



AGRICULTURE IN OUR AREA

Some facts about agriculture in CIOCIARIA

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WHERE IS CIOCIARIA?

We live in an area called Ciociaria. The Ciociaria is located in Lazio, in central Italy. This name identifies the province of Frosinone in the southern part of Lazio, about 80 km from Rome.



WHY CIOCIARIA?

The province of Frosinone is commonly called Ciociaria by the name given to its inhabitants. They were mainly farmers and used to wear traditional shoes called CIOCIE.



SOME HISTORICAL FACTS:

This province was part of the Catholic Church State until 1871 and has always had a tradition with agriculture.

During the 1960s a lot of industries were opened along the Cosa river valley and many people left the land to work in factories. Today, due to the closure of many factories and the high level of unemployment more people are returning to work in the field of agriculture, especially young people.



<https://www.ciociariaturismo.it/en/>

WHAT'S THE CLIMATE LIKE?

The climate in our area is hot and dry in summer and cold in winter. The nights can be particularly cold (about 0 C°) during the months of January and February. Spring and Autumn are quite rainy with an average of 8 to 10 rainy days.

	Gennaio	Febbraio	Marzo	Aprile	Maggio	Giugno	Luglio	Agosto	Settembre	Ottobre	Novembre	Dicembre
Medie Temperatura (°C)	4.9	5.5	8.7	12.4	16.5	21.1	23.8	24.1	19.3	15.2	10.5	6
Temperatura minima (°C)	0.5	0.5	3.2	6.6	10.5	14.6	17.3	17.8	14.1	10.5	6.4	1.8
Temperatura massima (°C)	9.7	10.5	13.9	17.4	21.6	26.3	29.4	29.7	24.3	20	14.8	10.7
Precipitazioni (mm)	96	105	112	132	106	67	48	48	112	149	180	136
Umidità(%)	82%	79%	77%	75%	73%	68%	61%	62%	72%	80%	83%	83%
Giorni di pioggia (g.)	7	8	8	11	9	7	5	6	8	9	10	8

WHAT IS THE TERRITORY LIKE?

As you can see from the pictures our territory is mainly mountainous and hilly, with a plain along the Cosa river. This particular territory has caused that in our area there aren't any big mechanised farms but only very small ones.



SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES:

There are about 30.000 farms in our territory. Most of them are very small (less than 1 hectare for olive growing and about 4 hectares for vegetables growing or livestock).

Only family members work in the farms.

They produce a lot of products, like oil, vegetables, livestock (mainly chicken, sheep and pigs), for the family needs and for selling.

WHAT ARE OUR STRENGTHS?

Our farmers produce a lot of high quality products.

dop cannellino atina (the beans from Atina)

dop peperone di pontecorvo (sweet pepper from Pontecorvo)

igp ratafia ciociara (a sour cherries liquoer)

igp amaretto di guaricino (biscuits made with almonds)

igp pecorino di picinisco (a pecorino cheese)

extra virgin olive oil



...AND OUR WEAKNESSES?

Producing raw materials: our territory does not allow intensive farming, for this reason the quantity of raw materials produced does not satisfy the farmers' needs.



WHICH INNOVATION DO WE NEED?

According to the experts of the Regional Office for Innovation in agriculture that we met last April, farmers in our territory should:

- learn how to promote the excellent products of our tradition that we saw previously.



- Boost biodiversity recovering grape, olive and crop varieties because these products can reach high levels of quality and are more sustainable because of the short supply chain.
- Boost sustainable farming techniques and digitalization in agriculture.

...AND NOW...SOME PICTURES OF THE ATTRACTIONS OF OUR AREA



Alatri



Santa Maria Maggiore,
Alatri



Cristo nel
labirinto,
Alatri



Palazzo Papale,
Anagni



Isola del liri



Civitavecchia,
Arpino

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