

Spain: Malaga sees good opportunities in organic citrus

The Government of Andalusia has created the Provincial Bureau of Organic Production in Malaga, with which it seeks to promote organic products, as it believes that "it is a sector with a great future" across the entire region and especially in this province, where more than 37,000 hectares are devoted to such crops.

The aim of this Bureau is to give a boost to the sector in the framework of the forthcoming adoption of the 3rd Andalusian Organic Production Plan Horizon 2020, on which work started last March, as reported by the Government of Andalusia in a statement.

The territorial delegate of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, Javier Salas, has emphasised how committed the province of Malaga is to these crops, which include "olives, nuts, citrus fruits and cereals," as well as pasture, grassland and forage.

Salas pointed out that in the new European framework "environmentally-friendly crops which are also good for the health of consumers will prevail."

"The market is increasingly demanding more organic products," stressed Salas, who advised all institutions to provide their various points of view and to listen to the sector to help promote this agricultural activity.

The number of operators devoted to organic farming in the province of Malaga stands at 1,459, while another 284 are involved in organic industrial activities.

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