

The Present and the Future of Turkish Agriculture, on the way to EU, have been discussed in the 2nd Agriculture Council-December 2004

Arranged by the sponsorship of Denizbank for 3 days, the 2nd Agriculture council will end today with a gala dinner after the closing speech of the Minister of Agriculture Sami Güçlü.

500 company and above 4000 participants has participated to the Council in which the recent situation and the future of Agriculture Sector has been assessed and the problems of the sector have been discussed. The Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has also participated in the Opening Ceremony of the 2nd Agriculture Council.

Hakan Ateş made a speech in the Council and stated that:

Considering that the agriculture is one of the sectors having a strategic importance in the process of EU Adaptation, Denizbank has decided to provide more intensive support to this sector and as the first example of this strategy, Denizbank purchased Tarıřbank from SDIF (Saving Deposit Insurance Fund) in 2002.

After purchasing, Denizbank determined the agriculture sector as the growing field in SME Banking Segment and begun to provide the agriculture loan to the Aegean Producers in 2003.

Continuing the agriculture support mission of Tarıřbank, Denizbank provided agriculture loans to Çukurova, South-East and Mediterranean Region. Moreover, Denizbank began the implementation of tractor and agricultural machines loans and livestock loans. Denizbank provided approximately TL 80 trillion (USD 56 million) loan to over 10,000 producers. Denizbank plans to reserve TL 250 trillion placement for the agriculture loan for the year 2005.