

BALSU SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

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Hazelnut Development

Due to the high temperatures in February, hazelnut quality and quantity may be adversely affected since the climate requirements of the plant differ according to the phenological periods. Hazelnut's vegetative season's (from dormancy to flowering) October, November and December climate data indicated that temperatures and rainfall levels were not in line with the requirements for healthy development. According to our phenological observation list, kept since 2018, leaf emergence and initiation of female flowers has occurred 10 to 15 days early in comparison to the previous year in hazelnut species "yađlı". Hazelnut flowering Season (bud break and fully flowering) take place throughout January, February, March and April, during this period we have received complaints from farmer groups for losses in catkins and buds that may be also related to hot winter conditions.

On the other hand, during the month of March if the temperatures remain below 0 °C for longer hours, especially in higher altitudes, protection from early and late spring frosts may not be possible when evaluated together with the climate data during February. In this process, we continue to provide information through our SMS system and social media accounts in order to ensure that our farmers take precautions.



2020 Rainforest Alliance Trainings

As of February, "Rainforest Alliance 2020 Sustainable Agriculture Standard supply chain requirements" trainings have started. The Rainforest Turkey team, shared the requirements of the new standard through weekly online meetings where all of the certificate holders' internal management system employees are expected to attend. Certification requirements are addressed in six main sections: management, traceability, income and shared responsibility, social and environmental standards.

In these trainings, practical information is shared on subjects such as certification processes, supplier contracts, internal audit standards, and training plans as a preparation for the 2021 field. All trainings are planned to be completed by the end of March 2021.



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Ekler

- Bütün ekler **bağlayıcıdır**

Ek 3 sertifikasyon kapsamında doldurulması zorunlu

No.	Temel Gereklilikler
1.3.1	Yönetim, üç yılda birden az olmamak üzere, Rainforest Alliance Risk Değerlendirmesi Aracı'nı kullanarak, bu standarttaki gerekliliklerle ilgili bir <u>risk değerlendirmesi</u> yapar. Bkz. Ek 3: Rainforest Alliance Risk Değerlendirmesi Aracı

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As the whole world is struggling to overcome the effects of the pandemic since last year, we have both digitalized the supply chain trainings and continue to reach our farmers in controlled field trainings.

In our “farmers’ information bulletin” prepared and distributed monthly in accordance with the hazelnut agriculture calendar year, we help increasing the awareness of our farmers and adjust their production practices.

You can access our digital trainings and information provided on hazelnut farming agenda throughout the year on our social media accounts.



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