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KNOWLEDGE

He/she is able to

- describe the features of the most important fruit species (apple, pear, plum, cherry and sour cherry) by the following points:
 - a) origin and ecological needs
 - b) phenology
 - c) morphology of trees, fruiting buds, fruits (most detailed)
 - d) inner quality parameters of fruits (sugar/acid content, nutrition value)
- name the general requirements of the varieties suitable for traditional orchards
 - Requirements related to technology (tolerance to pests and diseases, competing plant species, abiotic growing conditions, special bearing habit etc.)
 - Requirements related to marketing and rural development (consumer's preferences, protection of cultural values etc.)
- describe the features of 30 fruit varieties for traditional orchards by the following points:
 - a) Fruit morphology
 - b) Vegetative features
 - c) History and origin
 - d) Phenology
 - e) Tree vigour and natural habit
 - f) Yield and fruit quality (appearance and inner quality)
 - g) Special properties (pest/disease resistance/susceptibility, fertility conditions, recommended growing conditions, technology needs, processing value etc.)
- explain the advantages and disadvantages of old varieties (special appearance, taste, rareness, remarkable products, healthy growing conditions, etc.)
- describe the different tastes and flavours of fruits and the methods of tasting fruits
- 6. name sources, where to get old varieties from

SKILLS

He/she is able to

- identify the most important fruit species and to distinguish them from each other
- identify 30 fruit varieties from fruit samples, distinguish them from each other and describe their features
- taste fruits, assess their tasting features and describe their taste and flavour
- search further information on (more) fruit varieties and their features systematically in order to improve his/her knowledge
- collect fruits for an exhibition of old varieties suitable for traditional orchards

COMPETENCES

- He/she chooses varieties for the establishment of a traditional orchard suitable for the local growing conditions in his/her own.
- 2. He/she demonstrates the varieties of a traditional orchard on fairs and exhibitions to raise awareness of old varieties and their features on his/her own.
- 3. He/she organises and conducts exhibitions of old fruit varieties for laymen and people interested in pomology on his/her own.