



Spain: Cordoba's citrus production down by 5%

Asaja Córdoba took part in the latest meeting of the citrus board of the Chamber of Commerce's Lonja, which served to discuss the results of the 2017-2018 campaign in the Vega del Guadalquivir. With still 5-10% of the fruit left to be harvested, mainly the Valencia Late variety, the season is coming to an end with a slightly lower production than that of the previous year.

As already predicted at the beginning of the campaign, the total citrus production in the province has fallen by around 5% compared to last year. Prices have remained at optimum levels, unlike in previous years, when they stood below the production costs. Also, the industry has also obtained good prices during the entire campaign, which has helped keep the prices for fresh fruit at good levels.

The price of the Valencia Late orange has dropped slightly to between 0.24-0.29 €/kg, and those for processing have stood at 0.24 €/kg for the past few weeks.

Córdoba is the third most important province in Andalusia when it comes to the production of sweet oranges (with 13%). Since 2000, there has been an upward trend in the value of Andalusia's citrus production, with some slight declines over the past two years, as many new plantations have been becoming fully productive.

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