Update of agriculture & Food security
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Performance of rainfall in 2019 much better than 2018 in terms of cumulative rainfall compared with LTA. Hasakeh, Aleppo and Deir ez zoir rainfalls exceeded LTA by over 190%.
Significant improvement in vegetation for the current season from the previous season, as shown by indicators of plant health and conditions.
Overall Dams storage in all Governorates (except Aleppo) exceeded same time last Year (April 2018).
The total cultivated area of wheat is amounted 75% of the total planned area, while the cultivated area of barley is amounted 97% of the planned area, and it is larger than the cultivated area last season.
The total cultivated areas of legumes in current season are larger than previous season especially for chickpeas and peas, the same applies to medicinal and aromatic crops.
Livestock statistics:

Livestock estimates indicate that the number of herds has fallen by 25% during the last ten years. These figures are indicative, due to inability to conduct a real field census.
The total production of milk and dairy products fell by 23% in 2017 from production in 2008. Also the total production of meat fell by 24% in 2017 from production in 2008.
Negative effects

- Flooded wheat & barley fields reported due to heavy rains in Hassakeh (9300ha wheat & barley)
- 118,000 people have been affected in villages, towns and camps.
- Also (6500ha wheat) in Hama, and (80ha wheat) in Homs.
Negative effects

- Areas of wheat affected by Yellow rust, /52000ha/ light to moderate severity in Hassakeh, and /3500ha/ moderate to severe in Hama.
- Spread of eye peacock disease on olive trees in Tartous & Latakia.
- Lack of fertilizer and high prices
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Thank you