

Start of Spanish citrus campaign with more expensive Satsuma mandarins

The citrus season is starting in the Region of Valencia with the harvest of the first mandarins of the Satsuma variety this week, mainly in the province of Valencia. Volumes are still scarce because only a few producers have started harvesting. It will be from week 37 and 38 when the great majority of producers and exporters supplying this type of mandarins will begin with their campaigns with full product availability.

Due to the negative influence of the June and July heatwaves, yields are lower than last year for Satsuma mandarins, as are for many other varieties of mandarin, clementine and orange in the overall estimate for the 2017-2018 season.

At the moment, the markets are already reacting and, according to the Valencia Citrus Market, prices are higher than in the same period last season. Specifically, Okitsu mandarins are 17% more expensive than in the first week of September 2016; Owari mandarin prices are 10% higher, and the Iwasaki cost about the same.

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