

## Spain: Horti imports continue good development in July

In July, Spanish fruit and vegetable imports grew by 16% in value and 2% in volume compared with the same period of 2014, totalling 141 million Euro and 167,225 tonnes and continuing the positive trend of the previous months.

Fruit imports in July totalled 122,471 tonnes, 6% more than in the same month of 2014; their value amounted to 112 million Euro (+15%), with a noteworthy growth of oranges, apples, kiwis and lemons. Orange imports stood at 15,795 tonnes (+118%), with a value of EUR 10 million (+148%), and those of apples totalled 14,807 tonnes (-1%) with a value of 13.6 million Euro (+12%). Kiwi imports increased by 45% in volume and 12% in value, standing at 14,944 tonnes and 13.4 million Euro, respectively.

Vegetables recorded a 7% drop in the volume imported to a total of 44,754 tonnes, with a 17.5% increase in value, which amounted to 29.1 million Euro. Potatoes, tomatoes and beans were the main vegetables imported in July, with 11,666 tonnes of potatoes (-24%), 10,062 tonnes of tomatoes (+25%) and 8,487 tonnes of beans (-24%).

Spanish imports have grown in every month of 2015, both in volume and in value, except in January, which saw a 2% decline. During the first seven months of the year as a whole, imports have registered a 5% growth in volume, standing at 1.4 million tonnes, and a 13% increase in value, to a total of 1,090 million Euro, according to data from the Department of Customs and Special Taxes of the Spanish Tax agency, processed by FEPEX.

For FEPEX, the behaviour of imports is a result of growing foreign competition with some crops and the development of domestic demand, which requires a growing supply of a wide range of products at the points of sale.

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