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- ❖ Media reports have signified that this year a significant drop in annual mango production has been observed due to adverse effects of global warming on mango's yield.
- ❖ Ministry of Finance and the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) has been recently criticized by Minister for Food Security Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan and members of National Assembly Standing Committee on Finance for ignoring the agriculture sector in the budget.
- ❖ The World Bank in a recent report mentioned that a robust agriculture sector and Chinese-led infrastructure development would lead to 5.5 % growth in Pakistan's economy during the fiscal year 2017-18.



- ❖ Ostriches are now being farmed on a commercial basis in dozens of farms across Punjab for their meat, hide and feathers for which provincial government will be providing Rs10,000 subsidy per ostrich to farmers and as of 2017.
- ❖ Zarai Taraqiait Bank Ltd. hosted First Belarus-Pakistan Agriculture Forum a Business to Business Interactive Conference recently at Marriott Islamabad.
- ❖ A 14-member joint delegation of Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP) and Pak-Saudi Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PSJCCI), headed by Shah Jan Malik, Vice Chairman REAP visited Saudi Arabia from in May, 2017.



- ❖ In order to swiftly and easily reach out to overseas retail customers, the exporters of mango in Pakistan have started embracing e-commerce in a bid.
- ❖ Mr. Shakir Umar Gujjar President Dairy and Cattle Farmers Association expressed that the government should develop supportive policies for the dairy sector which has the potential to lead the process of our economic revival in a recent oath taking ceremony.
- ❖ The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Pakistan recently signed a loan agreement of \$86.41 million for the extension of the Pehur High Level Canal in the Swabi and Nowshehra districts of Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province. ♦

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- ❖ Odeum Farms in Australia It is preparing to export brussel sprouts to Japan and South Korea for the first time this spring and summer.
- ❖ According to Mr. Qiu Xianxiong from Hubei Xing Fu Agricultural Development Co.Ltd in China owns greenhouses for organic cucumbers and is willing to want to grow to 300-500 mu.
- ❖ In Germany on the vegetable island on Lake Constance, the fruits are growing on an area the size of no less than seven soccer fields. Overall, two million kilograms of tomatoes will be harvested again, this year



- ❖ In Italy Blue grapes will arrive on a completely empty market with importers offering The importer currently offering Black Magic and Victoria grapes.
- ❖ Italian consumers can now consume Indonesian fresh pineapples after a container holding 18 tons of the commodity arrived in Italy's city port of Venezia.
- ❖ According to Turkish media based on data from the Turkish customs, the first Turkish strawberries and grapes have been exported to Russia. Russia supposedly imported 322 tonnes of strawberries and three tonnes of grapes.



- ❖ Most of Swedish potato production, around 40%, takes place in the Southern region of Skane. The cold weather this time meant that there were less than normal quantities available at the start of the season in May.
- ❖ OTC's first container of organic Kent mango from Senegal is expected to enter in Netherlands in June. It is the first time that OTC has offered organic mangos from Senegal.
- ❖ The Steed brothers have recently created PickTrace when they felt the need for a tracing system within their own San Diego family farm. ♦