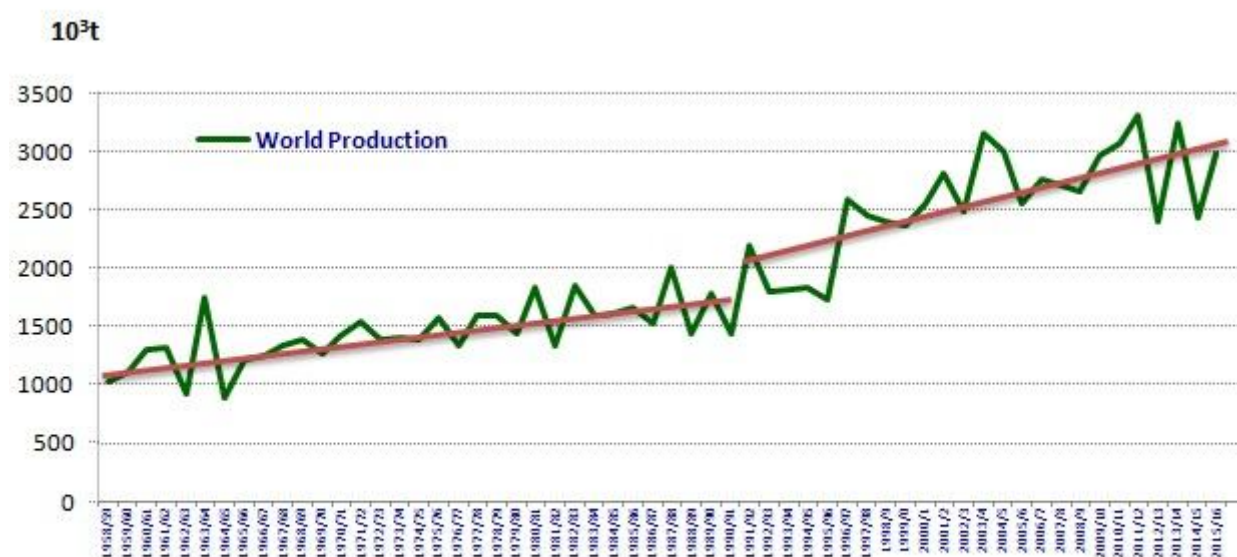


## World olive oil production has almost trebled

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Over these 57 years, world olive oil production has almost trebled from 1 million tonnes in 1958/59 to close to 3 million tonnes in 2015/16, but this gain has not been uniform.

Until 1994/95, production climbed gradually and then levelled off for three crop years in a row at just over 1 800 000 t. The alternate bearing pattern of the olive left its mark, wedging a bumper harvest (1963/64) between two poor harvests (1962/63 and 1964/65) or an 'off' year (1981/82) between two 'on' years (1980/81 and 1982/83); fluctuations likewise occurred between 1987/88 and 1991/92.



After dipping slightly in 1995/96, production moved up a gear in 1996/97 and hit 2 500 000 t for the first time ever.

From then on, production continued to grow, topping 3 000 000 t in 2003/04, 2004/05, 2010/11, and later hitting an all-time high of 3 300 000 t in 2013/14.

More recently, in the last five crop years, production has oscillated more sharply, swinging between the high of 3 300 000 t in 2013/14 to a low of 2 400 000 in 2012/13 and 2014/15.

These large sways are not only due to the off/on pattern of the olive tree.

Other causes are adverse weather conditions, heavy rain in some areas and very high temperatures in others, and numerous disease issues in certain producer countries.

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