

Spain: Andalusia breaks new horticultural export record

Andalusia, Spain's leading horticultural exporter, has broken an all-time record by reaching 4,844 million Euro between January and November, which represents an increase of 2.2 percent over the value of the products exported in the same period last year .

These data have been revealed in the report presented to the Governing Council by the Councillor of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Sustainable Development, Carmen Crespo.

Andalusia is also the region exporting the most fruit and vegetables to Germany, with 1,399 million (10% of the total) during the period at hand.

Thus, one in ten fresh fruits and vegetables consumed by Germans come from Andalusia. This includes 60% of strawberries, 34% of peppers, or 38% of cucumbers or pickles.

Germany consolidates as the market with the biggest presence of Andalusian products, followed by France (824 million, 5.9% more) and the United Kingdom (680 million, 3.3% more).

Looking at the Region's eight provinces separately, exports have grown in five of them. Almería is at the head, with 2,404 million Euro in sales; half of the Andalusian total. It is followed by Huelva (1,150 million, 23.7% of the total) and Malaga (377 million, 7.8% of the total).

In terms of sales, the most popular products abroad are peppers, which have generated 605 million (12.5% of the total), tomatoes (575 million) and strawberries (463 million).

A total of 1,100 firms in the sector have exported this type of products. Of these, 707 have consolidated as regular exporters, which certifies the strength of a sector which has a great reputation abroad.

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