

Deputy Minister of Industry comments on the reasons for wheat imports

Deputy Minister of Industry, Mining and Commerce, emphasizing that we are still self-sufficient to supply current wheat consumption, said wheat imports are due to the provision of strategic reserves.

Responding to the question of why we became an importer of this essential and strategic commodity again this year after several years of self-sufficiency in wheat production, he said: "Do not doubt that our self-sufficiency in wheat production is sufficient to meet the country's current consumption. There is and nothing happened.

"But because of the specific circumstances of the country and being in a state of economic warfare, we have to have strategic reserves, and therefore we will import wheat to provide our country's strategic reserves," said the Deputy Minister of Commerce.

He said that ammunition must be stored during military warfare and supplies and staple goods during economic warfare. He stated that the stock of basic goods in economic warfare is like ammunition and weapons in military warfare, so it must be Economic warfare Have secure reserves of essential commodities.

So if wheat is imported for wheat, it will not be consumed solely for the sake of strategic and strategic reserves and for current consumption and is necessary for specific situations, the school lecturer said.

Deputy Minister of Industry responded to the question of why, while in recent years, strategic reserves were supplied

locally and supplemented by the purchase of 4 million tons of wheat from farmers, strategic reserves were purchased but only 3 million tons of wheat were purchased from farmers this year. , Was this not a guarantee of the low purchase price of wheat? He said: With the release of flour, guilds and factories, farmers sold part of their wheat production to the sector.

He said that buying guaranteed means that the government is obliged to buy the crop if the farmer cannot sell it, so farmers have sold that part of their wheat crop to the government.

Deputy Minister of Industry, Mining and Commerce said: Wheat imports have been post-harvest and have no relation to the guaranteed purchase price of wheat. Although part of the wheat crop this year was lost due to flooding, due to good rainfall in wheat production, the problem We didn't have much.

Former Minister of Agriculture Mahmoud Hojati said in spite of the increase in wheat production in the country this year, some farmers, especially farmers in western and northwestern provinces, did not sell irrigated wheat to the government, Fars reports.

Hojati said that despite the fact that our production of wheat had increased this year but we were not able to buy all the wheat from the farmers, he said: Under these conditions, some of the wheat needed to be supplied through importation, the government decided that a Supply the amount of need through imports.