

Olive production down 30% in 2016

Production of olives for olive oil in Portugal is expected to have fallen by 30% in 2016 to less than 500,000 tonnes, and the autumn/winter grain surface to have fall to a n “all-time low” according to projections from the National Statistics Institute.

According to INE, the drop in olive production for oil was the result of “adverse weather and the annual production rotation of traditional olive groves,” and expects total production of about 491,000 tonnes (-30% against 2015), but “good quality” olive oil.

As for autumn/winter grains there was a “general reduction of installed areas,” compared to the previous year due to periods of intense cold and a lack of rain.

INE’s projections point to drops of around 5% in rye area, 10% in common wheat, triticale and barley and of 15% for durum wheat, with a total grain area of around 130,000 hectares, “which is the lowest recorded in the last three decades, in a year in which weather conditions made it possible for planting to go ahead as normal.”

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