

## European pear stocks reach 5-year low

During the current season, the European pear stocks have fallen to their 5-year low, reports Fruit-Inform with reference to World Apple and Pear Association (WAPA).

According to WAPA, as of November 1, 2017, the stocks of pears amounted to 640,000 tons, a decrease of 44% compared with the same period of the previous year, when they had totaled to 1.133 million tons.

Belgium accounted for the largest part of pears in stocks with the share of 39%. Besides, compared to the previous year, the amount of pears stored in Belgium went down by 12%.

The Netherlands ranked second with the share of 36%; as of November 1, 2017, Dutch pear stocks were 14% lower than last year.

Spain was the third and accounted for 16% of total pear stocks in the EU, with an increase of 2% in comparison with the previous year.

The industry experts explain the fact of a total decrease in European pear stocks with low production of the fruits in season-2017/18. As previously reported by Fruit-Inform, the total production of pears in the EU reached 5-year low in 2017.

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