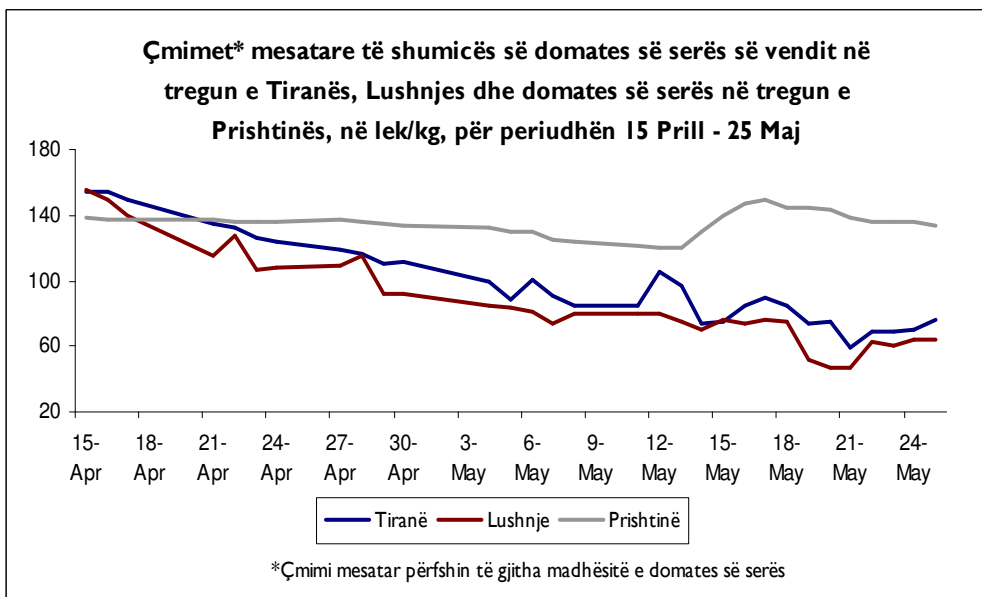
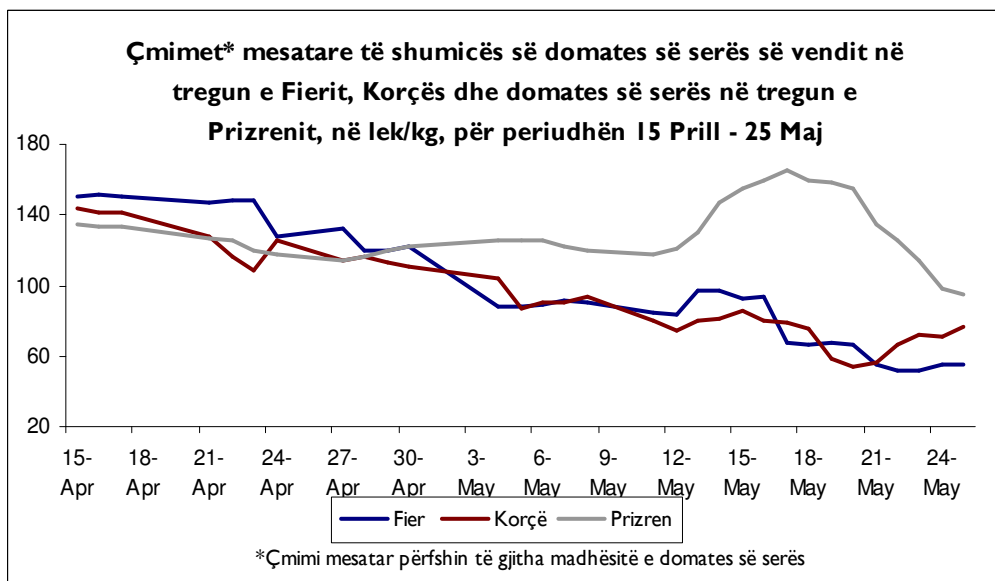


ANALYSIS OF HISTORIC PRICES OF GREENHOUSE TOMATOES AND CUCUMBERS IN WHOLESALE MARKETS DURING 15 APRIL – 25 MAY

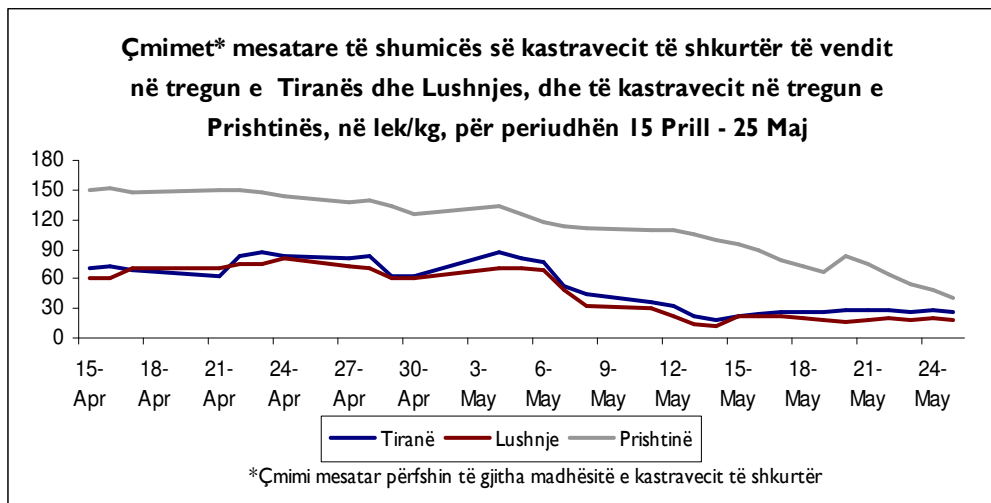


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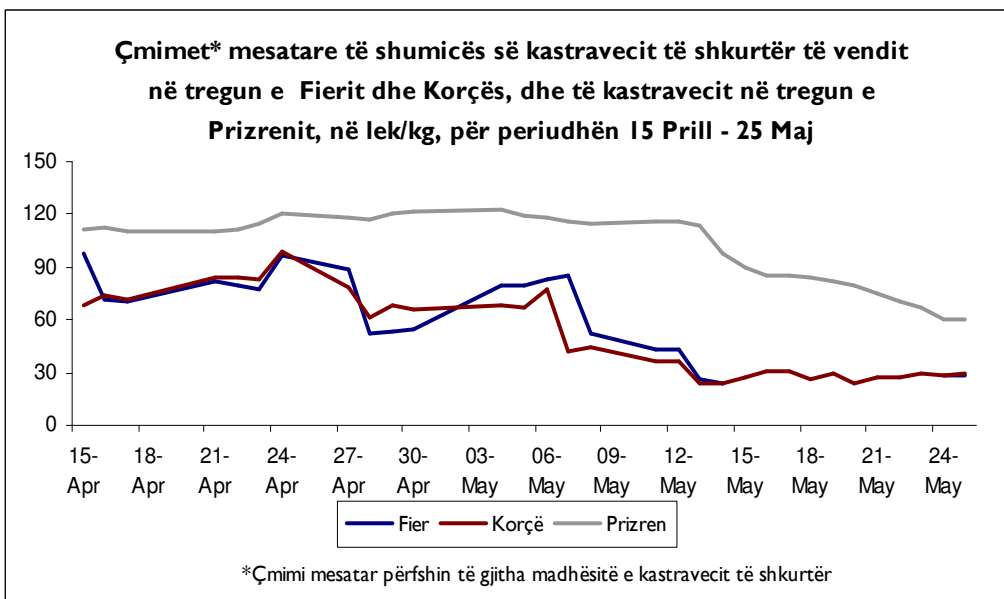


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Graph 1 shows average wholesale prices developments of greenhouse tomatoes in Tirana and Lushnja markets and wholesale prices of tomatoes in Prishtina market for the period 15 April – 25 May. Tomatoes offer has been constantly present in the three observed markets and it has been mostly covered from the domestic production in the domestic markets. The imported tomatoes were almost non existing during this period and are therefore not taken in consideration in this report. The price of greenhouse tomatoes has been decreasing constantly in the Albanian wholesale markets, while the price of tomatoes in Prishtina wholesale market has oscillated around 134.6 ALL/kg. The average price of the greenhouse tomatoes in the wholesale market in Tirana was 145 ALL/kg during the third week of April, 119 ALL/kg during the fourth week of April and has oscillated around 100 ALL/kg, 93 ALL/kg, 79 ALL/kg and 69 ALL/kg in the following weeks in May. The average price of the greenhouse tomatoes in the market of Lushnja has oscillated around 137 ALL/kg the third week of April, around 106 ALL/kg during the fourth week of April and around the values 85 ALL/kg, 77 ALL/kg, 67 ALL/kg and 60 ALL/kg in the coming weeks of May. Tomatoes were sold with a 15.7 % higher price in Tirana than in Lushnja during the observed period. The constant fall in the level of prices in both domestic markets is mainly due to the increased production and increased number of traders of this product in these markets. In the near future a decrease of the offered quantity is expected, which can be accompanied with the light increase of prices until the appearance of openfield tomatoes. Beyond the price decrease trend, high price differences between our domestic wholesales markets and the Prishtina market, are to be observed. Average prices of tomatoes in Tirana are 25% cheaper and in Lushnja 34.1% cheaper than in the Prishtina market. These trends signal sales opportunities in Kosovo and presumably in the region. Graph 2 shows average prices trends of greenhouse tomatoes in the wholesale markets of Korça, Fieri and Prizren. The two other observed domestic markets have also experienced tomatoes prices fall. The price of tomatoes in Fieri market during the third week of April oscillated around an average value of 150 ALL/kg, 130 ALL/kg during the fourth week of April and around the values 97 ALL/kg, 89 ALL/kg, 79 ALL/kg and 54 ALL/kg in the following May's weeks. The average price of tomatoes in the Korça market oscillated around 134 ALL/kg the third week of April, around 115 ALL/kg the fourth week and around 98 ALL/kg, 84 ALL/kg, 73 ALL/kg and 69 ALL/kg in the following May's weeks. The price of tomatoes in the Prizren market was 128 ALL/kg on average. The highest differences in price between domestic markets and Prizren market were reached during the second half of May.



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Graph 3 shows historic prices of domestic short cucumber in the markets of Tirana and Lushnja and cucumber prices in Prishtina market during the period 15 April – 25 May. Only domestic production of cucumber is considered in this report since imported cucumbers were rare. The average price of short cucumber has experienced a sharp drop especially after the first week of May, in both observed markets. The average wholesales price has oscillated around 71 ALL/kg and 79 ALL/kg during the third and fourth week of April and around 76 ALL/kg, 38 ALL/kg, 25 ALL/kg and 27 ALL/kg in the following May's weeks, in the market of Tirana. Prices' oscillations are well synchronized in these two markets. Most of the cucumber production comes from the area of Lushnja and any changes in price in this market are reflected in the market of Tirana as shown in the graph and in the other two wholesale markets. The average wholesale price in the market of Lushnja oscillated around 67 ALL/kg and 71 ALL/kg in the third and fourth week of April, 67 ALL/kg, 30 ALL/kg, 19 ALL/kg and 19 ALL/kg in the following weeks. Cucumber was sold on average with a 23.9% more expensive price in Tirana than in Lushnja. The constant prices decrease is mainly due to the high production and oversupply in markets, while the light increase in the second week of May matches with the increased demand from exports to Kosovo. This could have also influenced the price decrease in Prishtina. Nevertheless cucumber has been sold on average, 52.2 % cheaper in Tirana and 58.7% cheaper in Lushnja than in the wholesale market in Prishtina during the observed period. Graph 4 shows historic prices of cucumber in Fieri, Korca and Prizren wholesale markets. Average prices oscillated around 81 ALL/kg and 74 ALL/kg in the third and fourth week of April and 74 ALL/kg, 50 ALL/kg, 24 ALL/kg and 28 ALL/kg in the following weeks of May, in Fieri market. In Korça the average price was 76 ALL/kg and 78 ALL/kg in the third and fourth week of April and then 70 ALL/kg, 36 ALL/kg, 27 ALL/kg, 28 ALL/kg in the weeks of May. In the mean time, the price of cucumber oscillated around 103 ALL/kg in Prizren. Cucumber was sold on average 46.5% cheaper in Fier and 49% cheaper in Korça than in Prizren. Low prices of cucumber raise the issue of unexploited opportunities of exports to the region of some domestic agricultural products accompanied by a favorable trade regime under CEFTA and a favorable ALL to Euro exchange rate.



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