



CHAPTER 4

Some Non-Wood Forest Products That Can Be Produced in Türkiye with the Forest Stewardship Council Certification

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Introduction

With the growing economy and population, consumers in Türkiye have access to a wide variety of different foods. However, consumers have become more skeptical about the quality, production process, and environmental impact of these products. Laws and regulations related to food safety and standards have also been encouraging the development of the food industry (1,2).

While the number of organic farming activities and producers worldwide has been increasing annually, the total area of organic agricultural lands has also seen significant growth. Over the past 20 years, organic agricultural lands have expanded from 11 million ha to approximately 20 million ha. A similar situation is observed in organic farming areas in Türkiye. The percentage of land dedicated to organic farming has increased from 0,1% to 1,4%. However, this rate has shown a decreasing trend in recent years (3). Despite this, it is one of the countries with the highest number of organic product producers in the world. According to the 2021 data from the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture, it ranks 8th among European in terms of organic farming, with 9453,79 ha (4). Certification

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