

Significant increase of Greek fresh fruit and veg exports in first quarter of 2020

Greek fresh fruit and vegetable exports have increased significantly in the first quarter of 2020, compared to the same period last year, according to data published by ELSTAT and processed by the Greek Association of Fruit, Vegetable and Juice Exporters and Processing Companies (Incofruit - Hellas).

The value of fresh fruit and vegetable exports has increased by 31.3% and amounted to 326.6 million Euro, while the volume has increased by 17.5% and reached 440.56 thousand tons.

Vegetable shipments have increased by 24.4% in the first quarter of this year compared to the same period in 2019 and amounted to 72,339 tons, while the value has grown by 29.2% and reached 59,512 million Euro.

Meanwhile, fruit exports have grown by 16.3% and reached 368,225 tons, while their value has amounted to 267.09 million Euro and increased by 31.8%.

When it comes to vegetables, an 8.8% increase was recorded in tomato exports (11,346 tons), 41.8% in peppers (12,935 tons), 9.9% in cucumbers (17,155 tons) and 44% in potatoes (12,935 tons).

As for fruit, oranges saw their shipments grow by 9% (181,310 tons); lemons, by 17.9% (7,277 tons); strawberries, by 34.4% (17,480 tons) and kiwifruit by 15.7% (71,510 tons). Meanwhile, reductions were reported in the export of apples (-5.5%, 20,485 tons) and mandarins (-4%, 26,399 tons).

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