

Sharp rise for Peruvian avocado exports in 2017

Peru's avocado exports soared in both volume and value during the 2017 season, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Minagri).

The entity said export volumes rose 27% year-on-year to 247,000 metric tons (MT), with the value soaring 46% to US\$580 million.

According to International Trade Center data, in 2016 Peru became the world's second-largest avocado exporter by volume, ahead of Chile and behind Mexico.

Avocados are now Peru's third-most-important agricultural export, after coffee and table grapes.

The main markets during the 2017 season were the Netherlands, the U.S., Spain, England, China and Chile, collectively receiving 95% of exports by value.

National avocado production last year was 470,000MT, with 80% of volumes coming from La Libertad, Lima, Ica and Junín.

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