

## **Espagne: Les retards dans la récolte d'orange est à cause des mauvaises conditions météorologiques**

The citrus harvest campaign in the area of Vega del Guadalquivir, Spain, is suffering some delays as a result of the weather. The president of Asaja, Ignacio Fernández de Mesa, explained that, "the rains are not causing damages, but are delaying the harvest. For now the presence of fungi has not been detected and the fruit is healthy." He admitted that he is "not sure whether other plantations have been affected by the wind, but even if that was the case, they would be isolated cases."

Fernández de Mesa showed his optimism after successfully completing the first harvest campaign. He stated that work is currently focused on the late varieties, of which 50% will be marketed for fresh consumption and the other 50% will go to the juice industry. "The first campaign finished with better prices than last year and now they should remain at acceptable levels after two disastrous years."

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