



SILKWORMS



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BASIC INFORMATION



- **Silkworm sector has a history of 1500 years in Turkey.**
- **It is an economic, cultural and traditional secondary agricultural activity, which is particularly providing additional income to small producers in rural regions.**



- All producers are members of Bursa Association of Agricultural Sales Cooperatives for Silk Cocoons (Abbreviated as KOZABİRLİK), which is the only producers organization in this sector.
- KOZABİRLİK was established in 1940 and covers 10.881 producer members and 5 cooperatives.



- **Silkworm egg is produced and distributed as free of charge to all producers by Association. The total amount of these distributed boxes are paid to KOZABİRLİK by State. 16,5 YTL (10.25 €) is paid per box in 2005.**
- **All producers have been registered by KOZABİRLİK and all phases of the production are also controlled by the Association.**



Data on Silkworm Production

Years	Box (Number)	Fresh Cocoon (Ton)	Yield (Kg/Box)
2002	3.839	100	26,0
2003	5.097	169	33,2
2004*	5.161	143	27,7
2005**	5.669	157	27,7

Source : TURKSTAT

(*) : Provisional

(**) Source: KOZABİRLİK



- **The fresh cocoons are purchased by KOZABİRLİK and dried cocoons are sold both to domestic and foreign markets.**
- **There is no stock in dry cocoon sector because it is marketed in the production year.**



FOREIGN TRADE



- **Zero tariff duty is applied in the import of the silkworm egg, dry cocoon and raw silk products and there is no subsidy for the export of the same products.**
- **Import and export of silkworm egg is subject to the permission of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.**



- **Annual raw silk production is 27 tonnes and demand of the sector is approximately 250 tonnes/year.**
- **The big proportion of this demand is met by People Republic of China, Uzbekistan and Brazil.**



SUPPORT MECHANISMS



- Besides KOZABİRLİK's purchasing prices, direct support payment is provided to the producers which are selling their fresh cocoons to the Association per kg that they have sold.



- Applications related to subsidies are under the control of; Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Union of Turkey Agricultural Chambers and KOZABİRLİK.



First Grade Fresh Cocoon Purchasing Prices (€/Kg)

Years	KOZABİRLİK's Purchasing Price	Direct Support Payments	Total
2002	1.40	3.85	5.25
2003	1.78	4.15	5.93
2004	1.30	4.36	5.66
2005	1.55	5.28	6.83

Source: Ministry of Industry and Trade



COMPARISON OF LEGISLATION

**TURKEY**

Since 1999, aids are determined by the Decrees and the Implementing Communiqués which are published annually.

The latest applications are made according to the Decree No 2005/8534 and Implementing Communiqué No 2005/1.

EUROPEAN UNION

Silkworm aids are given according to the Council Regulation (EEC) No 845/72 and Commission Regulation (EEC) No 1054/73.



TURKEY	EUROPEAN UNION
Aid for produced fresh cocoon per kg	Aid per box for silkworm rearing
There is not any restriction.	Precondition of minimum 20 kg fresh cocoon production per box.
Payment is done after fresh cocoons are sold to the Association and the necessary documents are provided. (July-August)	The latest application for payments should be done before 30 November, 2/3 of the payments should be done before 31 December the remaining 1/3 should be paid before 31 January the following year.

**TURKEY**

Boxes should contain minimum 20,000 silkworm eggs according to the Decree No 1953/1317 and the Circular of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs No 1986/2904.

EUROPEAN UNION

Boxes should contain minimum 20,000 silkworm eggs.

**TURKEY**

Aid is determined every year as the difference between target price and the foreign market price.

(Approximately 145 Euro for fresh cocoon which produced from per box in 2005)

EUROPEAN UNION

The amount of aid is stable unless an amendment is come into force (133.26 Euro per box).



OTHERS



- **Number of the mulberry trees appropriate for sericulture are 1,800,000 pieces in Turkey.**
- **Annual maximum production capacity for silkworm egg is 40,000 boxes and maximum production capacity for fresh cocoon is 1,200 tonnes.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION