

## **DATE PALM IN NORTH AFRICA TRUMPS AND PROBLEMS**

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North Africa is the second growing area of date palm in the world with approximately 30% of the world total number of date palms trees. Its production is about 1,500,000.00 tones of dates. This region presents a great diversity of dates. Some of these varieties are ones of the best in the world such as Medjool, Deglet Noor and Boo Fegoos. On the other side, date palm cultivation and production are suffering from different problems. The main problem is Bayoud disease, which killed in less than a century more than 13 million trees in Morocco and Algeria. Abiotic stresses, such as drought and salt, and traditional cultural techniques are common problems to the regions.