two trucks with tomatoes

were exported (Albania and Bulgaria). In total was exported around 10,000 boxes. Currently price of a box of tomatoes increase to €3.50 per box.

- Currently the local products dominate market. Main traditional products (most consumed) e.g. pepper, potatoes, onions, watermelons still are dominating market.
- Surprising is situation with cabbages. The export to the neighbouring countries affected the price.
- Locally produced grape every day increases presence in the market. However, the quantity available locally cannot satisfy the local market demand for table grape.

21.08.2007

- Prishtina wholesale market is dominated by the local produce. Different type of peppers (somborka, babura, duga bella and kurtovska kapija) are dominating market. Demand for these types of peppers compared to the offer is still very low, this is reason why prices are affected and they are in very low level. Hot weather is another very important issue which does not allow that households to start with preparation of the pickling.
- Tomatoes still are products, which has rapid changes on price. Usually the price of this crop mainly is affected by the export demand. Still some trucks with tomatoes are exported to Bulgaria and Albania. The current price of a box of tomatoes is €2.50 at retail price. Some of the traders were supplied day before from the farmers at Xerxe market for €2.50 to €2.80, but price of tomatoes went down.
- Cabbage is still product that breaks all records in term of price. The current price €1 per head of cabbage is highest price ever recorded in Kosovo. Mainly cabbages are originating from villages from Vushtri region (Doberlluke).

28.08.2007

- In general, majority of the fresh vegetables offered in the Prishtina wholesale market are from the domestic sources. Different types of peppers and tomatoes are most requested products in the market. Prices compared to the previous week are lower.
- Some export of tomatoes is still going around. Albania and Bulgaria are two main export destinations. In addition, some of the quantities are exported also to Serbia and Montenegro.
- Export of onions and cabbages to Bulgaria, which started in July, ended. Concerning cabbages, price went up because all available quantity of cabbages were harvested, while exported of onion was affected by the seasonality of onions – commencement of harvest of onions in Bulgaria.
- It is obviously the exports potential for Kosovo products exists. Albania was expected to be favorit, as a main export opportunity for Kosovo products, while for big surprise is situation with Bulgaria having in mind, their entrance to EU.
- Red peppers used mainly for production of Ajvar has big export opportunity to Albania (according to the their consumption patterns yellow type peppers are not consumed by Albanians in Albania, red pepper is more preferred). This is

conclusion after short meeting with four traders in Prishtina market. This type of peppers is very attractive for two types of markets: fresh and processing.

- Bosnia could be another country with interest and needs more attention In terms of market explorations. A short study trip with aim of quick survey could be with high importance in near future.

September

04.09.2007

- Different products (peppers, green tomatoes, carrots, chilli peppers, cauliflowers, gherkins etc) dedicated for pickling, increase their presence in the market. Compared to previous years, still is no big demand by the consumers regarding above-mentioned products. As a main impact factor is the warm weather that does not allow households to start preparation of pickling.
- Price of tomatoes slightly fell down. Today a box of tomatoes is sold between €1.50 to €2.00. Quality of domestic tomatoes gradually started to decrease, due to end of the harvesting season. This affected the export of tomatoes to Albania and Montenegro. Export to Albania almost finished, still some quantities from Peja region is exported to Montenegro. Based on this very soon, import of tomatoes with start from Turkey, Albania and Macedonia.
- Price of watermelons is surprising. This year will be one of the best years for domestic producers in regards to price and demand. This is first year that price of watermelon increase by the end of the season. Today, watermelon was sold at €0.15 wholesale while €0.20 retail price. The warm weather expands the demand and consumption of watermelon.
- Domestic carrots started to increase their presence in the market. Carrots produced in Rahovec and Podujevo (SPHPK clients) are present in the market. They are sold at €1 for 3kg/bag at wholesale while €1.5-€2.00 at retail price. Even the demand for carrots still is limited, bigger presence of domestic carrots can strength their position in the market compared to the imported ones.
- The first attempts for export of popular red pepper to Bulgaria and Albania are ongoing by the traders from Prizren. It supposed that first quantities of red peppers very soon would be exported.

11.09.2007

- Products dedicated for pickling (peppers, tomatoes, carrots, cauliflower etc) dominating market. Demand is still very low for this kind of the products due to the hot weather currently in Kosovo.
- Apples imported from Macedonia started to increase their presence in the market. The early presence of the apples from Macedonia is affected by weather conditions which allowed early harvest compared to the previous years. The big quantity of apples also affected the price. Apples are sold €0.60 at wholesale while €0.80 at retail. Idared followed by Red Delicious and Mutsu are main varieties offered in the market.

18.09.2007

- Prices of tomatoes started slightly increasing. This due to the end of the harvesting season in Kosovo. A box of tomatoes is sold from €3.50 to €4.00.

- Peppers also started to increase in price. This is mainly affected by the rain in the production area, which immediately affects in the difficulties in the harvest which directly affects in the low offered quantities compared to the current market demand.
- Some red peppers type mainly dedicated for processing – ajvar started to be exported in Montenegro, by the traders. For surprise is claims by the traders that are not facing difficulties for exporting to Montenegro.
- Very important information came from the Rahovec regarding the carrots. Approximately 24 tonnes of the carrots were exported in Serbia through the traders from the Sanxhak – region in Serbia mainly populated by Bosniacs. The export of carrots could have negative effect in terms of supply of local market with carrots during the period when is very high demand.

25.09.2007

- Presence of locally produced tomatoes started to be less present in the market. Currently in the local market are offered the last quantities of tomatoes available by the domestic producers.
- Tomatoes imported from Turkey started to increase their presence in the Prishtina market. This is due to the end of harvest of tomatoes produced locally. A box with imported tomatoes is sold from €6.50 up to €8.00.
- Demand for carrots started to increase. This issue affected the price of this produce. Locally produced carrots still are dominating the local market with some exception of import from Macedonia and Italy. Compared to the previous year carrots increase in price. Local farmers are selling the less quantity for same price as last year. 3kg bag with carrots produced locally is sold at €0.80-€0.90 at wholesale price by farmers, while at retail price by traders bag with carrots is sold at €1.20-€1.50.
- The majority of apples offered in the market are originating from Macedonia. According to the traders, during the marketing year 07/08 with high demand and lack of supply in the region for apples. There are two issues which could affect: export of apples expected to Iraq from Macedonia and situation with Greece where a huge plantation with apples were damaged.
- Watermelon disappeared from the market. There is no offer by the traders. In terms of consumption patterns for fruits grape followed by apples are dominating.

October

02.10.2007

- Surprising is presence of locally produced tomatoes. Producers from Mamusha started with late harvest. A box of tomatoes I sold from €3 to €3.50. Along the locally produced tomatoes, in the market are present also the tomatoes imported from Macedonia and Turkey. The presence of domestic tomatoes and tomatoes from Macedonia affected wholesale price of tomatoes dropping from €0.80-1.00 to €0.60.
- Price of cabbages also started to fell down. This is caused with increase of offer by the local producers.

- Export of different fresh products continued towards the Montenegro. Currently the Kosovo products are visible in different markets of Montenegro, e.g. Podgorica, Berane and Rozhaje. Main actors of the export are local traders.
- Apples from Macedonia are dominating the market. Price of apples slightly decreased. The box of apples (8kg) is sold for €4.

09.10.2007

- Market presence of fruits started decreasing. Apples followed by grape are two fruits that are dominating market. Other fruits e.g. peach, nectarines and apricots are not widely present in the market. This is due to the end of the season of these fruits in the neighbouring countries.
- Imports of high quality of apples from Macedonia are dominating market. Among the Idared, also the other varieties e.g. Jonathan, Mutsu, Granny, Delicious (red and golden) are present in the market. The main characteristic is that all varieties have same price, there is no price differentiation among apple varieties.
- Among the vegetables tomatoes, peppers, onions, potatoes and cabbages are dominating market. Tomatoes are originating from the different source of origin: Kosovo, Macedonia and Turkey, while peppers, onions, potatoes and cabbages are produced locally.
- The price of cabbages slightly decreased while price of onions increase.
- Still export of fresh vegetables toward Montenegro continued. Different types of products mainly peppers are exported.

16.10.2007

- Presence of the local producers situated behind the wholesale market started decreasing. This is due to the low offer of local products.
- Even the presence of some few quantity of local products e.g. peppers and tomatoes is available imports is still dominating.
- Carrots produced locally are facing a strong competition from imported carrots in terms of quality and quantity.
- Export to Montenegro of local products e.g. peppers and tomatoes are still ongoing.

23.10.2007

- There is no big changes of main products e.g. peppers, and tomatoes in terms of price and demand.
- Offer of locally produced carrots started decreasing in the other side import increased. Price of carrots increased from €0.70 to €1.00 at retail.
- Onions and cabbages two products which had a biggest price fluctuation during the year still have the very high in the market.
- Price of apple is stable. They are sold at €0.50 wholesale, while in retail are sold for €0.70. Apples from Macedonia dominate market.

31.10.2007

- Presence of local producers in the wholesale market of Prishtina is very low. Only few of them (two) are present today in the market. These are producers which use direct selling alternative.
- It is recorded a light increase price of different products e.g. peppers, tomatoes and carrots.
- Imported products almost dominate the market. Onions, potatoes and spinach are products which majority of them originate by the domestic producers.

November

06.11.2007

- Tomatoes imported from Macedonia and Turkey is dominating market. Tomatoes are sold for €0.80 wholesale, while €1.20 at retail.
- Imported carrots dominate the wholesale market. Surprising is import of carrots from Belgium and Check Republic. They are sold in the 5kg plastic bags. The current price is €0.70 wholesale and €1.00 retail price. Some of the local carrots could be found in the market but quality of these carrots is lower that imported ones.
- Locally produced white beans – from Peja region, one as the most consumed product locally, is reaching the highest price comparing the previous years. This white bean is sold for €3.00 at retail. Also the imported white beans from Turkey has very high price compared to the previous years. This white bean is sold from €1.70 up to €2.20 at wholesale while €2.50 is retail price.

13.11.2007

- There is very low movement in the market. There is no big numbers of buyers in the market. Demand is quit low. Cold weather could be a reason, but current low purchasing power it is issue that worries traders in the Prishtina market.
- The offer of the different products produced locally and presence of the domestic producers is every week lower.
- The main products – most consumed vegetables e.g. tomatoes, peppers, onions, potatoes and cabbage, - dominates the market. There are not big changes on the offered prices compared to the previous weeks. Only the wholesale price of tomatoes fell from €0.80 to €0.60.
- Cabbages are crop that needs attention. After the higher price of this crop some weeks ago, price fall at around €0.15/kg, but in the other hand the cabbages dedicated for pickling – “Srpski melez” varieties they are for double more expensive than common cabbages. Compared to previous year this variety is sold for more than 100% higher.
- In regard to fruits – apple is the main product offered in the market. Apples from Macedonia dominate market. Also the apples imported from Greece and Italy is present but their share is lower compared to Macedonians.

20.11.2007

- In general there are no big changes in the market. Movement of buyers is quite low.
- The offer every week is lower, so market offers low range of products.
- The main products offered are those most consumed: tomatoes, peppers, onions etc dominates the market.
- There are some changes in term of origin of the products. It seems that moving toward the late season – moving toward the winter origin of products is concentrated mainly from Turkey and Greece (Crete).
- Regarding the carrots imports from Turkey is dominating. There are sold at €0.75 wholesale while €1.00 at retail.
- Spinach had big change in terms of price compared to previous week. Today spinach is sold at €0.60 wholesale while €1.00 retail.
- In terms fruits mandarins and oranges started to increase their share in the market. After apples, mandarins and oranges become most requested fruits in the market.

28.11.2007

- There are not big changes in the market. Offer of the fresh products is same as last week. Range of the offered products is quite low.
- Price of both types of peppers (sweet and hot), increased compared to the previous week. The retail price of sweet peppers was €1.50 while that of hot pepper was €2.00. Both types of peppers originate from Turkey.
- Cucumbers are offered in two different types. Those which rolled (plasticized) are imported from Greece (Crete) and they are sold at €1.50 retail, while light green cucumbers (not plasticized) are imported from Turkey and are sold at €1.00 retail price.
- In regards to fruits - mandarins' flooded the market. Mandarins along with Apples became the main fruits offered in the market.

December

04.12.2007

- Mandarins and oranges became the most offered products in Prishtina wholesale market. These two products along with apples have the largest presence in terms of fresh fruits.
- Traditional crops e.g. onions, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes are main products offered and demanded in the market.
- Prices are quite stable compared to the previous week. There are no changes in terms of price.

11.12.2007

- There is not big changes on the market in terms of products offered and price fluctuations.

- Carrots from Albania arrived in the market. This is first import records of carrots from Albania in this period of time but also in general as first import of carrots in Kosovo. They are sold with leaves, which is not common for this period of the year because mainly carrots sold in market are without leaves, cleaned and proper packet. They are sold at €0.50 at wholesale while €0.80 at retail.

18.12.2007

- In general prices of fresh fruits and vegetables started to increase. This is affected by the ending year celebration.
- The main products – most demanded products e.g. tomatoes, onions, potatoes in regards to vegetables, apples, oranges and mandarins dominates the market.
- Regarding the origin – products from Turkey dominates the market.

25.12.2007

- Prices of all offered products increase for approximately 30%, compared to the previous week.
- Demand for different products is very high.
- Oranges, mandarins and apples in terms of fruits and tomatoes, peppers and onions are products which most requested by different buyers – retailers (supermarkets, mini markets and common household buyer).