

CHAPTER 6

COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT ELISA REAGENT KITS FOR DIAGNOSIS OF TOMATO BROWN RUGOSE FRUIT VIRUS IN TOMATO PLANT

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1. INTRODUCTION

Tomato is one of the most important vegetables produced and consumed in different ways in the world and in our country. Total tomato production in the world was 186.821.216 tons on an area of 5.051.983 ha. (FAO, 2020). Tomatoes are produced mostly in China. Türkiye meets 7% of the world tomato production with a production of 13.204.015 tons (FAO, 2020). With these rates, Türkiye ranks third in the world in tomato production. Our country has an important place in the world's total tomato export. According to UN-Comtrade's 2019 data, Mexico ranks first in world tomato exports, followed by the Netherlands and Spain. Ranking fifth in world tomato exports, Türkiye share in exports increased by 1% from 525 thousand tons to 535 thousand tons in 2019. Türkiye exported 551 thousand tons of tomatoes to the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Romania, respectively, in the 2019-2020 period. Tomatoes are also exported to Bulgaria and Belarus.

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