

Spain: 20% of Almeria's mandarins exported to Poland, Russia and Ukraine

20% of the mandarins exported by Almeria last year (between January and November) were shipped to eastern European markets. Of the 6.2 million Euro generated by the province's exports, 13.6% corresponded to Poland, 4.6% to Russia and 1.3% to Ukraine. Eastern Europe also received 8% of Almeria's oranges and 9% of the lemons.

Between January and November 2013, Almeria's citrus companies exported 37.7 million kilos of produce; 1% less than in the same period of 2012. However, as a result of the higher prices, the total turnover amounted to 26.7 million Euro; 5% more than in 2012, according to the regional delegate of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, José Manuel Ortiz.

The revenue generated from orange exports reached 12.53 million Euro; 10% more than in the same period of 2012. The value of Almeria's exports was the ninth largest in Spain, with a 1.3% market share. The main destination for Almeria's oranges was Italy (36%), followed by Germany (23.4%) and France (19%). Algeria, Romania, the Netherlands, Poland, Belgium and Russia were other destinations.

Almeria's lemon exports up to November 2013 surpassed the 7.2 million Euro; 13% more than in 2012. Germany was the main destination for this fruit (29.8%), followed by Belgium (21%) and Italy (18.5%). Almeria was the sixth largest lemon exporter in Spain, with a 1.7% market share.

The value of the province's mandarin exports reached 6.2 million Euro; a 13.8% increase. Their main destination was also Germany, with 27% of the total, followed by Italy (19.2%) and Poland (13.6%). The Netherlands, France, Russia, Ukraine and Romania were other destinations for this product. Almeria was Spain's eighth largest mandarin exporter, with a 0.6% market share.

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