

## **Project of Creating Organic Gardens Proposed by "Tamara Fruit" CJSC**

As a result of the discussions among "Tamara Fruit" CJSC, the ministries of Economy and Agriculture "The project of creating organic gardens proposed by "Tamara Fruit" CJSC" is developed and approved by the RA Government Decision on 12 February, 2009, by which an establishment of 60 hectares garden (raspberry, blackberry, black and red currant) is proposed. Within the framework of the project it is planned to create a Research and Production Center for organic agriculture. Capital expenditures of the berry gardens - saplings, supporting columns, wires, bio humus and treatment substances (first two years), agricultural machinery, if necessary, are implemented through the state grant funds and circulating funds for water charges, other fees, melioration work, salary through farmers own resources and agricultural loans provided to farmers.

It is planned to establish organic fruit orchards by the principle of rows, middle rows 2.5 meters, the distance among columns 5 meters, the distance between saplings 0.4-0.5 meters. One hectare requires 800 pieces of columns, 12,000 meters of wire with three rows, saplings 7,500 pieces, bio humus - manure 20 tons per year, 40 tons for two years, treatment 1 time per year (organic drugs), 2 times for 2 years.

A statement is published in the press one month before the start of the project for those wishing to be included in the project of the RA Ministry of Agriculture. Those entities who meet the following requirements will be included in the project: irrigated land meeting the listed berry processing requirements, the appropriate climatic conditions, the ability to use organic version, availability of labour, at least 2-3 hectares of land.

Priority is given to those individual farmers or farmers who, in addition to the inclusion in the project, will have skills of working and developing orchards and will be willing to convert them into organic gardens.

The commission which is formed by the order "On the formation of commission for the purpose of land choice for the creation of organic gardens by "Tamara Fruit" CJSC" of the RA Minister of Agriculture on May 25, 2009, conducts a survey on lands under farm entities and gives a conclusion in compliance with the requirements of the project. The final choice of land is made jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture, "Tamara Fruit" CJSC and "Ecoglobe" LLC dealing with the certification of organic gardens which meets the international requirements by the principle of consensus.

Under the above mentioned project from 2009 till April 13, 2015, 21 contracts have been signed with farmers and are based on 63 hectares of raspberry, currant and blackberry organic gardens, out of which 2 hectares have been founded in the spring of 2015.