

Spain: Fruit harvest delayed by 15 days in Extremadura

The start of the harvest campaign in Extremadura will be delayed by around fifteen days due to the cold temperatures recorded at the beginning of spring, as well as the latest rains, as reported by the president of Asaja Extremadura, Ángel García Blanco.

For García Blanco, the first consequence of this may be lower prices, since Extremadura's production could overlap with that of other later Spanish producing areas, such as Lleida, or that of other European countries.

The head of Asaja pointed out that in the early spring, temperatures were lower than usual in Extremadura, causing a delay in the flowering. García Blanco has highlighted the importance of the weather for the crops, not only during the campaign, but also later, as consumption is also influenced by it. "If it's hot in summer in Europe, more fruit will be consumed," he says.

The white asparagus campaign has also been delayed by the weather conditions, causing Extremadura's production to overlap with that of the rest of Spain and other countries, which usually arrive later. Extremadura has some 400 hectares devoted to white asparagus, a product that is exported mainly to Germany.

Regarding tomatoes, the planting also started a little later than usual, although no significant repercussions are expected, nor incidents in the production, which will develop optimally if no adverse phenomena are recorded during the campaign.

Ángel García Blanco said that after the heavy rains of recent weeks, Extremadura is now facing a normal period. In the coming weeks, it will be crucial for no excessive heat or heavy rainfall to be recorded.

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