

## Spain: Value of horticultural exports up 1.6%. Volume stable

In the first eight months of the year, the value of Spanish fresh fruit and vegetable exports increased by 1.6% compared to the same period of 2017, totaling 8,965 million Euro, while the volume recorded a slight 0.3% drop, standing at 8.4 million tons, according to data from the General Directorate of Customs.

Up until August, vegetable shipments grew by 5% in terms of volume, with 3.6 million tons, while the value fell by 3%, reaching 3,551 million Euro. The most exported products were tomatoes, with 573,533 tons (+0.1%) and 640 million Euro (-9%), followed by lettuce, with 561,398 tons (+12%) and 469 million Euro (+3%), and peppers, with 493,583 tons (+11%) and 653 million Euro (-1%).

Fresh fruits saw their export volume drop by 4%, with 4.8 million tons, while the value increased by 5%, reaching 5,414 million Euro. The most exported are citrus fruits, followed by strawberries, with 274,451 tons (-8%) and 576 million Euro (+1%); watermelons, with 799,202 tons (+15%) and 405.5 million Euro (+32%); peaches, with 300,026 tons (-14%) and 316 million Euro (+1%) and nectarines, with 280,299 tons (-25%) and 333 million Euro (-3.5%).

The good performance of exports in the month of August has contributed to improving the results for the whole year. In August, the export of vegetables grew by 8.5% in terms of volume compared to August 2017, totaling 178,653 tonnes, and by 17.5% in terms of value, reaching 163 million Euro.

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