

**To all Swat Valley Apple MATTA
FSC Members**

Matta, 4th September '13

Subject: Delivery Apples "Toor kulu"

Following recent analysis performed by FSC Matta, we noticed an advanced ripeness stage for the apples Toor Kulu. We inform that:

Friday 6th September 2013 member will start delivery of first harvesting for the apples Toor Kulu not damaged by hail produced in the lower areas, on young plants (up to 4 years) and/or with lower production where ripeness is advanced (yellow color).

Monday 9th September 2013 member may start to harvest apples Toor Kulu not damaged by hail produced on adults plants only if color is yellow.

We inform that it is mandatory to complete harvesting within terms established by delivery regulation that we report below:

Gala Group	20 days
Red Delicious Group	10 Days
Jonica	8 Days
Toor Kulu	6 Days

Harvesting of hail damaged apples should be delayed for few days since it will takes more time to have a good color. The product is not intended to be preserve for long time in comparison with not hail damaged one.

Standard Harvesting Methods:

- **Harvesting operations will start from the top of the plants and in the areas facing sun;**
- We invite to deliver only ripeness product the most yellow as possible;
- We remind that green apples are classified in the category “green” and they will cause a penalty in comparison with the yellow product;
- Do not harvest apples with leaves attached;
- **Separate apples damaged by sun since they will rot in the refrigerated chamber with damage to the good ones;**
- Do not leave boxes under the sun;
- **Do not deliver the fruits that are broken, badly harvested, damaged by hail with brown color.**

It is important to harvest in two separate sessions especially where the apples color is not uniform.

The minimum delivery caliber is 65mm. The 65/70 in the delivery should be of first quality, otherwise it will be classified as waste.

For the areas where hail affected fruits more than 20%, certified by an official survey, it is mandatory to deliver the apples as “corrugated”.

We recommend to respect the pest and diseases treatment products time before delivery.

Delivery Type:

Plastic boxes.

Delivery Time:

07:00-11.30; 14.30-19.00

Saturday and Sunday included

The President