

Cold weather stunted tomato ripening in Ukraine

Tomato exports are down in Ukraine due to cold weather slowing down the ripening process in greenhouses. Production is down so much that there are reports that there is also not enough supply to meet domestic demand.

From January 1 to May 1, 2017, Ukraine significantly reduced not only imports, but the reduction also concerned the export of tomatoes.

"During the first 4 months of this year, import volumes totalled around 6,500 tons, which saw a decrease of 150% when compared to the same period last year. Fresh tomato exports were down by 30% compared to 2016, with totals coming in around 1,500 tons." shared Tetiana Getman from Info-Shuvar.

What might be worth mentioning is that Ukraine saw a huge increase in tomato exports in 2016 which had been an increase of 65% compared with the figures in 2015.

There is a silver lining for Ukrainian producers, who are reporting good prices due to the lack of exports. As of June 12, 2017, in data supplied by Info-Shuvar, greenhouse tomatoes are currently offered for €0.69-1.20 / kg, compared to €0.62-0.65 EUR /kg in mid June of 2016. This means that tomato prices are up this year by 30%.

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