



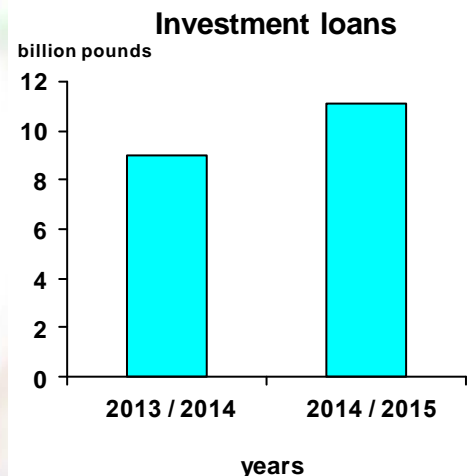
Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

23.8% increase in investment loans granted to farmers in 2014/2015

Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) on / /2016 has Issued the Annual Bulletin of the agricultural sector cooperative activity in 2014/2015. The most important indicators are as follows:

- The number of Agricultural Cooperative associations reached 5795 in 2014/2015 versus 5786 associations in 2013/2014, an increase of 0.2%.
- The number of Agricultural Cooperative members reached 4.8 million members in 2014/2015 versus 4.7 million in 2013/2014, an increase of 2.6%.
- The total investment loans (short, medium, long term) that's granted to farmers reached 11.1 billion pounds in 2014/2015 versus 9.0 billion pounds in 2013/2014, an increase of 23.8%.
 - The total short-term loans reached 7.4 billion pounds in 2014/2015 versus 5.4 billion pounds in 2013/2014, an increase of 36.6%.
The increase in the value of short-term loans was to settle the debt of investors (farmers) so new loans were granted to them and the upper limit of loans value granted to them was doubled, and the establishment of new short-term loans for livestock (national project for Veal meat).
 - The total medium-term loans reached 3.2 billion pounds in 2014/2015 Versus 3.0 billion pounds in 2013/2014, an increase of 5.6%.
 - The total long-term loans reached 516.0 million pounds in 2014/2015 versus 540.0 million pounds in 2013/2014, a decrease of 4.4%.



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