



New challenges in vegetable branch in Latvia

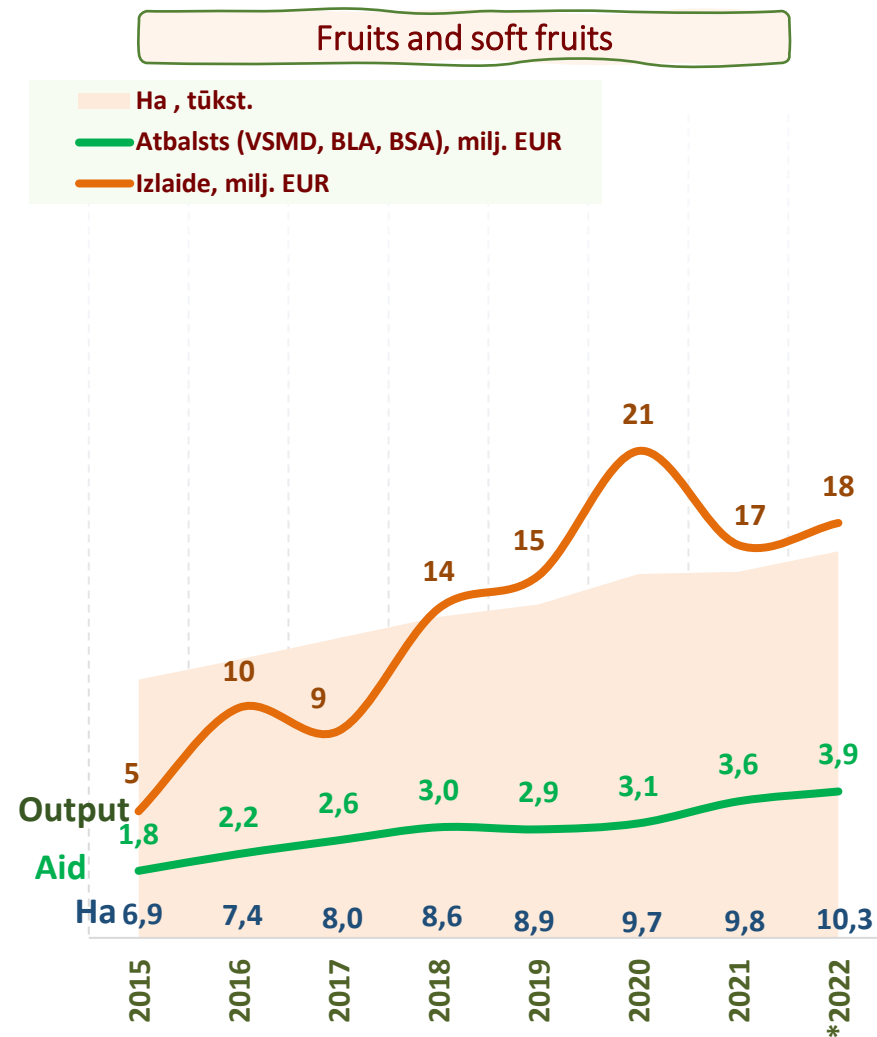
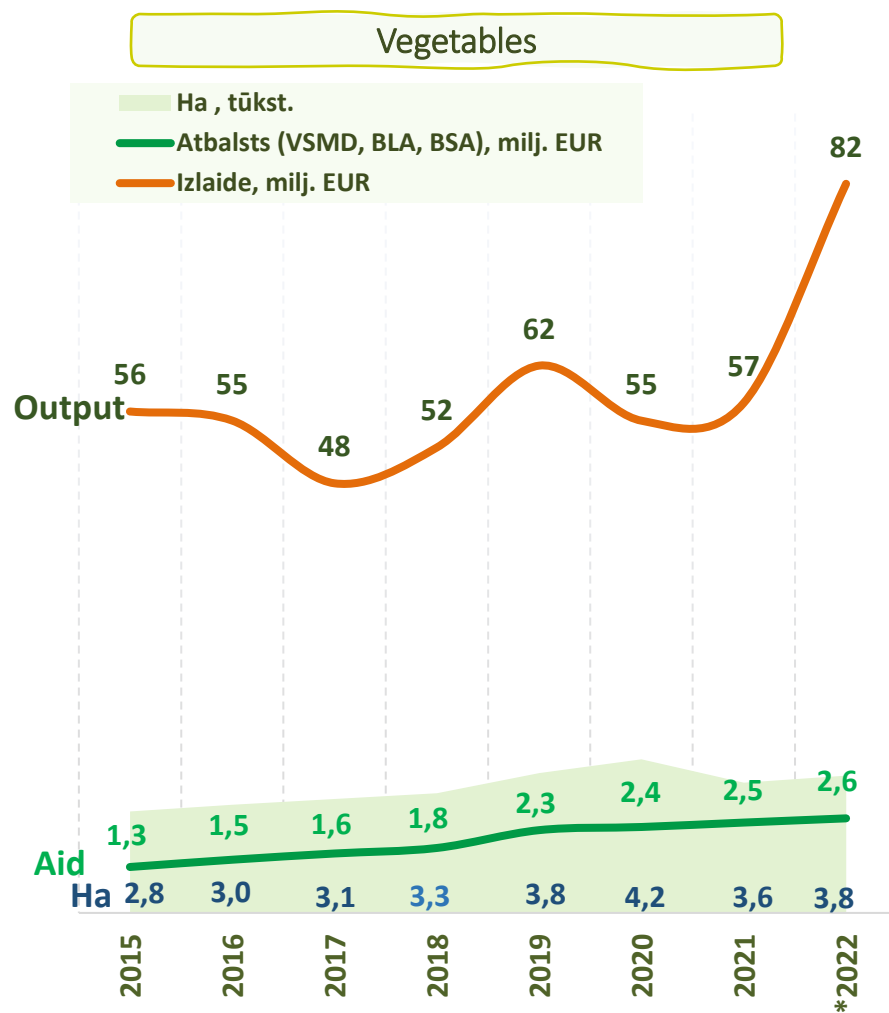
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Vegetables and fruits production output, aids and area 2015 – 2022*

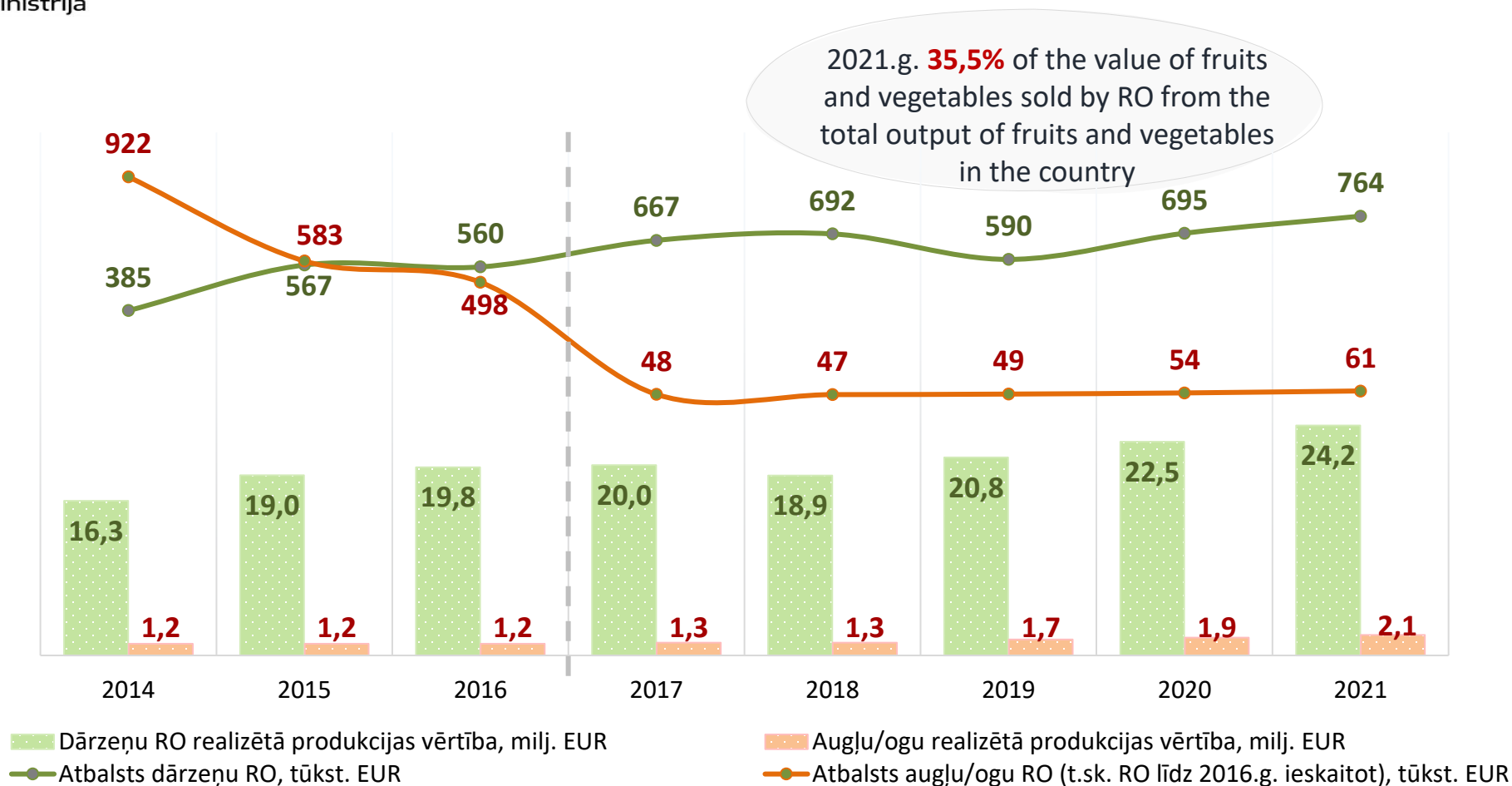


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Fruits and vegetables PO sold production value and EU aid(inkl. PG), 2014 - 2021

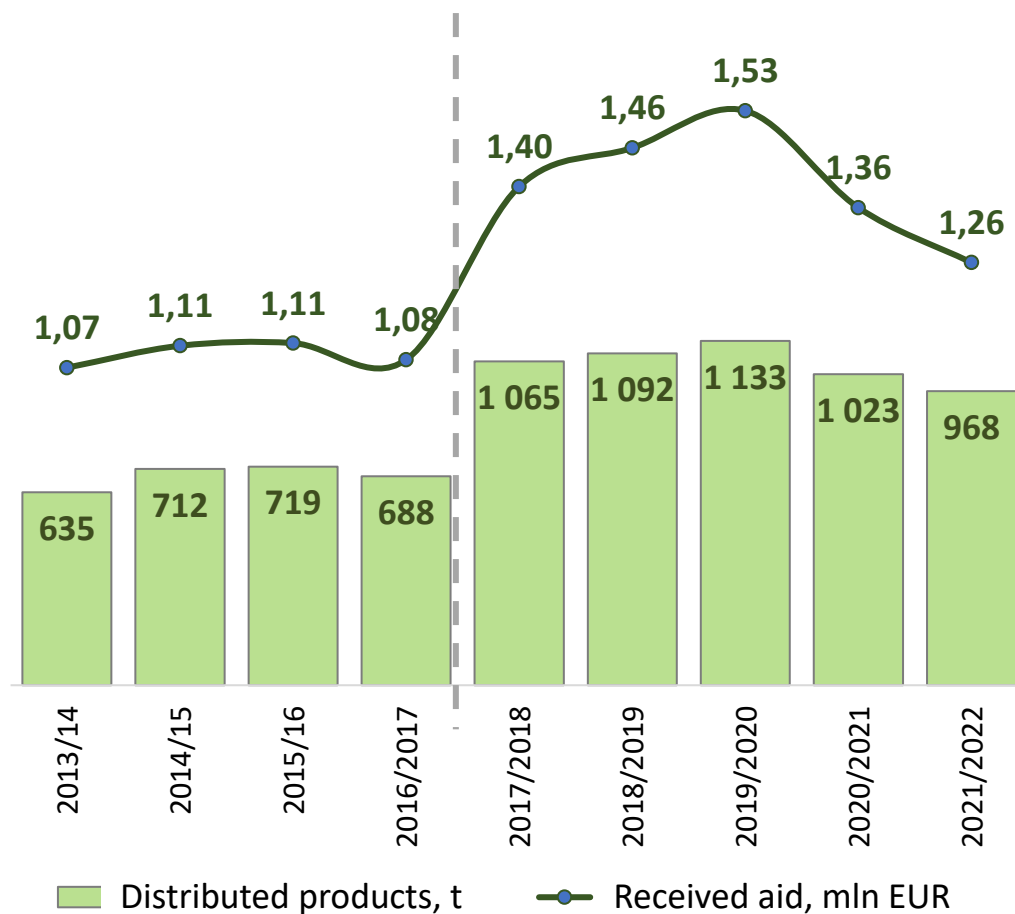


In the period from 2014 to 2021 6.44 million EU support was paid to the PO of fruits and vegetables (including PG of fruits and berries).



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School Fruit scheme



From school year 2013/2014.:

→ Were distributed 8035 t fresh fruits and vegetables incl. apples – 6203 t, carrots – 1254 t a.o.

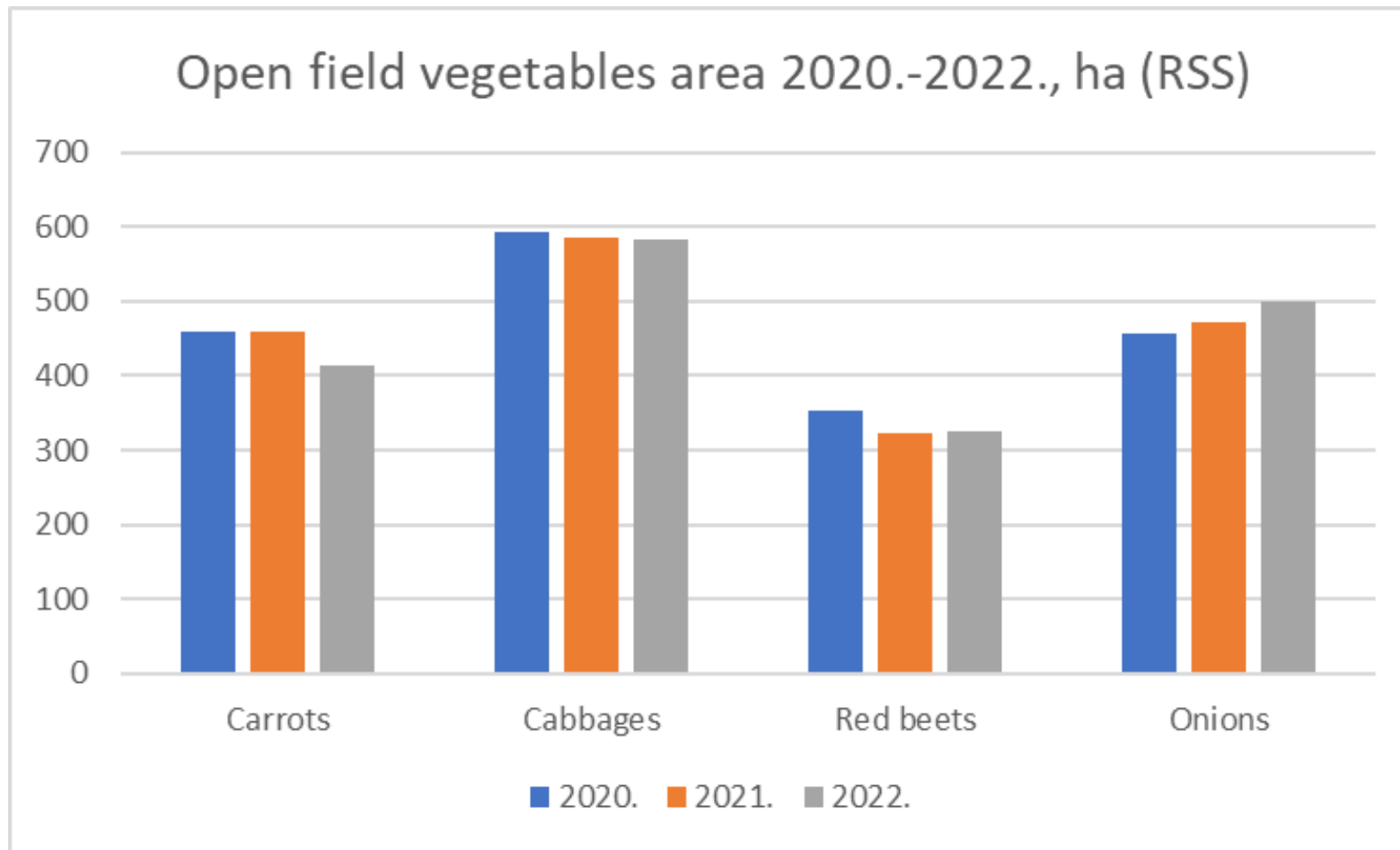
→ Received ES and LV aid 11,38 mln. EUR

→ From 2016./2017. the number of children participating in scheme is increased by 48%

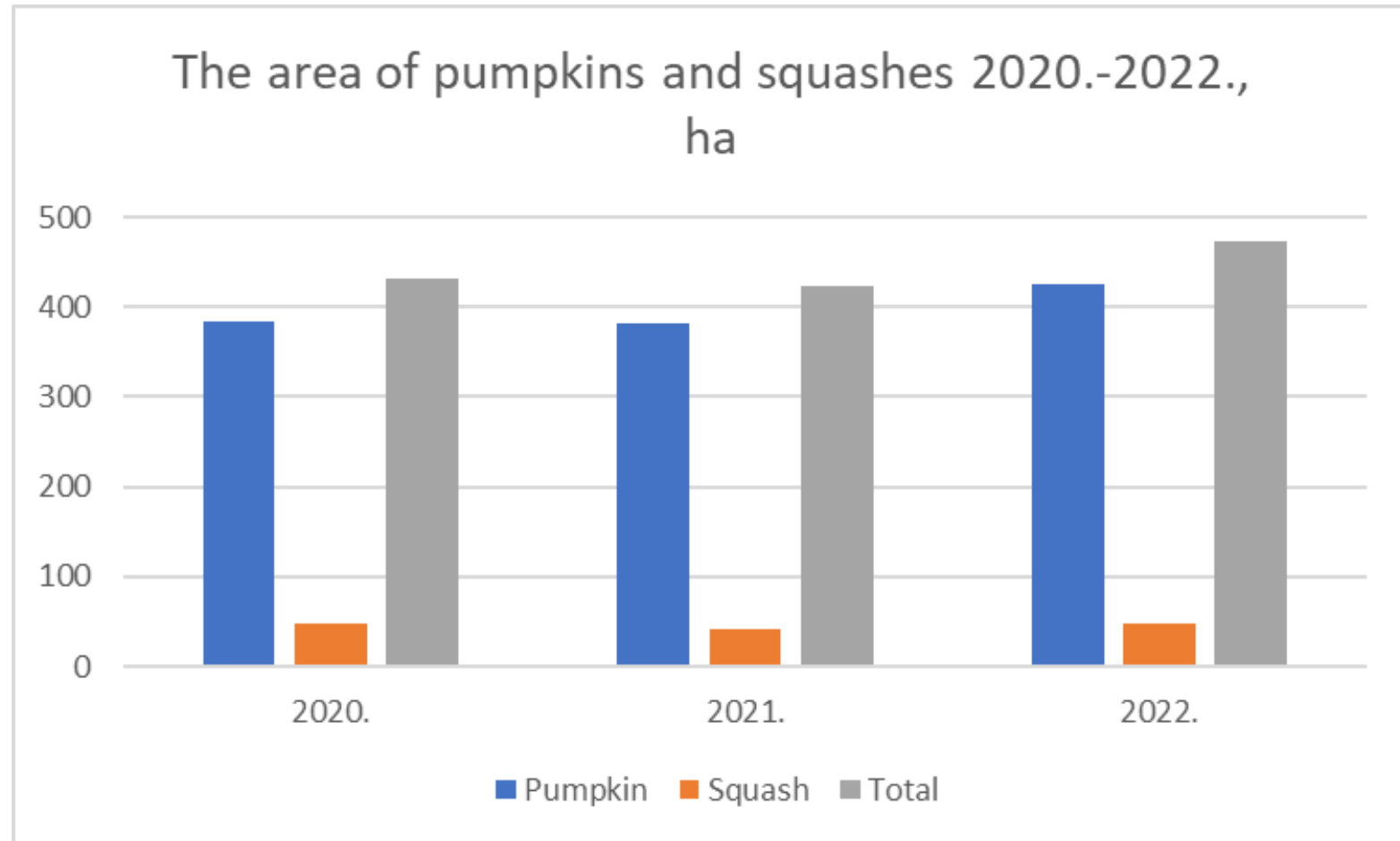
2020/2021. un 2021/2022. g. impact of Covid-19

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Vegetables area in open field 2020.-2022. were stable

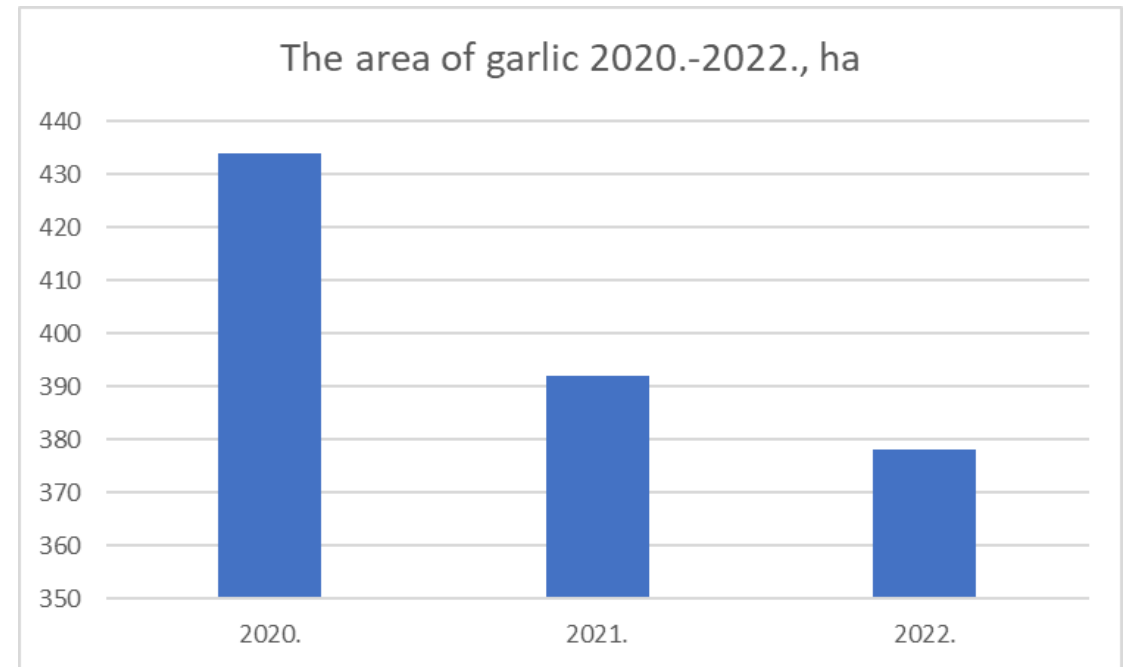


The areas of pumpkins and courgettes are increasing



Garlic areas are slightly decreasing

2020.	2021.	2022.
434	392	378



Crop	Area, ha
Herbs	45
Leek	3,5
Turnip	7
Celeriac	2,5
Radishes and black radish	110
Parsley rooted	33
Rutabaga	67
Beans	15
Sorrel	88
Rhubarb	60
Horseradish	5
Jerusalem artichoke	29
Lettuce	5
Asparagus	24

Less popular vegetables
areas 2022.g.

Collaboration with Rural Support Service

Coupled aid for vegetables 2022.

- 500 customers applied
- Declared - 3,632 ha, of which 891 ha were checked
- Violations were detected in 425 ha
- Coupled aid rate - 640 EUR/ha
- Without detection of violations - the rate would be 554 EUR/ha
- or 86 EUR/ha less

Due to the high cost of energy resources, the yield of tomatoes in modern greenhouses decreased

	Cucumbers total	Cucumbers under lamps		Tomatoes total	Tomatoes under lamps	
	t	t	%	t	t	%
2017.	6000	1754	29	4558	797	17
2018.	4610	1521	33	4766	826	17
2019.	5253	1609	30	4120	647	15,7
2020.	5324	2057	38	4130	738	17,8
2021.	5080	1538	30	3874	723	18,7
2022.	5427	2015	37	3614	664	18,4



Main issues of the industry :

- The increase in the prices of all resources significantly limits the duration of storage of vegetables and the use of greenhouses.
- It is necessary to support the construction of modern greenhouses.
- It is necessary to support the energy efficiency of greenhouses.
- Lack of labor.
- Change of generations.
- Lack of high skilled agronomists.



Problem solutions

- 2022. Special aid for glasshouses 8 mln EUR.
- Used in big and small farms for renovation and new construction building.
- Glasshouses for vegetables growing and nurseries.



2023. Support for investments in agricultural holdings in the horticulture and fruit growing sector.

- Total 2 mln.EUR
- for the group of small farms - 500 thousand euros;
- for the group of medium and large farms – 1.5 million euros.
- Investments in the fruit growing and vegetable growing sector for harvesting equipment and the purchase of specially designed tractors will be supported, as well as investments in the introduction and use of alternative energy for farm self-consumption.
- The deadline for the implementation of the submitted projects is one year and six months from the adoption of the RSS decision on approving the project application.



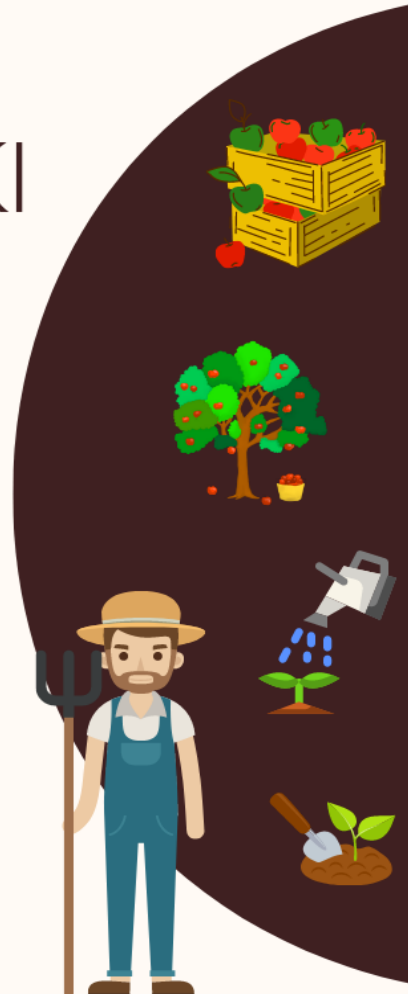
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Izmaiņas, kas spēkā jau no 2022.gada!

- Sezonas darbinieku ienākumiem atvieglotā nodokļa režīma **piemērošana** ir pagarināta līdz **90 dienām** (iepriekšējo 65 dienu vietā)
- Atviegloto nodokļa režīmu var piemērot arī tiem sezonas strādniekiem, kurus nodarbina **akmeņu lasīšanā** sējumu, stādījumu un zālāju platībās

Seasonal agricultural workers program

- Cannot exceed 90 days and 3000 euros of income per worker.
 - Income tax 15%
 - No additional registration with the State Revenue Service is required
 - Planting, cultivation, of fruit trees, berries or vegetables
 - Harvesting, sorting of fruits and vegetables
 - Picking stones in the areas of crops, plantations and lawns.
- Only for open field!

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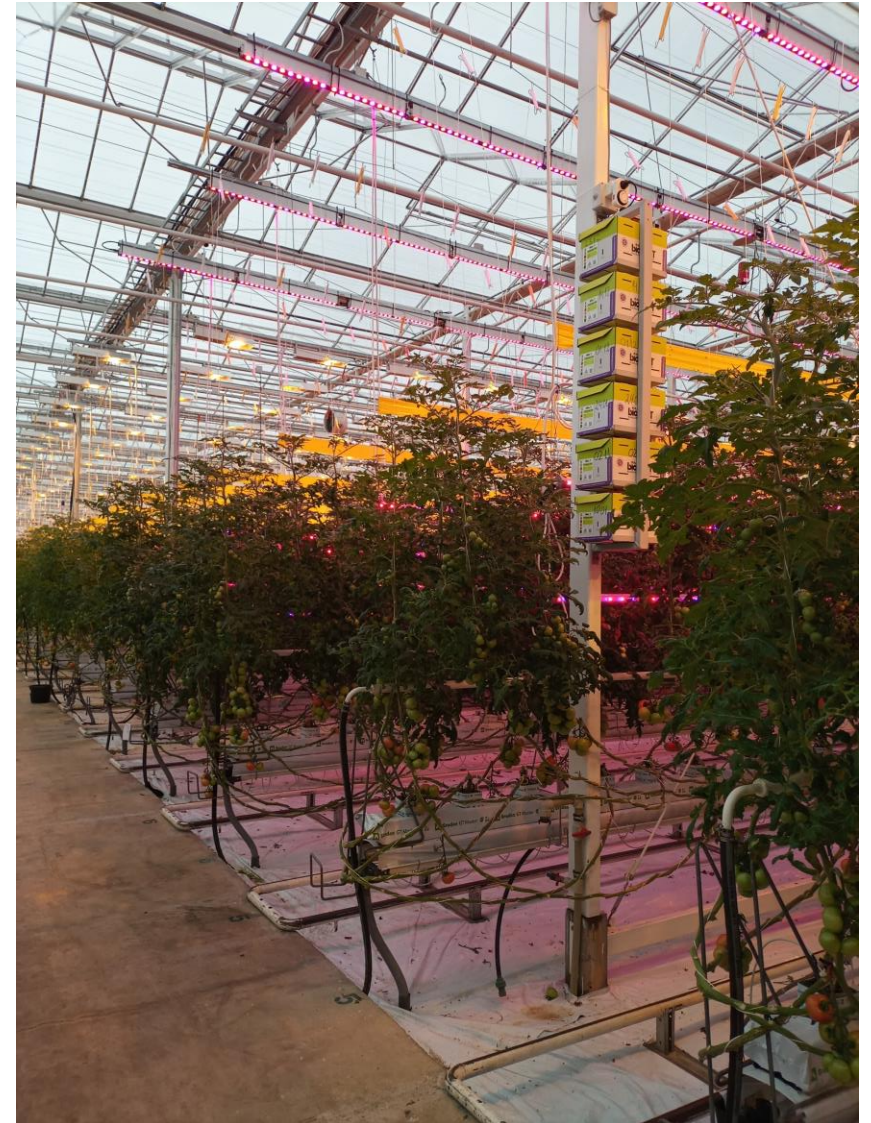
Increases strawberries growing in tunnels

- Growing strawberries in greenhouses increases labor productivity by harvesting.



Unlike other countries, cultivation of cucumbers and tomatoes under lamps did not decrease in Latvia in 2022.-2023.

- In total 3 farms:
- «Greenhouses of Marupe» - cucumbers under HPS
- «Getliņi Eko» – tomatoes under HPS and cucumbers Full-LED
- «Mežvidi II» - tomatoes under HPS and research in hybrid lighting



Very perspective is recovery of heat in modern glasshouses



The processing of cabbage and other vegetables on the farm is developing

- Several farms in Latvia grow and process cabbage and other vegetables themselves.
- The biggest one is «Dimdiņi» (120 ha), but there are small farms too.
- One of them «Kāpostnīca» have only 8 ha, but exports its processed cababges to Lithuania, Norway, Bulgaria and Rumania.



Any questions?

Thank you for attention!