

Italian Citrus: Quality forecast to be excellent

Italy's marketing year (MY) 2018/19 orange production is forecast to drop by 7.5 percent from the previous campaign due to summer rains and major flooding that occurred in Sicily in October and November. Italy's MY 2018/19 tangerine production is forecast to grow by 14.8 percent from MY 2017/18 due to favorable weather in Calabria, the main producing region. Italy's MY 2018/19 lemon production is forecast to decrease by 8 percent compared to the previous campaign due to spring hailstorms. Overall, quality is forecast to be excellent.

Italy is the second largest European orange producer after Spain. Sicily and Calabria are the main orange-producing areas, accounting for approximately 63 and 19 percent of total production, respectively. Tarocco, Moro, Sanguinello, Naveline, and Valencia are the leading orange varieties grown in the country. Moreover, Ippolito and Meli cultivars are gaining popularity. Italy's marketing year (MY) 2018/19 orange production is forecast to drop by 7.5 percent from the previous campaign due to summer rains and major flooding that occurred in Sicily in October and November.

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