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## ECONOMIC STUDY FOR COMPETITIVENESS OF MOST IMPORTANT EGYPTIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

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## **ABSTRACT**

Lack of geographical diversity for the future markets for Egyptian agricultural and food exports and Egypt's dependence on neighboring countries in this regard.

The main markets for Egyptian agricultural and food exports were average in the period 2011-2016 in Saudi Arabia by about 13.1%, followed by Libya, Russia and Britain with 5.9%, 5.7% and 4.1% respectively. Italy with a rate of about 3.9% and the UAE by about 5.2%.

It was found that the potato crop is one of the most important export crops in the vegetables, representing about 22.5% of the total value of Egyptian exports of vegetables, while the grapes were one of the most important Egyptian export crops in the fruit group, representing about 20.6% of the total fruit exports. -2016.

There was a statistically significant increase in the quantity and value of Egyptian exports of potatoes and grapes.

The increase in the indicators of comparative advantage of Egyptian potatoes, which enhances the position of competitiveness of Egyptian potatoes in foreign markets.

The relative advantage of the correct one decreased until 2003, while comparative advantage increased from 2004 until the end of the study period. This may be attributed to the success of the

Egyptian side in increasing the production and marketing capabilities of grapes and hence the relative advantage of this crop.

Egypt is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest exporter of grapes in the world and contributes about 2.2% of the total value of world exports as an average for the period 2012-2016.

It was found that Egypt is the fifth largest exporter of grapes to the United Kingdom and was ranked first in South Africa and Spain. shows that the rate of export growth of the competition countries is greater than the rate of growth in Egypt, i.e., the competing countries take the share of the Egyptian side and reached the market share 5.8%, as evidenced by the low penetration rate of the market, which amounted to about 2.4%, as it became clear that the penetration rate of the market in Saudi Arabia, which amounted to about 17.5%.

Egypt is ranked eighth among the most important potato exporting countries in the world and contributes about 4.3% of the total amount of world exports as an average for the period 2012-2016. It was found that Egypt occupies the first position of the most important potato exporting countries to Russia and was second and third place in China and Azerbaijan. Table (9) shows that the rate of export growth of the countries of competition is lower than the growth rate in Egypt, where the rate of growth of Egyptian exports to Russia was 7% 38.1%. The market penetration rate, which is about 0.6%, was found to be low, and the penetration rate of the Dutch market was about 5.5%.

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