

Albanian Typical products

Albania in process of the EU accession is strengthening the efforts to improve its Food and agriculture sector regarding the quality meeting the EU requirement food quality and safety in the fields of branding to strengthen the position of producers in the national and international market.

In that frame the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Consumer Protection is working in elaborating the food law which will be adapted to EU standards. In this context MAFCP is interested to inform and support related private sector to be well informed and prepared for fulfilling the requirement and to applying for PDO, PGI or STG and to meet Eu standards.

Albania has a grate potential to offer a large of typical products, most of them derive from the ancient traditions but still are made with the same care and love of the past.

The natural environment in rural Albania is still largely unspoilt and it is an important national resource. The natural environment is also a potential source of incomes for rural areas, both through the quality it can provide for food products and through its attractiveness for tourism and recreation.

Unpolluted nature of territory of our country offers high quality standards of products.

Hills that surround territory are partly cultivated with wine yards, olive trees and orchards.

Also honey and together with chestnuts are some of typical products of our country in addition cheeses made from milk of sheep's and goats.

Herewith I am presenting some potential Albanian typical products;

Small animals

Albania possesses 2, 73 Million small animals, 4 times more than some Balkan countries together. Interesting is the fact of large number of autochthon breeding.

Their meat is required by consumers for special and traditional qualities and particular taste, where mostly is typical biological production.

Ministry of Agriculture Food and Consumer protection has followed policies to support the increase of small animal number, consequently to high request of the meat from lamps and kids

Wine

Albania claims one of Europe's longest histories of viticulture. Vine varieties now grown in the country include Mavrud, Dimiat, Pamid, Prokupac as well as various international varieties.

Dry wines and grape distillate are produced for local consumption and mainly sweet wines, grape juice and brandy for export.

Olive oil

that “liquid gold”, made of different families of olive fruits is also diverse along Albania regions Albania is a country with old tradition in olive trees growing. There is about 35,000 ha of land planted with olive trees, numbering 4 Million trees in total. Albania is one of the countries in Mediterranean climate zone ideal for growth of olive trees. Olive trees are facing a visible climate and geographic diversity, only 3,3 % of the total of olive trees is in flat land and plain areas and the rest is in hilly areas.

Saranda Vlora and Elbasan ,are the first olive oil producer, keeps the Albanian tradition alive joining the olive trees quality and today's processes to obtain quantity and character on their oils.

Fish productions

Albanian Lagoons productions are high quality and very delicious, get fresh in the market and low price.

Sea bass and sea beam from lagoons posses' typical aroma as lagoon products are very delicious, without clay aroma, and no external substances.

In Shkodra lake is carp fish which is typically cooked from home people.

A distinguished fish comes from Ohrit lake named **korani** which is an ethnic specie, unique in the world for how is cooked from ancient time of Pogradeci region.

Lagoon Eel is very high quality and diversify cooking from traditional time up to day's time

Typical Albanian Food

A variety of food is available, especially fresh fruit and vegetables, which are subject to seasonal changes. Vegetables such as tomatoes, salad, carrots, green beans, cucumbers, garlic and onions are available throughout the year with seasonal variations. Fruits most widely available are: oranges, tangerines, peaches, prunes, watermelons, melon, grapes, apricots, and figs. Meat (beef, pork, lamb), chicken and fish are also available. Among the kinds of fish to be mentioned are Koran, Trout, and Krap (carp). Koran is a pink-meat fish which is found exclusively in Ohrid Lake, and nowhere else in the world.

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