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## Area of Trees – Tu BeShvat 2005

**The area of trees and orchards in 2003 was about 750 thousand dunams. In that area, there were:**

- About 180 thousand dunams of citrus trees
- About 35 thousand dunams of apple trees
- About 30 thousand dunams of peach and nectarine trees
- About 54 thousand dunams of avocado trees.

**New planting area of fruit trees in 2003 covered about 18 thousand dunams**

**New planting in JNF forests in 2003 covered about 7880 dunams.**

In honor of Tu Beshvat, the Central Bureau of Statistics presents updated statistics on the area of trees in Israel.

### **The area of fruit-bearing orchards – 2003**

In 2003, the area of orchards in Israel was about 750 thousand dunams.

The citrus industry covers about 24% of all orchard areas, compared with 47% of the area of orchards in the 1980s.

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The main fruit areas are:

	Area (thousands of dunams)
Total orchard area	750
Thereof:	
Citrus	180
Avocado	54
Peaches and nectarines	30
Apples	30
Plums	24

#### **Area of New Orchards (reported)**

The new (reported) planting area of fruit trees in 2003 was about 18 thousand dunams, compared with 22 thousand dunams in 2002.

The citrus industry comprised about 14% of the total new planted area.

The main fruit areas (in dunams):

	2002	2003
Total planted area	22,000	18,000
Thereof:		
Citrus	2,980	2,460
Peaches and nectarines	2,300	2,090
Avocado	2,300	2,160
Apples	670	1,200
Table grapes	2,560	2,500
Vintage grapes	1,570	900

#### **Planting area in JNF forests**

	2002	2003
Total planting area	9,290	7,880
New forest area	3,290	2,780
Reforested area	6,000	5,100

Reforestation area is an area in which there were forests in the past but the forest was cut down because the trees were damaged due to various causes such as pests, droughts, fires, or snow. Reforestation and filling of the afforested space is done in these areas.

*“Land of wheat and barley and wine, and figs and pomegranates, land of olives, oil and honey”*

Exodus 8:8

The following area few figures on the seven species:

	Area – 2003 Thousands of Dunams	Output - 2003 Thousands of Dunams
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>838</b>	200
<b>Barley</b>	<b>84</b>	14
<b>Wine</b>	60	90
Thereof: vintage grapes	30	46
<b>Figs</b>	<b>1.5</b>	0.7
<b>Pomegranates</b>	<b>4</b>	5
<b>Olives for oil and eating</b>	<b>200</b>	22
<b>Date</b>	<b>22</b>	14