

## 90% losses for Polish sweet cherries

It appears that Polish cherry growers have been hit hardest by the freezing temperatures and frost that hit Poland on April 16-17 and again during the night of May 9-10. First estimates are that 90% of the sweet cherry crop has been damaged and 80% of the regular cherries.

"We can expect higher prices and a higher share of export fruit. Losses to apples have been large, but cherries have been the hardest hit. The situation is tragic for both the fruit and the consumer." shared Mirosław Maliszewski from Polish grower's association- Związek Sadowników RP.

"A specially appointed commission has been assigned to assess the damages, but we will only know the complete damages in around two months time. No fruit is immune from weather damage. The phase of the frosts which hit in April caused damage primarily to sweet cherries, pears and cherries. The second phase in May affected all of the other types of fruit." said Mirosław.

"Cherries were the most damaged because the frosts hit right as they were flowering. Losses for other fruits are not completely clear because we are still waiting for them to bloom.

Polish cherries are primarily exported to Belarus, Germany and Lithuania. The harvest is expected to start in mid-June this season.

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