



## Spain: Andalusian citrus production grows by 4%

The Andalusian citrus production in the 2017-2018 campaign has reached 2.15 million tonnes; 4% more than in the previous season, according to data for June from the regional Council of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development. This increase contrasts with the drop recorded in the rest of Spain, where, according to estimates, the total production has fallen by an average of 10%. In the Region of Valencia, the production has dropped by 20%, while in Murcia it has fallen by 4%.

In the 2017-2018 campaign, the Andalusian orange production accounted for 48% of the national production and grew by 8.7% more than the average of the last four seasons. These positive results are mainly due to a good development of the crop, with an acceptable flowering and fruit setting in spring.

75% of the volume harvested (1.60 million tonnes) corresponds to sweet oranges, 18% (396.463 tonnes) to mandarins and 5% (108.208 tonnes) to lemons. The rest is distributed between grapefruit, bitter oranges, limes and other minor citrus fruits.

Compared to last season, the production of sweet oranges and mandarins has increased by 2.3% and 12.7%, respectively. The data also point to a drop in the lemon production.

Looking at individual provinces, the production has increased in Malaga (+35.5%), Seville (+6.1%) and Cordoba (+5.1%), while Huelva's remains practically at the same level and in the rest the citrus production has been reduced.

The production of sweet oranges has increased in Seville and Cordoba by 4.2% and 7.1%, respectively. Meanwhile, the mandarin production has grown in Huelva (+21.1%) and Seville (+23.6%). Lemons have recorded an increase in Almeria (+6.3%).

Seville is the largest producer in Andalusia, accounting for 41% of the regional production. Seville and Huelva together account for 65% of the total.

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