

THE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCIES OF THE BASIC FOOD DEFICITS IN THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT(AP) AND, ALSO, ON THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)

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ABSTRACT

The basic purpose of the agricultural policy is to increase the agricultural product (AP), to accelerate the regional economic development, to improve the farmer's income and to contribute to the increase of the Gross Domestic Product (G.D.P.). The results show that Greece produces no sufficient quantities of agricultural and food products. Hence, the imports of meat have increased by 181087 tons during the period 1986-2010 and the total quantity of meat imports was 432000 tons in 2010. Also, deficits occurred as regards to the other basic food products as sugar, cereal etc.

Hence, Greece is importing 22 basic food products, spending a total of 2,09 billion Euro. The farm production is not efficient, which results to the increased imports, the increase of regional unemployment and the consequent immigration of farmers.