FACTSHEET

Agriculture, Agritourism and Aquaculture Sector

Cultivating Quality, Harvesting Opportunity

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OVERVIEW

Agriculture is a strategic pillar of Albania’s economy and a key driver of export growth, rural development, and investment opportunities. The sector combines strong agricultural tradition with increasing modernization, supported by favorable natural conditions and growing alignment with European Union standards.

The main grains cultivated in our country are wheat, corn, barley, rye, and buckwheat. Vegetables, potatoes, and beans also play a significant role in producing arable crops. The main fruits cultivated in our country are apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, citrus fruits, and grapes. Olive trees are among the most extensively cultivated crops & important crops grown.

Agriculture has traditionally been one of the most dominant sectors with a high development potential in Albania's economy, employing a significant portion of the population and contributing to the country's GDP.

This sector accounted for 14.8% of the country's GDP in 2025.

Agritourism as a subsector, is also a strong point of the economy, aiming not only at developing the local economy through diversification of the activities on farms but also at welcoming tourists, with the added interest of getting to know Albania and enjoying the typical products of the area.

Albania offers fiscal incentives for Agritourism entities like a reduced VAT rate of **6%**, a reduced profit tax rate of 5%, and an exemption from the impact tax on infrastructure.

Exports of "Food and live animals" mark a value of approximately 540 millions EUR in 2025.

For 2025, "Food and live animals" constitute **14.8%** of exports.

WHY INVEST IN AGRICULTURE

- Typical Mediterranean climate with mild, wet winters and sunny summers;
- Different microclimate, suitable for cultivating different products;
- Up to 300 days of sunshine a year;
- About 560,000 hectares of arable land;
- Fertile soil;
- Abundant water resources.

- **VAT exemption:** The supply of agricultural machinery is exempted from VAT.
- **VAT exemption in import:** Import of machinery and equipment in the function of realizing investments in the sector of agribusiness.
- **Reduced VAT:** A reduced rate of VAT of 6% is applied for facilities certified as agritourism.
- **Reduced VAT:** A reduced rate of VAT of 10% is applied to the supply of agricultural inputs, which includes chemical fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, and seedlings, except for hormones.
- **Reduced profit tax:** A reduced profit tax of 5% is applied to taxpayers certified as agrotourism subjects.
- **Reduced profit tax:** A reduced profit tax of 5% is applied to Agricultural cooperative societies.
- **Rent** for Agriculture Land from 10 to 99 years.

NATIONAL SCHEME 2026

The National Support Scheme 2026, with a budget of ALL 5.2 billion, represents a key financial instrument to accelerate sector development, increase competitiveness and support alignment with EU standards.
The fund approved for National Scheme 2026 will be used for:

- a) increasing the competitiveness of agricultural and livestock products by reducing costs through direct payments per cultivated area and per registered livestock;
- b) biological control of pests in greenhouse vegetables, as well as the certification of agricultural products and organic farms;
- c) providing grant support for investments in farms, agro-processing, aquaculture and agritourism.

National Scheme 2026 contains the support measures as follows:

- Support for registered breeding cattle herd (base herd);
- Support for registered small ruminant breeding herd (base herd);
- Support for beekeeping activities;
- Support for registered breeding herd of sows and pre-sows (base herd);
- Support for biological pest control in greenhouse vegetable production and/or strawberries in plastic tunnels;
- Support for organic farms;
- Support for implementation and certification of Global G.A.P standards;
- Support for cultivated agricultural land area;
- Support for inland fisheries restocking activities.

Support for Investments:

- Young farmers' investments in agricultural and livestock farms;
- Construction and/or reconstruction of livestock shelters (stables) and equipment for improving conditions;
- Agricultural machinery, equipment and tools.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PROCEDURES

AGRICULTURE SECTOR

STRATEGIC INVESTOR STATUS

PROCEDURES	ASSISTED	SPECIAL
VALUE OF INVESTMENT	≥ 3 000 000 €	≥ 50 000 000 €
NEW JOBS	50	/

SUCCESS STORIES

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Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Farm Supplier & Export

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