

The Andalusian Government expects the Spanish Olive Oil production to reach 1.38 million tons. this campaign

The Andalusian Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development, Carmen Ortiz, has presented today in Jaen the Official Forecast for the 2016/17 olive harvest. Regarding olives for olive oil production, Andalusia expects 5,343,700 tons of which 1,108,400 tons will turn into olive oil, representing a slight decrease by 0.8% regarding the previous season and an increase of 8.6% regarding the average of the last five seasons. Speaking of Spain, a total of 1.38 million tons are expected.

Regarding the evolution of the campaign, the Andalusian Government has highlighted in its report the good conditions of the olive trees in spring, both in rainfed and irrigated; high temperatures in September, which haven't favored a suitable scenario for fruit ripening and oil formation; and the lack of rainfall in the main producing areas throughout the campaign, especially in late summer and early autumn.

In addition, there has been very little disease caused by the olive fly and a great variability regarding harvest and the average yield estimated even within the same plot, being more evident in the dry lands.

Production by provinces

By provinces, Jaen, which is the main producer, will record 2,480,000 tons of olives for oil mill of which may be obtained 542,000 tons of oil, 2.5% more than in the previous season and 16.1% above of the average of the last five campaigns.

Cordoba follows with 1,347,600 tons of olives and 263,000 t. of olive oil (+ 4.6% compared to the average of the last five seasons and -2.4% compared to 2015/16); Sevilla, with 551,500 t. of olives and 99,500 t. of olive oil (+ 5.7% and -5.9%), respectively; and Granada, with 553,900 t. of this fruit and 124,100 t. of oil (+ 9.1% and + 9.5%).

Behind Granada comes Malaga, with 263,700 t. of olive and 50,900 t. of olive oil (-27.5% compared to the average of the last five seasons and 29% less than in 2015/16); Cadiz, with 53,400 t. of olives and 10,600 t. of oil (+ 25.3% and + 7.3%); and Almeria, with 57,100 t. of olives and 11,900 t. of olive oil (+ 12.7% and -10%).

Huelva closes the list of Andalusian provinces, expecting an amount of olives for oil mill in the 2016/17 campaign of 36,500 t. and 6,400 t. of olive oil, increasing by 17.3% regarding the average of the last five seasons and 24.3% higher than in 2015/16.

Table olives

As for the production of table olives, Andalusian production is expected to fall 18.2% regarding the previous season. According to these estimates, a total of 379,390 t. will be collected, which, compared with the average of the past five years, represents a decrease of 12.3%.

By provinces, a smaller crop is expected in seven of them regarding the last season, with decreases in an average of ranges from 50.7% to 2.9%. Sevilla will produce 276,580 t. (-10.8% compared to the last five seasons and -17.2% over the previous year); Córdoba, 55,600 t. (-10.5% and -21.6%); Málaga, 41,750 t. (-23.3% and -24.1%); Jaén, 500 t. (-26% and -17.8%); Granada, 60 t. (+ 18.7% and -2.9%); and Cádiz, 30 t. (-3.9% and -50.7%). On the other hand, Huelva will increase its production up to 4,190 t. (+ 52.3% compared to the previous campaign).

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