

Western Europe's exports to Russia

Trade mostly from the Netherlands and Belgium

The Freshfel data provides a deeper insight into the fruit and vegetable exports from the EU to Russia. It reveals which products were Exported to Russia by each country, in what volumes, and for how many dollars. Today, Western Europe, the Netherlands and Belgium have been the most hit.

Russia imports from EU in t			
Exporter	Product	2012	2013
Belgium	pears	116.524	86.312
Netherlands	tomatoes	51.784	73.626
Netherlands	onions and shallots	52.972	64.687
Netherlands	pears	51.630	32.996
Belgium	carrots and turnips	18.667	24.475
Belgium	apples	23.161	19.987
Netherlands	capsicum or pimenta	22.909	19.959
Netherlands	carrots and turnips	11.105	19.402
Belgium	tomatoes	17.979	18.987
France	apples	38.464	17.332

Source : Eurostat/COMTRADE, elaboration Freshfel Europe

Western Europe

In terms of export volumes, Belgium and the Netherlands take alternately the first nine spots. In tenth place we find French apples with a volume of 17,332 tonnes, a significant decline compared to the 38,000 tonnes a year earlier. Western Europe's most exported product are Belgian pears with 86,000 tonnes, also a significant drop compared to the 116,000 tonnes shipped to Russia a year earlier. Belgian pears are followed by Dutch tomatoes with 73 626 tonnes. Tomato exports have increased sharply from just under 52,000 tonnes in 2012, followed by onions, pears, carrots and apples.

Russia imports in USD			
Exporter	Product	2012	2013
Belgium	pears	141.622.056	108.406.091
Netherlands	tomatoes	72.226.781	101.973.976
Netherlands	capsicum or pimenta	47.696.566	42.502.419
Netherlands	pears	63.022.787	41.578.901
Netherlands	onions and shallots	34.260.588	38.903.706
Belgium	tomatoes	24.116.964	24.528.229
France	cauliflowers and headed broccoli	18.506.427	21.298.547
Belgium	apples	23.465.271	21.016.544
France	apples	41.758.020	19.045.501
Belgium	carrots and turnips	9.295.683	12.727.098
<i>Source : Eurostat/COMTRADE, elaboration Freshfel Europe</i>			

As for export values, Belgium and the Netherlands take the first six spots. Belgium is again on the first place, with pears reaching an export value of \$ 108 million, followed by Dutch tomatoes with close to 102 million dollars.

From these figures, it is clear that the hardest hit are a small number of EU countries. In particular, Poland, Greece, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Belgium will suffer huge losses. By products, the most affected by the Russian ban will be apple and pear growers in Poland and Belgium, stone fruit growers in southern Europe and tomato growers in Spain and the Netherlands.

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