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Anti-Hail System Implemented by Local Experts

Local team of experts demonstrate new skills by erecting net system to protect orchard

An anti-hail system imported in 2004, but not installed due to the lack of expertise in-country, was finally erected in an orchard in Carrabreg, Deçan Municipality. The system was set up by a local team of three who had had been trained by the Austrian experts who came to install similar systems in two orchards earlier in the year.

Implementation of the system in Carrabreg was a test of the expertise and the skills of the local team due to the configuration of the orchard, the height of plants, the amount of space for anchors, and machinery restrictions. Despite the aforementioned difficulties, the team managed to establish a very stabile and attractive protective net to cover the trees.

This system has been introduced to Kosovo for the first time by HPK in sites at Tomoc- Istog, and Pozharan – Viti. The covered orchards will serve as a training and demonstration plot for fruit growers and experts in the future.

Hail is considered to be the most dangerous element for crops as it affects all types of production. Indeed, not only can it damage or destroy the current crop, it can also affect future productivity by damaging branches, buds and trunks. This is why the passive protection system with anti-hail nets will secure production for many years, and also assure a climatic environment favoring excellent crop productivity.

Picture: Net cover over tree rows in the orchard in Carrabreg – Deçan.