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History of Erciş:

The history of the Lake Van basin, including Erciş, goes back to prehistoric times. Although there is no information about Neolithic settlements in the region, Tilkitepe Mound, Edremit, Kalecik, Dilkaya and Ernis tombs find traces of Chalcolithic settlement. Early Hurri culture (3000 BC) is known to be effective in Dilkaya Mound finds. The first official history of Erciş begins with the Urartians (900-600 BC). It is stated in the Arabic sources that the name of Arciş comes from Argiştî, King of Urartu, and that Erciş was founded by Urartians.

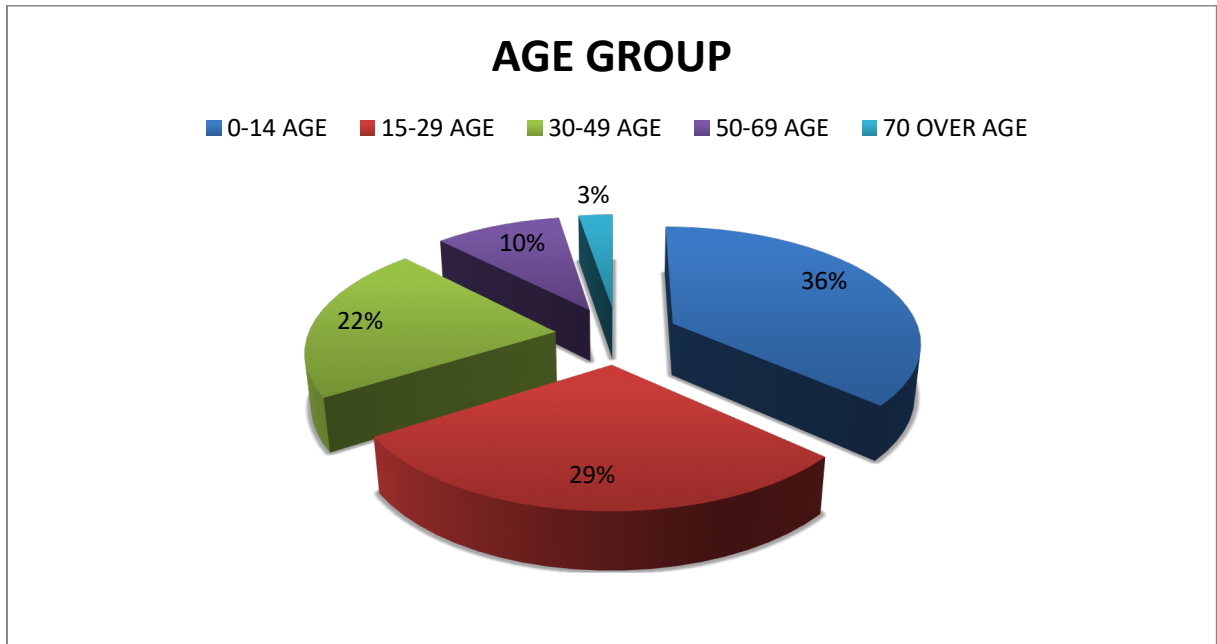
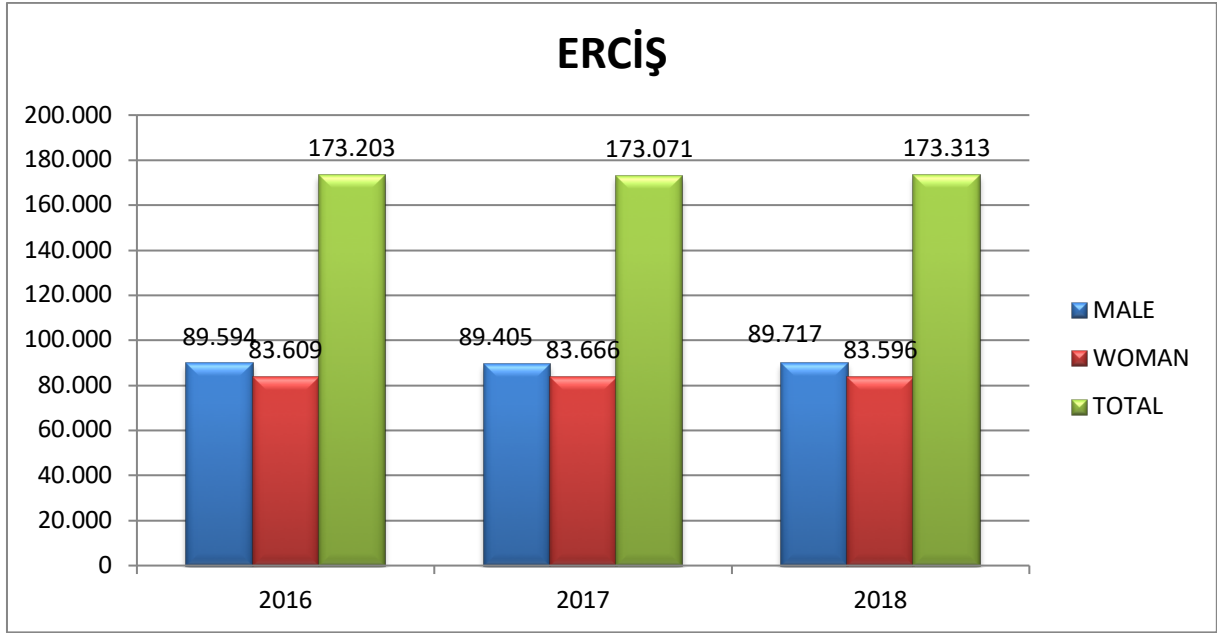
Geography of Erciş:

The total area of the district is 2,179 km². The altitude is 1750 m. Located 5 kilometers from Vangölü and 25 meters high, Erciş is 90 kilometers away from Van. There are 2 districts, 12 neighborhoods, 86 villages and 36 hamlets.

The Erciş Plain is one of the largest plains on the shores of Lake Van. The plain was introduced into the wide valleys. The places where the Zilan Stream passes are called un Hatun Çukurovası ”and the plain on which Erciş district is located is called ulu Suluova.. There are also many plains and pastures with plenty of grass and water. There is Van city center in the south of Erciş district, Muradiye district and Nakhchivan country border in the east and Ahlat and Adilcevaz districts in the west. The continental climate prevails in the region. Winters are cold and hard, summers are hot and dry.

Population Structure of Erciş:

Erciş district is the 2nd largest district of Van province. The total population of Erciş is 173,313 people. Of the total population, 52% (89,717) were male and 48% (83,596) were female. The population of the district increased relative to the previous year.



Education:

The district is a district with a young population. In this respect, the number of students is also high. Apart from the schools of the Ministry of National Education, it is present in the colleges of the Yüzüncü Yıl University. The district is connected to the Ministry of National Education; There are 225 schools and 1,909 classrooms.

There are 55.133 students in the district. 28% of the total population is students.

There is a college and a faculty of business in the district of Yüzüncü Yıl University. These two schools have an average of two thousand students.

District Tourism:

The district has hosted many civilizations with its historical background. It has rich cultural assets. District tourism potential is high. Local and foreign tourists visit the district every year. There are many places to visit. Among the works belonging to the district; Urartian printing patterns, Urartian period Deliçay Castle and Harbor, Urartu cuneiform inscriptions, an open-air temple, Urartian rock tombs, Zernaki hill settlements are available.

Besides these, there are works that shed light on Turkish history. These include cemeteries, castles, tombs and bridges. Among these important works are Ercis Castle, Akcayuva Village Tomb, Koca Yusuf Pasha Tomb.

Ercis Economy:

Among the districts of Van, it is the most organized and developed district in terms of economy. Commercial life is strong. However, it lacks the medium size industry where natural products such as ‘sulfur işlen are processed.

Erciş Sugar Factory is the institution that has a say in the economy of the district and makes the biggest contribution to the district. The organization, which has been operating for 26 years, has made great contributions to the district of Erciş in economic terms and has had a share in the employment of local people. However, the institution was included in the scope of privatization in 2008. The Company's approximate production capacity is 45 million TL. This is an important contribution to the district and the region is to show.

It has developed in commercial activities in Erciş, where the historical Silk Road passes. There are large and small industrial enterprises in the district. The enterprises that make a great contribution to the district provide employment to the local people. In the district where the Chamber of Commerce

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and Industry is located, the activities for opening the Organized Industrial Zone (OIZ) are continuing.

Due to its geological structure, Van province hosts important perlite and pumice deposits. Pumice and perlite deposits are concentrated especially in Erciş district. There are perlite and pumice deposits in Kocapınar and Erbeyli fields in this district. Pumice # 2 in reserves in the world at 6.5% of the total reserves are extracted in Van province in Turkey. Erciş ranks first in pomza and perlite mineral reserves.

POMZA MINE	
Erciş-Ekiciler Village	3.491.000 ton Rezerv
Erciş-Kırkpınar Village	69.950.000 ton Rezerv
PERLİT MINE	
Erciş-Kocapınar	1.350.000.000 ton Rezerv
Erbeyli Village	200.000.000 ton Rezerv

In addition, it is known that there is 20 million m³ pomza reserve in Kocapınar area.

Agriculture and Livestock in Ercis:

Agriculture:

Total Area (decare)	Cereals and Other Crops Area (decare)	Fallow Area (decare)	Vegetable Gardens Area (decare)	Fruits Beverage and Spices Area of Plants (decare)
426.895	221.432	190.682	6.159	8.622

Total agricultural area in Erciş district is 426,895 decare. Of the total agricultural area, 221,432 hectares are cereals and other crop products, 190,682 hectares fallow land, 8,622 hectares fruit area and 6,159 hectares are vegetable gardens.

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According to 2018 data, the amount of agricultural products produced in the district;

Cereals and Other Herbal Products Production:

Name of the product	Planted Area (Decare)	Harvested Area (Decare)	Yield (Kg / Decare)	Production (Ton)
Wheat	95.442	88.387	123	10.908
Barley	15.349	15.172	175	2.654
Clover	91.500	91.270	2.288	208.826
sainfoin	17.160	16.980	2.190	37.186
Beans	280	277	148	41
Potato	700	695	2.801	1.947
corn	300	295	3.000	885

Vegetable Production:

Name of the product	Planted area (decare)	Production (tons)
Green Beans	319	335
White cabbage	1430	5019
Iceberg Lettuce	1	2
Round Lettuce	2	4
Parsley	1	5
Rocket	2	2
Watermelon	760	1976
Melon	702	1158
Green pepper	249	411
Pointed Pepper	262	437
Cucumber	331	1087
Eggplant	130	198
Tomato	1471	4227
Pumpkin (Honey)	18	32
Onions (Fresh)	358	328
Red radish	123	251

Fruit Production:

Name of the product	Bulk Area (Decare)	Fruit Number of Fruit Trees	of Number of Trees Without Fruit	Yield (Kg / Fruits A.S)	Production (Ton)
Table Grapes	269	0	0	595	160
Apple Golden	408	7.810	4.725	29	226
Apple Starking	5.175	15.060	143.240	29	437
Apple Granny	26	694	159	29	20
Other Apples	240	2.931	3.158	25	73
Pear	617	16.280	1.430	25	407
Quince	27	1.030	20	20	21
Apricot	350	12.360	5.240	23	287
Zerdah	9	302	73	26	8
Cherry	93	3.130	224	25	78
Cherry	67	2.340	149	21	49
Plum	80	2.408	129	24	58
Walnut	1.261	13.420	920	23	309

Walnut Production:

Name of the product	Area of bulk orchards (decare)	Production (tons)	Average yield per tree (kg)	Number of trees at fruiting age	Number of trees without fruit age	Total number of trees
Walnut	1.261	309	23	13.420	920	14.340

In the district of machinery use in agriculture;

- 1,675 tractors
- 10,044 Other Tools and Machines.

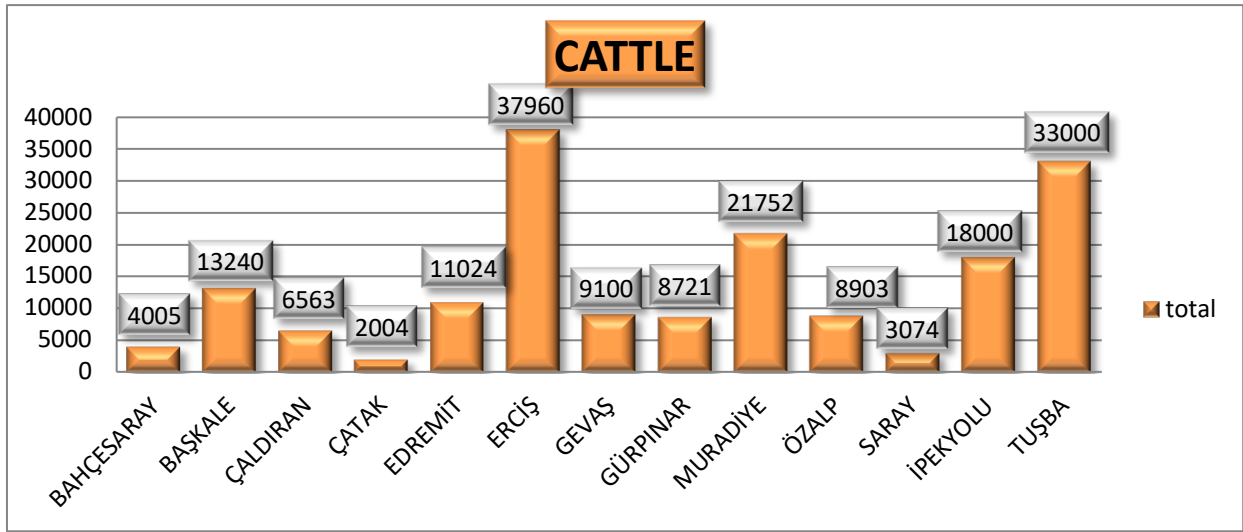
Farming:

The most important livelihood of the district together with agriculture is livestock. Livestock activities are concentrated in towns and villages. The district is rich in pasture. Cattle and sheep and cattle are mostly grown. Meat production, milk production, oil production are made.

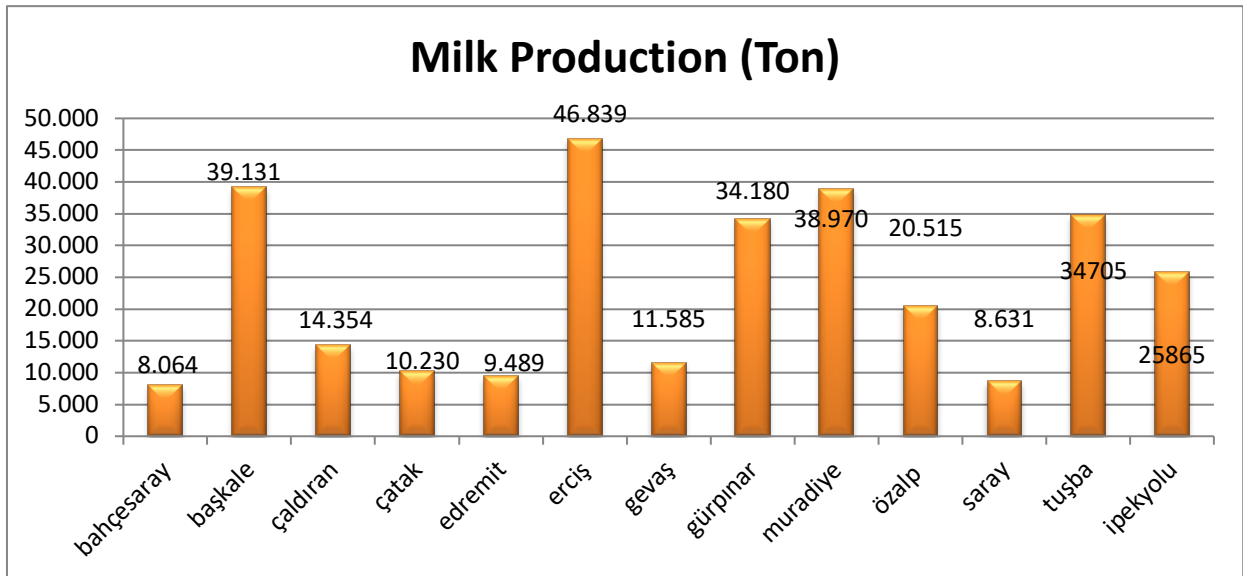
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Cattle	Number of sheep	Number of Goats	Milk Production	Honey Production
37.960	303.900	13.120	50.980	97

According to 2018 data, there are 303.900 sheep, 37.960 cattle and 13.120 head goats in the district. Goat ranks second in Van in terms of presence. The highest number of bovine animals is in the district of Erciş.



In addition, the province of Erciş is the province of milk production.



Beekeeping:

Beekeeping is another economic area where activity in the district after sheep and cattle breeding. There are 12 active beekeeping villages in the district.

Number of Businesses	New Hive	Old Hive	Total Hive	Honey Production (Ton)	Honey Wax Production (Ton)
30	5.118	0	5.118	86	7,75

A total of 86 tons of honey are produced annually in beekeeping in 5,118 hives.

Featured in Ercis:

- ❖ The presence of sheep and cattle,
- ❖ Development of industrial activities,
- ❖ Agricultural production wealth,
- ❖ Rich underground resources,
- ❖ Being the largest district of the province,
- ❖ High tourism potential,
- ❖ Erciş sugar factory,
- ❖ Honey production,

Ercis Investment Areas:

- ❖ Use of underground resources,
- ❖ Tourism investments,
- ❖ Livestock investments,
- ❖ Investment in animal products,
- ❖ Agricultural production investments,
- ❖ Honey production,
- ❖ Fruit and vegetable production,

Things to do in Erciş:

- ❖ Providing necessary support to agricultural producers,
- ❖ Providing necessary support to animal producers,
- ❖ The rapid completion of the organized industrial zone in the district,
- ❖ Providing the necessary state support to commercial and industrial enterprises,
- ❖ Making new economic initiatives in order to keep the effective labor force in the district,
- ❖ Accelerating the necessary efforts to eliminate the economic and social problems caused by the 2011 earthquake,
- ❖ Making necessary initiatives for the development of district tourism and promoting the district well;
- ❖ To draw attention to the work of district civil society organizations,
- ❖ To carry out the necessary studies to prevent migration resulting from economic and social concerns,
- ❖ Providing district education and health services to a modern structure,



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