



AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

The agricultural sector is an important segment of the local economy characterized by specific comparative advantages in terms of a favorable combination of natural and climatic resources, which benefits almost all types of production.

- **Crop production**, including cereals and vegetables, covers approximately 9,500 hectares. The most prevalent crops include maize on about 2,500 hectares, barley and oats on 600 hectares, wheat on 500 hectares, triticale on 400 hectares, and forage crops on about 5,500 hectares. Vegetable cultivation spans around 1,500 hectares, with prominent crops being peppers, beans, cabbage, onions, cucumbers, melons, watermelons, and potatoes. Greenhouse production, supported by municipal incentives, spans 12,875.50 square meters involving 38 producers.
- **In the fruit production sector**, the municipality of Novi Grad has an estimated 18 hectares of intensive orchards (10 hectares of apples, 8 hectares of pears) and 4.3 hectares of plum orchards. Nut orchards include 10 hectares of hazelnuts and 2 hectares of walnuts. Strawberry production involves collaboration with the company Prijedorčanka a.d., with four strawberry producers. Noteworthy is the 3.6-hectare certified organic black chokeberry plantation and a 0.2-hectare blueberry plantation. Apart from Prijedorčanka a.d., the company "Unagro" d.o.o. has established a cold storage facility in Dobrljin with a capacity of 750 tons (five chambers of 150 tons each).
- **Livestock production**, with a focus on milk production, significantly contributes to the income of agricultural households. Milk production has developed due to reliable purchasers and incentive measures. Over 4 million liters of milk are produced annually in the municipality.
- **Beekeeping** is one of the most promising branches of agriculture in the municipality, with 73 beekeepers and 3,836 beehives registered. The average annual honey production in the municipality is estimated to be around 40–50 tons.

Agricultural Cooperatives:

- **"Agrojapra"** is primarily involved in grain procurement (wheat, rye, buckwheat, maize, and pumpkin seeds), flour milling in its own water mill, cold-pressed oil production (rape and sunflower) in its facilities, dried plum production, apple chips, and the purchase and transportation of raw milk for the "Mlijekoprodukt" dairy in Kozarska Dubica. Over 15 branded cooperative products named "Izvor" are available in the market.
- **"Agronova"** predominantly focuses on cooperative vegetable production (beans, potatoes, beets, red onions) and collaborates with 60 cooperators. Business activities take place in Svodna settlement in the premises of an old barracks, which the Municipality of Novi Grad has provided to the cooperative for a period of 15 years.



Organic black chokeberry production: black chokeberry plantation with 7,000 seedlings on 3,6 ha was planted eight years ago. This is the only black chokeberry production in Bosnia and Herzegovina certified for organic farming. Contact: Black chokeberry plantation of the Kolundzija Family, Kuljani, Novi Grad. Phone: +387 66 974-413.



In Donji Agići, on the bee farm of Miloš Odžić, the president of the Beekeepers' Association of the Municipality of Novi Grad, **the first api inhalation chamber** in the municipality has been built. Inhaling air from beehives, known as apitherapy, has been utilized for centuries in traditional medicine. This therapy is commonly used to treat respiratory issues such as asthma and allergies but can also be beneficial for other health problems.

In Novi Grad, one producer operates as an independent entrepreneur, engaging in the cultivation of vegetable and flower seedlings on an area of 1,000 m². The producer is registered in the registry of agricultural plant seedling producers.

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“Agrojapra” markets its cooperative products under the brand 'Izvor.' These products include cold-pressed pumpkin and sunflower oils, whole wheat flour from wheat, rye, corn, and buckwheat, hulled pumpkin seeds, pumpkin seed flour, dried plums, apple chips, and more."



Krajiški sir- In 2018, Novi Grad Municipality implemented the project “Developing Capacities for the Production of Traditional Cheese in the Municipality of Novi Grad”, which led to the establishment of two mini dairies for the production of traditional Krajina cheese. More about the project:<https://krajiskisir.com/>. The cheese is produced in the following households:

1. **Bundalo Household:** This household has the status of a commercial farm, cultivating 10 hectares of owned land and leasing 20 hectares (30 in total), including 10 hectares of meadows and pastures. They own 9 cows, with a daily milk production per head ranging from 15 to 20 liters, with a fat content of 4.5% - 5% milk fat. Contact: +387 65/653-635.
2. **Japundža Household:** This is a commercial farm exclusively dedicated to agricultural production. They possess all the necessary machinery for land cultivation, cattle breeding, and milk production. They own 26 cattle, including 16 milking cows and 10 heifers, with a monthly milk production of 7,000 - 9,000 liters. The daily milk production per head is 20-25 liters, with a milk fat content around 4%. They cultivate 7 hectares of owned land and lease 7.5 hectares (145 in total), including 5 hectares of meadows and pastures. Contact: +387 66/473-246."



PZ “Agronova” has opened a distribution and procurement center, which includes areas for processing and packaging fruits and vegetables, wholesale and retail sales, as well as an exhibition space where products from all interested agricultural producers, cooperatives, and beekeeping associations from the entire Prijedor region will be offered.



„Dani našeg sela– Novi Grad“

The local products mini fair "Dani našeg sela - Novi Grad" occurs in early September.

During this two-day exhibition and sales event, producers from the entire region gather in one place to showcase their products to visitors.

The exhibited items include mainly honey, bee products, fruits, vegetables, cheeses, medicinal herbs, and handicrafts.



Incentives for the development of agriculture

Producers from Novi Grad utilize financial incentives provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management of the Republic of Srpska, according to the Regulations on the conditions and procedures for obtaining financial incentives for the development of agriculture and rural areas. The highest amounts of funds are allocated for milk premiums, diesel fuel subsidies, incentives for cereals, breeding heifers and sheep, measures for animal health protection, support for the cooperative sector, and rural development.

In addition to the support from the relevant ministry, the Novi Grad Municipality allocates funds to stimulate agricultural production based on the Regulation on Incentives in Agricultural Production in the Municipality of Novi Grad. Besides financial support, continuous training for producers is conducted as a highly significant activity for the improvement of agricultural production.

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