

# The sector of olive oil production in Albania, achievements and challenges in future.

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## Abstract

*The olive oil production in Albania presents an importance for the economy of the country also for the improvement of the food structure. Also for the improvement of the work in this sector takes importance even the determination of factors which affect in improvement of the work. Future challenges in the production of olive oil have to do with operators of the olive oil production, the market and monitoring from the institutions of this sector. This study is a access in connection with the achievements and challenges that has this sector in Albania.*

## Introduction

Albania is a mediterranean country, with climatic and ground conditions suitable for growth and cultivation of olive. This has made that this sector to have a positive development especially this 2 last decades. As a result of this development even the olive oil industry has gone further in quantitative and qualitative direction. These changes in this industry are seen (in the increase of the new lines of processing).

This way in the view of qualitative production 30% are new technological factories, 30% are edges and the other parts are with high level of amortisation. The industry of olive oil production produces 6000 ton oil.

This study was taken because of important load that has in agricultural economy of Albania. The production of olive and olive oil is with importance because it takes place in a big size planted with this culture. Also even because of the importance that has in the food structure the olive oil like a main production that's extracted from olive processing. The main goal has been to point out of the main achievements in this sector with some challenges that are connected with them.

## Hypotheses

The use of new technology in processing olive for oil brings the increase of the quantitative and quality of oil.

If are carried the services in the right time and in uniform way than we have the increase of quantity for product unit that's processed and qualitative food indicators in that.

## Materials and methods

This study was supported in these directions:

In official statistics in connection with olive oil sector.

In interviews and direct questionnaires with farmers that submit the olive production for processing in oil factories, the field specialists, processors of oil production.

Another method where the study was based it's the field observation where was seen the real condition of factories and olive farms.

Economic method.

Comparing the data method.

Measurement quantitative and qualitative method, and in literature.

In the year 2001 was produced for the first time the extra virgin oil for market. Olive oil factories are of capacity 3.5-4 quintal for hour and less of average capacities 9-12 quintal for hour.

Installed capacities are used 50%. For the investments of processing lines the resources of financing have been (from the official data):

- a. With funding from the processors 50%
- b. Bank credit 32%
- c. Other resources 18%

## Results and discussions

During the interviews that were made with specialists like them, the problems that are linked with olive oil are improving daily. It has grown the number of the factories that process olive oil.

The technological quality of oil factories is improving from the entry of new factories.

During the interview of the subjects linked with the oil production resulted that are confronted some problems like:

The non arrival in the right moment of the production in the processing factory.

The transportation not in the right time of picked product.

The high-cost of packing of olive oil.

The illegal concurrence in some cases.

During the interviews with farmers linked with the problematics related with the production and the quality of olive oil they rank this factors:

- The not spraying
- The terrain where are planted delays the pickings in fast time.

A factor for the reduction of the speed the farmers rank these factors:

- The lack of sprayings.
- The lack of agrotechnical services.

## Conclusions

From the treatment of this topic I think that are valid some conclusions:

-The further improvement of the processing technology, the replacement of new factories from the old factories that will make possible the improvement of the quantity and quality of the olive oil.

-The improvement of the packing of the oil.

-The improvement of quality of the raw material that is delivered in processing factories (improving the quality of services).

-War against the not right competition that is made by the not qualitative oil that is sold in the market.

-Important is the control and the permanent monitoring from the law implementation institutions.

