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The future of cereals and legumes production is secret in the seed.

Duru Bulgur guarantees the security of supply in the seed with the 'Ahmet Wheat' project.

Emin Duru, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Duru Bulgur, who pointed out that seed development studies should be concentrated on to make the production of cereals and legumes sustainable, mentioned that they will meet the seeds to be obtained in the 'Ahmet Wheat' project, which they implemented with this idea, with the Turkish farmer no later than 2023.

All over the world, the food sector has begun to focus on innovative agricultural projects and correct agricultural practices to overcome problems such as increasing global demand for cereals and legumes and the threat of drought. **Emin Duru, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Duru Bulgur**, said that although cultivation areas are constantly expanding globally in cereals, it is mandatory to focus on native seed studies and switch to a basin model in agriculture to ensure agricultural sustainability, also mentioned the following: ““We are doing native seed-specific studies to compensate for drought-related crop losses. By cooperating with Karamanoglu Mehmetbey University, we implemented a good example of Industry-University cooperation and launched a project to bring Ahmet Wheat to agriculture. We have been cultivating Ahmet Wheat in greenhouses stored in historical granaries and cubes in Karaman Taşkale during its two thousand year history by our farmers.

The test phase of the seeds, which we have developed in the field conditions, is continuing. In our project, in which the first results are highly positive, we aim to bring Ahmet Wheat seeds, which we have developed using completely natural methods, to our farmers no later than 2023. Ahmet Wheat will be a golden step towards ensuring the safety of supply in wheat due to its high protein content and yield.

Wild irrigation threatens the country's agriculture

Emin Duru, who pointed out that it is necessary to switch to the right agricultural practices for sustainable production in Turkey, said that the basin-based support model should be extended throughout the country. Duru said, 'The implementation of the actual irrigation and the actual incentive mechanisms shall play a determining role in the future of agriculture. It is wrong to provide incentives to products requiring more water, such as corn, in regions where products such as cereals and legumes can be easily grown geographically. Groundwater is depleting in areas where corn cultivation is concentrated and potholes emerge in these areas. Therefore, the basin modelling should be put into operation quickly in the cultivation areas of cereals and legumes, and no other crops should be allowed to be planted other than the designated crops. The incentive system must also be adjusted accordingly. It is also necessary to take the dams that use flood irrigation underground and to give water to the farmer as much as the planned product. Wild irrigation threatens the future of our country's agriculture.