

## **Replacement of kiwifruit (*Actinidia deliciosa*) with citrus in northern parts of Iran**

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For the first time two male and female rooted cuttings of kiwi vine was imported to northern parts of Iran in 1968 later, the citrus research station in Ramsar imported commercial cultivars of Kiwifruit and studied that as a replacement for citrus in that area. Kiwi can be planted just in northern provinces of Iran.

First , its plantation area increased rapidly but later, because of its cold storage requirement after harvest , presented its extension.

Different aspects of kiwi fruit production in northern provinces of Iran are discussed in this report. In addition, the advantages and disadvantages of this crop is compared with that in citrus.