

## Italy expects Olive Oil production to decrease 37% in the 2016/17 campaign

**The first estimates of the Institute for Services to the Agricultural and Food Markets (Ismea), in collaboration with the Consorzio Olivicolo Italiano (Unaprol), highlight a decline of Italian olive oil production by 37% this season 2016/17 up to 298,000 tonnes compared to 475,000 recorded in the previous season.**

As reported by the Ismea on its website, vegetative growth has been particularly problematic from the point of view of climate and plant health, to which is added the fact that the current year is physiologically lower in production in many areas of olive cultivation in the country. Thus, estimated production declines by 39% in southern Italy, decreasing 29% in the central regions and 10% in the north.

Globally, the Institute estimates a decline in production by 9% compared to the 3 million tons recorded in the previous season. In addition to Italy, it provides decreases in Greece (-20%, to 240,000 tonnes) and Tunisia (-21%, to 110,000 tons); while for Spain it expects a "substantial" higher volume compared to 2015, with 1.4 million tons; and situates Turkey with a total amount of 190,000 tons (+33%).

In the coming weeks the agency has advanced through the data provided by the mills, that they will carry out improvements in production estimates along with an ongoing analysis of the market situation.

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