THE COMPANY
1935
- Agricultural Cooperatives’ Union of Aeghion (ACUA) is formed

1983
- ACUA attempts and initiates successfully for the first time in Greece to cultivate, pack and export the Organic Currant

1990
- The new raisin factory is established at the privately owned facilities where the processing and export of the famous "Vostizza" Currant is carried out until today.

1998
- Thanks to the actions of ACUA, the "Vostizza" Currant was recognized as Protected Designation of Origin product (P.D.O.)

2012
- ACUA was the first cooperative organization to become a Societe Anonyme
Membership: 6,000 growers
Location: Aeghion of Achaia
Three Factories: Currants - Olive Oil - Citrus Fruits
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES' UNION
AEGHION – GREECE

PRODUCTS
Currants "VOSTIZZA P.D.O."

- Currants (Provincial- Gulf)
- Sultanas
- Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- Citrus fruits (Lemons, Oranges)
- Organic products
Competitive advantage

- Strong relationship ties with member growers
- State-of-the-art factories and facilities.
- Research & Development
Members & The Union

- Strong relationship ties between growers and the Union, provide our local products with quality advantage in the first place.

What are the reasons?

1. We are in complete control of the pesticides and the fertilizers used during cultivation.
2. Moreover, we provide incentives to the growers that get their provisions through our store. We also equip members with the appropriate tools to continue and improve their cultivations.
3. Our agronomists visit the farms frequently, advise the growers on how to improve their cultivation and warn them for potential diseases.
STATE-OF-THE-ART FACTORY

- Continuously investing in our factories, especially after 1990. We have already equipped high-tech LASER SYSTEMS, X-RAYS and METAL DETECTORS.

- Accreditations: ISO 9001, ISO 20000, BRC, BRC FISMA, KOSHER, HALAL, GLOBAL GAP.
- One of the very few companies in Greece to have ISO 17025 accredited laboratories.
Recently we have renewed all of aspirators and applied a new technique to reduce potential damage on the berries and increase efficiency.

Only the past three years we have invested **1.523.490,99 €** in our factories and facilities.

For the following 3 years we have already approved an investment plan of **4.279.215,87 €**.
For many years part of our budget and European funds were directed in research and development. Collaborating with University of Patras, Harokopio of Athens and other European Universities (Hohenheim, Karlsruhe)

Through our research we have designated the superiority of currants against other "superfoods"

Some of our research finds indicate that black Corinthian currants:

1. Is a product with high concentration of antioxidants (e.g., Anthocyanins), vitamins (B6), and a high source of Calcium, Phosphorus, Iron and fiber.
3. Helps for the reversion of oxidative stress.
4. Protects the bones and increases stamina of muscles.
5. Regulates body weight and blood pressure.
Main Greek Currants Exporter:
• About 60% of the total annual Greek crop
• About 85% of the highest quality "VOSTIZZA P.D.O." Currants.
• Main Markets: U.K, Netherlands, Germany.
• Exporting all over the world, at approximately 40 countries.
Germany accounts for \( \approx 5\% \) of our total exports.
The past three years we had a CAGR 22.49\% of net sales.
Thank you for your attention
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