

Polish raspberry production fell by 23% in 2017

According to FAO data, Poland is one of the world's top producers of raspberries. In the years 2014-2016, it stood third in the global ranking, only behind Russia and the United States, and ahead of Mexico and Serbia. Its share in the global production in the period at hand was 12-20%, according to Anna Kitala, an expert on agricultural markets at BGŻ BNP Paribas.

"Poland's biggest competitor on the world market is Serbia, because this country, like Poland, is specialised in the production of raspberries for processing. Also, Serbia is a global leader in the production of frozen raspberries. It is worth noting that the raspberry harvest in Serbia begins earlier than in Poland and if there is a high production there, it usually pushes the prices of raw materials down in our country," adds Anna Kitala.

Poland's production shows a clear upward trend. While in the years 2004-2006 the volume amounted to an average of 58 thousand tonnes, and the acreage devoted to its cultivation was estimated at 16 thousand hectares, in the years 2014-2016, the volumes averaged around 111 thousand tonnes and the acreage reached 28.3 thousand hectares.

According to the Central Statistical Office, the raspberry harvest in Poland in 2017 amounted to approximately 100,000 tonnes, i.e. it dropped by 23% (29 thousand tonnes) compared with 2016. This drop in production was mainly due to the weaker yield of autumn raspberries. Moreover, their quality also deteriorated.

"As with other berries in Poland, most raspberries went to processing plants. Despite the fall in the production volume, the purchase price of these fruits was on average 4.4 PLN/kg (about 1.06 Euro), which was 15% lower (by 0.8 PLN / kg) than in 2016. The reason for the lower price was the fall in the price of frozen raspberries from Serbia on the global market, which was a consequence of their larger supply," says the BGŻ BNP Paribas expert.

In its report on the Fruit and Vegetable Market from December 2017, IERiGŻ estimates that the production of frozen raspberries in Poland in the 2017/18 season amounted to approximately 55-60 thousand tonnes, compared to 70,000 tonnes in the previous season. The volume exported in the current season could reach 58 thousand tonnes, i.e. 12% lower than in the previous season.

Production of concentrated raspberry juice is, in turn, estimated at approximately 4 thousand tonnes, which is the same as in the previous season.

Lien article : <http://www.freshplaza.com/article/188764/Polish-raspberry-production-fell-by-23-procent-in-2017>