

Spain: Long cucumber and aubergine prices fail to cover costs

Long cucumber and aubergine prices currently fail to cover production costs. The marketing representatives consulted by Agronoticias point to increased supply because of high temperatures and to the fact that the market is unable to absorb the entire production.

Long cucumbers are sold for between 0.45 and 0.20 Euro per kilo. French cucumbers reach initial prices of 1 Euro and final sales at around 0.70 Euro. The short black variety registers initial prices of 1.45 Euro and final auction sales at 1.30 Euro. This latter cucumber variety is the most valued due to the limited acreage in Almeria's greenhouses.

Over the past week, green bean prices have considerably increased. The Strike reaches between 4.90 and 3.50 Euro; the Emerite stands at an average of 4 Euro; the long Perona costs 3 Euro and the Helda registers initial prices of 3.80 Euro and final sales at 2 Euro per kilo. Thin courgettes remain at prices ranging from 1.50 to 1.20 Euro per kilo, while the thick variety is marketed for between 1.30 and 1.20 Euro per kilo.

Of all tomatoes, only the green long-life reaches noteworthy prices, ranging between 0.80 and 0.50 Euro per kilo. The red long-life is sold for between 0.50 and 0.30 Euro; pear tomatoes reach initial prices of 0.50 Euro and final sales at 0.30 Euro. On the vine tomatoes are marketed for between 0.60 and 0.40 Euro per kilo. Striped aubergines reach an initial price of 2 Euro and final sales at around 0.60 Euro. Long aubergines continue the downward trend of recent weeks, with prices ranging between 0.45 and 0.20 Euro per kilo.

Red Italian peppers reach initial prices of 0.90 Euro and final sales at 0.75 Euro per kilo, while the green range between 0.87 and 0.70 Euro. Green Lamuyo pepper prices remain high, ranging between 1.30 and 1 Euro per kilo, while the red reach initial prices of 1.15 Euro and final sales at 0.90 Euro. Meanwhile, yellow bell pepper prices range between 1.50 and 1.20 Euro per kilo, red bell pepper are sold for between 0.97 and 0.80 Euro, and green bell pepper prices reach initial prices of 1.10 Euro and final sales at 0.70 Euro per kilo.