



*The Economic Zone Nova Topola*

## THE ECONOMIC ZONE **NOVA TOPOLA**

The Economic zone Nova Topola covers the area of 144 hectares, and it is located 12 km away from the centre of the city, next to the highway road M-16 Gradiška - Banja Luka. The zone represents the extraordinary production location for domestic and foreign food companies and companies that perform other processing activities.

The zone leans on the regional road M-14.1, with connection to the highway E661 Banja Luka – Gradiška. The zone is connected to the other regions, and its position in relation to the big cities, vicinity of the Banja Luka airport, as well as ports of the Adriatic sea, provide the possibility of fast and reliable transport of goods to the markets worldwide. Currently, 16 investors operate in the Zone.

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN GRADIŠKA

Gradiška is rich in natural resources and conditions that create an excellent environment for agricultural production, including the availability of labour force, land and other natural resources, as well as the appropriate climate.

This sector is very important for Gradiška economy, especially if we consider that agriculture employs around 6,000 households and there are around 2,600 registered agricultural holdings in Gradiška.

Due to the high growing demand and natural potentials, the agricultural sector has good growth potentials. Relatively high international food processing means that markets for agricultural products are increasingly valuable.

The huge agricultural potential is only partially utilized, despite considerable human and natural resources. Hence, strong development and steady growth of agricultural production represent one of the most important strategic goals of the City of Gradiška.



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## LAND RESOURCES AND CLIMATE

Land, as well as water and other natural resources, are unpolluted and free from chemical fertilization and the routine use of pesticides.

Most of the land area in Gradiška is agricultural arable land, or in total around 46,000 hectares. About 65% of the agricultural arable land, or in total around 30,000 hectares, is used for agricultural production, comprising approximately:

- 26,000 hectares of crops
- 2,000 hectares of vegetables on the open and 30 hectares of vegetables in greenhouses, and
- 2,000 hectares of fruits

According to its geographical position Gradiška belongs to the mild continental climate. There are neither dry seasons, nor harsh and long winters.

## Labour force

There are around 12,000 households living in a rural area of Gradiška. Around 6,000 of them are engaged in agricultural production and there are around 2,600 registered agricultural holdings.

*Gradiška is the largest fruit producer and one of the largest vegetable producers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

## Crop growing

Field crops are grown on the surface of about 26,000 hectares. The average annual production of cereal grains is about 100,000 tons, mainly consisting of the production of maize (53%), wheat (19%), barley (15%), triticale (7%) and oats (3%). Most of this production is used in cattle feeding.

## Vegetable growing

There are around 350 registered agricultural holdings involved in vegetable growing. Irrigation, soil and climate conditions are suitable for all types of vegetable production. The average annual vegetable production is about 50,000 tons. The most popular vegetables grown in this area are: potatoes (60%), cabbage (12%), watermelon (11%), onions (6%), peppers (4%), tomatoes (2%), and remaining (5%) mainly refers to cucumbers.



Fruit Days in Gornji Podgradci

## Fruit growing

Gradiška is located in the most convenient fruit growing region which is abundant in sunny intervals, with the right type of well-drained soil. There are around 400 registered agricultural holdings involved in fruit growing. Fruit production in Gradiška uses the modern technologies, irrigation systems, anti-hail protection nets and frost protection systems. The average annual fruit production is also about 50,000 tons. The most popular fruits grown in this area are: apples (66%), pears (20%), plums (9%), and others (5% - peaches, nectarines etc).

## Animal husbandry

Animal husbandry has a very important place in the structure of agricultural production in Gradiška, primarily through milk production. In addition to milk production, a significant place in livestock production is occupied by cattle fattening, pig breeding and sheep breeding. In addition, poultry farming also occupies a significant place. Depending on the available bee pasture, annual production of honey gained by beekeeping can be about 66,000 kg.