

Peru, Steep fall in exports of fishmeal and fish oil

Peru exported 730,500 tonnes of fishmeal between January and November 2013, a volume that represents a drop of 43.2 per cent compared to the 1,285,500 tonnes shipped in the same period last year.

Through November 2013, foreign sales of fishmeal generated USD 1,197 million in income, 29.3 per cent less than in 2012, when USD 1,693 million were obtained, details the November *Monthly Statistical Bulletin* prepared by the Ministry of Production (Produce).

China remained the main market for Peruvian fishmeal, with purchases of 436,482 tonnes. Further back were Germany with 90,262 tonnes, Chile with 49,180 tonnes, and Japan with 44,754 tonnes.

With respect to fishmeal price at international level, the report notes that there was a decrease from last year: in November 2012 this product was paid USD 1,896/t (Hamburg), while in the same month in 2013 the price dropped to USD 1,443/t.

Regarding crude oil, 96,300 tonnes were sent abroad in the first eleven months of 2013, showing a 64.4 per cent decrease from the same period in 2012. These sales were valued at USD 229.5 million, representing a decline of 47.4 per cent yoy.

Denmark was the main market for Peruvian fish oil, with the purchase of 35,277.6 tonnes. Belgium was in second place with 19,761.5 tonnes, and Chile in third position with 12,928.6 tonnes.

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