

KONYA

INVESTMENT GUIDE IN THE
**AGRICULTURE
SECTOR**



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A PERFECT GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITIES

KONYA PROVINCE AGRICULTURE SECTOR

- 1. Young and Qualified Human Resources**
- 2. Strategic Location**
- 3. Presence of wide lands assignable to investors**
- 4. Konya Plain Project (KOP)**
- 5. Significant Incentives, Support and Exemptions for Agricultural Investments**
- 6. Favorable Ecology and Strong Agricultural Culture**
- 7. Rapidly Developing Seed Growing Sector**
- 8. Developing Contemporary Fruit Growing and Vine Cultivation**
- 9. Modern Stockbreeding Potential**
- 10. Strong Industry and Qualified Supporting Institutions providing input for Agriculture**

Young and Qualified Human Resources

1. Population over 2 millions,
2. 60% young human capital under 35 years of age,
3. 5 Competitive Universities,
4. The only Specialization University on “Food and Agriculture” in Turkey,
5. 8.000 enrolled students in the faculties educating students for Agriculture sector,
6. 42.339 students continuing education in Vocational Colleges,
7. 67.287 students studying at vocational and technical high schools,
8. Vocational training course opportunities appropriate to the sector,
9. Experienced personnel in the sector,
10. Employment with reasonable prices.



Strategic Location

1. Easy access to more than 1,5 million customers in Europe, Asia, Middle East and North Africa,
2. A metropolis right in the center of Anatolia,
3. Advantageous location for intermodal transportation,
4. Junction point connecting to 7 different provinces through divided roads,
5. Access opportunity with high speed railway,
6. Connection point of South-North and Southeast-West railway,
7. Qualified international airport,
8. Possessing one of the first logistic center projects in the country,
9. Construction and planning Works on new high speed railway,
10. The strongest highway cargo and passenger transportation fleet of Turkey.



Wide Lands Assignable to Investors

1. Total 146.346 treasury lands with 8,6 billion square meters area,
2. 1359 large treasury lands over 500 decare,
3. 880 large treasury lands over 1.000 decare,
4. 445 evaluated and mapped large treasury lands appropriate for agricultural investments,
5. Lands of approximately 25 million square meter area assigned as Organized Live Stock Breeding Areas,
6. Wide pasture lands available for reclamation,
7. Private property lands with reasonable prices,
8. Private property factory buildings with reasonable prices,
9. 9 Organized Industrial Zones,
10. Land acquisition support of Municipalities under appropriate conditions.

Konya Plain Project (KOP)

1. One of the biggest development projects of Turkey,
2. Regional Development Directorate based in Konya,
3. 16 large scale projects including 14 irrigation projects, 1 service and 1 power generation project,
4. 10 irrigation dams and Bozkır, Afşar and Hadimi Dams and Hotamış Reservoir under construction,
5. 29 existing and 48 in progress lagoons that are planned to be completed by the end of 2015 within the borders of Konya Province,
6. 699.694 hectare lands to be opened for irrigation in the region,
7. 183.807 ha operating, 25.280 ha under construction and 189.911 ha planned irrigation projects in the region,
8. Policies completely focused on fully modernization of irrigation systems,
9. Land consolidation projects which are planned to be completed rapidly,
10. Opportunities to be provided along with KOP that shall be put into implementation soon.





Significant Incentives, Support and Exemptions for Agricultural Investments

1. The Second Region according to the General Incentives Legislation,
2. Support of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Stock Breeding,
3. Multidimensional IPARD supports under Provincial Coordinatorship of Agriculture and Rural Development Support Institution,
4. EU supports,
5. TÜBİTAK supports,
6. KOSGEB supports,
7. Mevlana Development Agency supports,
8. KOP Regional Development Directorate supports,
9. Konya Teknokent Research & Development supports,
10. Region-specific support packages of private and public banks.

Appropriate Ecology and Strong Culture of Agriculture

1. 5 agro ecologic regions with various characteristics,
2. Sunshine duration and luminance,
3. Cultivable plant diversity,
4. Long-time agriculture culture,
5. Availability for use of renewable energy in agriculture,
6. Available ecology for organic cultivation,
7. Potential for aromatic and ornamental plant cultivation,
8. Geothermal water resources available for greenhousing,
9. Cultivation opportunities compliant for early season growing due to altitude difference,
10. One of the three provinces accommodating many endemic plants in Turkey.

Rapidly Developing Seed Growing Sector

1. Appropriate ecology for seed growing,
2. Wide and irrigable lands,
3. Production of high quality seeds of various species,
4. Wide spread contracted agriculture applications,
5. Advantage to grow products in various elevations,
6. Existing wide croplands appropriate for insulation of cross pollinated plants such as sunflower and corn,
7. Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Center with 100 years background in seed growing,
8. Strong companies active in seed growing sector and extensive knowledge on seed growing,
9. First seed growing fair in Anatolia,
10. Leader of the Sector in Turkey particularly in production of cereal, potato, sunflower hybrid, forage plant and safflower seeds.



Developing Contemporary Fruit Growing and Viniculture

1. Early and Late growing opportunities in various elevations,
 2. Production of Cherry during June – August period,
 3. Production of strawberry during May-November period,
 4. Developing organic agriculture,
 5. Organic market,
 6. Appropriate infrastructure for pressurized irrigation system,
 7. Wide spread fruit processing plants and cold storages,
- Brand products,
Hadim and Akşehir cherry,
Aladağ grape,
Ereğli white cherry,
Bozkır apple,
Konya strawberry,
Kaşınhanı carrot etc.

Many single-crop orchards,

Rapid development observed in production of nursery stocks



Modern Stock Breeding Potential

1. High capacity and modern milk production facilities numbers of which are rapidly increasing in recent years,
2. Easy supply of animal for breeding,
3. Appropriate culture, ecology and wide pasture lands for sheep breeding,
4. Wide spread sheep breeding of Akkaraman and Anatolia Merino sheep races,
5. Organized Stock Breeding Zone,
6. High roughage and concentrated feed production rate,
7. High capacity meat and milk processing plants,
8. Leadership of Turkey in laying hen breeding and egg production accomplished as a result of modern facilities,
9. Appropriate ecology for apiculture and honey production,
10. Water products and fishery potential.

Strong Industry and Qualified Supporting Institutions providing input for Agriculture

1. Leadership manufacturing and export of agricultural machinery,
2. Food production base of Eurasia, diversity and leadership in food industry,
3. Commodity Exchange which first started trading in Turkey and which has highest volume,
4. Developing production volume in Agricultural Chemicals industry,
5. Leadership in sugar production with 4 sugar factories,
6. Biggest meat integrated facilities and bio-ethanol production plants of the world,
7. New investment opportunities in increasing milk production,
8. Landlord of the biggest Agriculture Fair in Anatolia,
9. 3 Agriculture Departments owning lands over 100 thousand decare area,
10. Private laboratories and agricultural consultancy institutions.





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