

The necessity of establishment of orchard in uplands and steeplands in Gonbad.

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Iran, which has 15 major horticultural products, ranked third in the world, has favourable backgrounds for export, that it might be extended with correct planning. At least one million people are employed in this sector. One of the main objectives in horticulture, is to utilise the natural resources, the barren lands with a view to protect the natural resources, which must be considered using the latest methods of production.

Regarding the definite importance of forests which in recent years have not been considered seriously, with conducting arboricultural plans specially fruit trees like, olive, nut, almond, hazel - nut, etc, depending on region and with the protection of natural resources and the prevention of its consequent side effects resulting from destroying the forest, obtaining the economical incomes and eventually independence could be possible. In this way, the irregular immigration of villagers to cities and creation of false jobs for youngsters might be prevented and meanwhile new productive occupations are created.

Gonbad which is located in the east of Golestan province, has more than $\frac{1}{3}$ area of the province. It could be divided to two distinguishable parts; uplands and plains.

The altitude of Gonbad consists of eastern Alborz part chain in southern part and low hills in Northern part.

with a view to climatological classification, Alborz altitudes favourable for establishing rainfed orchard consist of humid moderate regions to semi - arid zones of the very cold.