

Spain: Profitability of courgette cultivation up 8.04%

The net profitability of courgette cultivation in Almeria reached 21,500 Euro per hectare in 2013; 8.04% more than in the previous year (19,900 Euro/hectare), according to data provided by Andalusia's Council of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and Cajamar Foundation.

The average price, obtained through Andalusia's Prices and Markets Observatory, was of 0.60 Euro/kilo, while in 2012 growers obtained an average of 0.57 Euro/kilo.

Courgette production costs, including capital expenditure and amortisations, stood at 1.34 Euro per square metre during the 2011/2012 campaign. Cajamar Foundation estimates the increase in production costs for the 2012/2013 campaign at 0.5%, reaching 1.35 Euro per square metre.

For both seasons, the average yield was of 5.84 kilos of courgettes per square metre.

The month in 2013 with the best prices was December, when they reached an average of 1.25 Euro/kilo, followed by November (1.05 €/kg) and January (0.89 €/kg). On the opposite side, the worst prices were registered in July, when they stood at an average of 0.23 Euro/kilo.

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