

National inventory of greenhouses starts 4 July

Increasing interest is being shown by Kosovo farmers in the production of vegetables in greenhouses. It is becoming increasingly clear, however, that the level of technology used (especially the quality of the greenhouse itself) is likely to have a big influence on the yields obtained as well as the profitability.

A better understanding of the area under greenhouses in the country – and the level of technology being used in the greenhouses - will be obtained by an inventory being undertaken by the Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Pristina. Professor Mujë Gjonbalaj is carrying out this investigation with the assistance of students of the department and with the financial support of HPK.



Simple tunnels in Mamusha

The results of the survey will be fed into the Strategic Planning exercise that the Ministry of Agriculture is currently undertaking for the Kosovo Horticulture Sector.

Professor Gjonbalaj told us: “The national inventory of greenhouses is the most important issue for the sector because current statistics are limited to estimations of areas of greenhouses under different size categories with no indication of the types of greenhouses. The need was felt for a more in-depth inventory that would facilitate domestic decision-making and policy-creating institutions to compile valid plans and policies for the support of the sector.”

Bedrije Latifi – a student in agro-economy - is very happy that she is involved in the inventory of greenhouses. She told us: “Dealing with the inventory is a motivation for me to be part of the sector in the future. I am very proud that I am part of the team that will contribute to develop the future of the sector. “