



Analytical Study for Dates in Arab Countries

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Abstract : The objective of this research is to study the production and consumption position and foreign trade for dates in the Arab countries during the period (2000- 2012). The results indicate:

(1) The Arab production capacity for dates represents about 73.96 percent of international production capacity for dates that reach about 6963.5 thousand tons.

(2) Increasing Arab production capacity for dates at annual rate estimated by 1.08 percent of annual average for Arab production capacity.

(3) The Increase in total Arab exports for dates represents about 61.04 percent of gross international exports for dates that estimate by 632.2 thousand tons.

(4) The results of the estimated multiple liner regression model indicate that international export quantity and Arab export price for dates are the effective variables on Arab export quantity for dates, while price rate between average Arab export price and average export price for competitive countries (Iran and Pakistan) are the effective variables on Arab export quantity in double log model.

(5)The results of efficiency indicators for Arab export of dates show the following:.

(a) There are a surplus in trade balance for Arab dates during the period (2000- 2012) ranged between \$321.1- \$969.3 million.

(b) Increasing the cover percentage of exports to imports value for Arab dates through the studied period that ranged between 192.1%- 417.2%.

(c) Instability coefficient for date's exports for Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Oman, Saudi Arabian, and Tunisia estimated by 5.97%, 26.7%,21.01%, 10.6%, 12.9% and 12.04% respectively.

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