

Spain: Courgette and green bean prices skyrocket

Since the end of the first short cycle plantings, courgette prices have been on the rise in Almeria's auctions. Compared to the last week of 2014, the price has increased from 0.45 to the current 1.45 Euro per kilo in the case of thin courgettes. Thick courgettes have gone from 0.39 Euro on 27 December 2014 to 1.29 Euro per kilo at present.

Besides courgettes, green beans register the greatest price increases. The Strike has gone from 3.39 Euro per kilo in the last week of 2014 to around 4.46 Euro this week. Meanwhile, Helda beans currently reach an average of 2.87 Euro per kilo.

As for peppers, yellow bell peppers remain the most expensive with an average of 1.20 Euro per kilo, followed by the red with about 0.97 Euro; up 15 cents compared to last week. Still within the bell pepper category, the green reach the lowest price, with about 0.76 Euro per kilo, 10 cents more than last week. Lamuyo red peppers also registered a price increase this week, reaching an average of 1.13 Euro per kilo, while the green have remained at 0.80 Euro. Italian green pepper prices increased slightly in recent days, reaching 1.11 Euro per kilo.

Tomato prices are also on the rise, especially those of on the vine tomatoes, which exceed 95 cents per kilo, followed by the Daniela, with 0.65 Euro, and the green Daniela and Pear tomatoes, with 0.62 Euro per kilo on average.

Even though cucumber prices appear to have increased slightly with the start of 2015, the Almeria variety stands at an average of 0.24 Euro per kilo, mainly as a result of oversupply, while prices for the Spanish variety have increased by over 20 cents compared to last week, reaching 0.50 Euro per kilo on average. The French variety also increases and stands at around 67 cents per kilo.

Source: www.freshplaza.com/07/01/2015