

Peru, fish exports decrease in volume and value in 2014

Peruvian fish exports generated in December last year USD 197.5 million in revenue, a decrease of 29 per cent compared to the same month in 2013, when their value was USD 277.9 million.

In addition, the export volume decreased by 46.3 per cent, from 162,700 to 87,500 tonnes, the Ministry of Production (PRODUCE) informed.

These reductions were primarily due to lower sales of fishmeal and canned products.

According to the latest *Statistical Bulletin* prepared by PRODUCE, between January and December 2014, the sale abroad of 1,291,700 tonnes generated USD 2.9 billion, while in the same period last year 2,033,300 tonnes were exported for USD 2.77 billion. These figures represent increases of 4.6 per cent in volume and 5 per cent in value.

Meanwhile, 36,200 tonnes of fishmeal were exported in December 2014, while in the same month last year 120,200 tonnes were sent abroad (69.9 per cent less).

With respect to the value in the last month of 2014, fishmeal was exported for USD 73.1 million, that is to say, 55.2 per cent less than in December 2013, when the figure totalled USD 163.1 million.

Between January and December 2014, some 845,400 tonnes of fishmeal were sent abroad, 0.4 per cent less than in the same period of 2013 (849,000 tonnes).

The main markets for Peruvian fishmeal were China, Germany, Chile and Japan, which bought 704,990 tonnes of total sales until December 2014.

December exports increased foreign sales of fishmeal in 2014 to USD 1.3 billion, 2.9 per cent less than in the same period of 2013 (USD 1,3 billion).

As regards fish oil exports, last December they totalled 3,500 tonnes for USD 9.6 million, that is to say 95.9 per cent more than in the same month of 2013 (USD 4.9 million).

Considering the 12 months of last year, 135,300 tonnes of fish oil were sold abroad, 38.3 per cent less than in the same period of 2013 (97,800 tonnes).

Denmark, Belgium, Chile and Norway bought 103,526 tonnes of Peruvian fish oil up to last December. These sales generated USD 281.6 million, an amount that represents a rise of 22.6 per cent over the same period in 2013 (USD 229.6 million).

In December 2014, about 37,700 tonnes of frozen products were also traded abroad, volume that accounts for a rise of 33.2 per cent from the 28,300 tonnes exported a year earlier.

Meanwhile, 424,300 tonnes of frozen products were sold abroad last year, 9.6 per cent more than in 2013 (387,300 tonnes).