



Ailimpo: "Estimated Spanish grapefruit harvest of 76,000 tonnes for 2018/2019"

Ailimpo's grapefruit production estimate for the 2018/2019 season indicates a harvest of 76,000 tonnes, which is a similar crop to the one achieved last season.

This volume allows the Spanish sector to be optimistic as in terms of quality Spanish grapefruit is well appreciated. Nevertheless, the devaluation of the Turkish Lira may have an effect and has to be considered especially in those markets very sensitive to price.

The Spanish season will start at the end of October offering big grades to satisfy the demand for this kind of fruit. Meanwhile we will wait for the end of stocks of small grades from South Africa as well as the end of Mexican season.

Overall, Spanish grapefruit has clearly become a leading and essential source in the EU for meeting demand from November to April.

2017/2018 Season Balance Sheet

The 2017/2018 season closed with a total harvest of 76,104 tonnes, which was mainly exported to Germany and France, representing 57% of our total sales at 30,000 tonnes. A small amount was exported to markets in overseas countries (3,016 tonnes), where there was a sharp increase of 19%; also, an outstanding effort has been made to open and strengthen markets such as Switzerland, Canada and South Africa. The domestic market was estimated at 10,000 tonnes, and the industry also processed 10,000 tonnes.

2017/2018 SEASON BALANCE SHEET (Tonnes)

	GRAPEFRUIT
EXPORT	52,434
DOMESTIC MARKET	10,000
LOSSES	3,122
PROCESSING	10,548
TOTAL	76,104

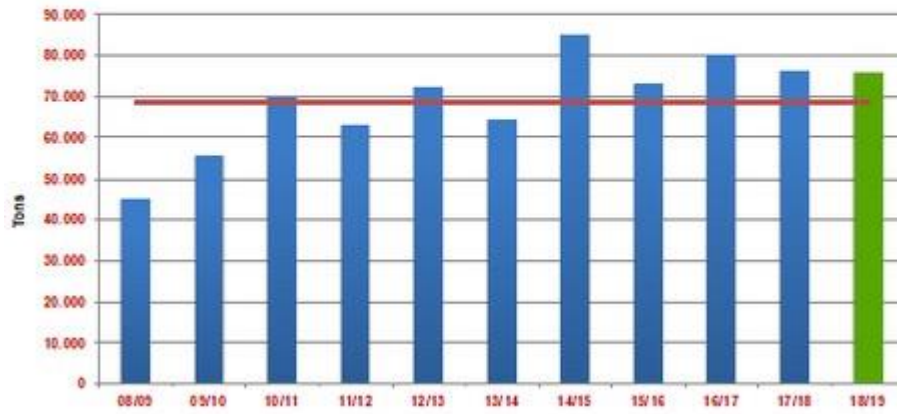
2018/2019 SEASON FORECAST (Tonnes)

	GRAPEFRUIT
FORECAST	76,000

DIFFERENCE (%)	= %
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	AVERAGE OF LAST 10 SEASONS 2007-2016	FORECAST 2017/2018 Season
Crop	68,539 Tonnes	76,000 Tonnes



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