

Chile's Minister of Agriculture revealed the agricultural sector made the highest growth in 2018

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Mr. Antonio Walker, Minister of Agriculture of Chile, revealed that the agricultural sector is the country's most growing business sector in the year 2018, with a growth rate of 5.7%, higher than the overall economic growth rate of 4%, and with the export value of 18,000 million USD. It also creates jobs for up to 800,000 people in the country, which is considered a successful result in the first year of this government.

In 2018, the agricultural sector of Chile is the business sector that drives the country's economy to grow the most, with a growth rate of 5.7%. The success is a result of profits from all sectors of agriculture, especially the fruit cultivation sector. The statistics from the Central Bank show that there is a higher demand from foreign countries. And information from the Office of Agricultural Education and Policies (ODEPA), under the Ministry of Agriculture, also shows that the volume and value of fresh fruit exports hit the highest record in history, with the export volume of 2.83 million tons, increased from the number in 2017 by 10.7%, and the total value of 5 billion USD, increased from the previous year by 12.7%.

The growth of the agricultural sector is also the result of the cultivation of large amounts of vegetables for industrial use and year-round cultivation, such as canola, beetroot, corn and wheat, which substitute potato that had less production due to the reduced cultivation area. In addition, Chile can also produce more pork and poultry, especially chicken and turkey that had bird flu epidemic in 2017.

The Chilean government expects that the numbers will increase in the future, looking forward to as far as 2050 when it is expected that food demand in the global market will increase by 70% and cultivation will require less space and water. The government therefore has to accelerate the development of the country's effectiveness on producing agricultural products and food to have more both safety and increasing amounts, including strengthening trade relations with other countries through trade agreements.

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