



medFEL publishes harvest estimates for European peaches and nectarines

The peach and nectarine harvest forecasts for the four main growing countries Greece, Spain, Italy and France were presented yesterday during the third and final medFEL webinar.

Already suffering from a crop shortage, the 2020 European harvest is expected to be the smallest in the last 30 years. 2020 was marked by the COVID crisis and a yield deficit of almost 2.3 million tonnes of peaches, flat peaches and nectarines; 750,000 tonnes compared to 850,000 tonnes in 2019 for pavia (yellow peaches), i.e. a total of just over 3 million tonnes.

In 2021, no growing area is spared by the production shortfall, with just under 1.9 million tonnes of peaches, flat peaches and nectarines expected, which is 15% less than in 2019 and 36% less than the 2015/2019 average. Pavia crops are also down by 544,000 tonnes, which is -27% compared to 2020 and -28% compared to the average of the last five years. In total, the European harvest in 2021 is expected to be 2.4 million tonnes.





Unité : tonnes.

	Pêche	Pêche plate	Nectarine	Pavie	TOTAL Pêche(R + P)+ Nectarine
Italie	333 538	NR	333 758	55 431	667 296
Grèce	110 000	NR	50 000	200 000	160 000
Espagne	264 343	226 319	442 612	285 420	933 274
France	59 227	NR	56 610	3 563	115 837
TOTAL EUROPE 2021	767 108	226 319	882 980	544 414	1 876 407

* A ce jour seule l'Espagne identifie à part les pêches plates pour les autres pays, les volumes sont très faibles et intégrés aux pêches

RAPPEL 2020	928 625	263 651	1 025 601	748 356	2 217 877
MOYENNE 2015-2019	1 183 846	308 208	1 454 001	754 958	2 946 055

Greece

With a total of 690,000 tonnes for 2020 (185,000 tonnes of peaches, 105,000 tonnes of nectarines and 400,000 tonnes of pavia), the forecast for 2021 is 360,000 tonnes. 110,000 tonnes of peaches, i.e. half the volume of a normal year, and 50,000 tonnes of nectarines, compared with 120,000 to 130,000 tonnes in a normal year. This is a decrease of 45% compared to last year and 47% compared to the 2015/2019 average. Pavia are projected to harvest 200,000 tonnes this year, down 50% on 2020 and 46% on the 2015/2019 average.

France

The 2020 season was already characterised by poor weather conditions (frost and rain) with a yield of 180,000 tonnes (including pavia), i.e. 11% less than in 2019, but the 2021 season suffered even more, particularly due to the frosts of early April. The Rhone Valley was the worst affected area with temperatures down to -7°C, as well as the PACA region and Languedoc



Roussillon. The forecast for 2021 is 115,000 tonnes, down 34% on 2020 and 42% on the 2015/2019 average.

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	Pêche	Nectarine	Pavie	TOTAL Pêche + Nectarine
Languedoc - Roussillon	26 490	31 554	3 259	58 044
Rhône - Alpes	9 137	5 414	0	14 551
P.A.C.A.	16 972	15 179	251	32 151
Autres régions	6 628	4 463	53	11 091
TOTAL FRANCE 2021	59 227	56 610	3 563	115 837

RAPPEL 2020	94 418	81 393	4 606	175 811
MOYENNE 2015-2019	108 428	92 731	5 248	201 159

Italy

In 2020, the frosts of late March and early April affected the crop. The northern regions of Italy were particularly affected, as well as the central-southern regions along the Adriatic coast. The result was a historically low Italian harvest in 2020 with just over 750,000 tonnes of peaches and nectarines, i.e. -35% compared to 2019, with a particularly pronounced deficit in Emilia-Romagna with almost 75% losses. This year it is once again the frost that has affected all cultivation areas, from north to south. The harvest forecast is even lower at 667,000 tonnes, which is 11% lower than in 2020, which was already a very bad year, and 45% lower than the 2015/2019 average. The difference with 2020 seems limited, but it should not be forgotten that 2020 was already a record year in terms of small harvests in Italy.



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	Pêche	Nectarine	Pavie	TOTAL Pêche + Nectarine
Piémont / Lombardie / Ligurie	13 150	21 641	350	34 791
Vénétie / Frioul / Julienne	2 914	1 769	222	4 683
Emilie Romagne	27 538	53 293	7 509	80 831
Italie du Centre	18 622	21 231	931	39 853
Italie du Sud	271 314	235 824	46 419	507 138
TOTAL ITALIE 2021	333 538	333 758	55 431	667 296

RAPPEL 2020	379 600	371 663	48 055	751 263
MOYENNE 2015-2019	550 188	652 397	80 560	1 202 585

Spain

In 2020, the harvest in Spain was just over 1,000,000 tonnes of peaches, flat peaches and nectarines, which is 18% lower than in 2019. Most growing areas were affected by frost and hail. The Spanish harvest is expected to fall in 2021 due to frost damage. This shortfall is due to a general decline in all growing areas and is expected to reach almost 930,000 tonnes of round peaches, flat peaches and nectarines, which is 7% less than in 2020 and 25% less than the 2015/2019 average. Pavia are expected to yield around 285,000 tonnes, 3% less than in 2021 and 4% less than the 2015/2019 average. The frost in the second half of March affected more than 16,000 hectares of peaches in Spain, including 6,000 hectares in Aragon, 5,000 hectares in Catalonia and 3,000 hectares in the Murcia region, with losses of up to 100% in some plots, according to ENESA (Entidad Nacional de Seguros Agrarios).



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	Pêche	Pêche plate	Nectarine	Pavie	TOTAL Pêche + Nectarine + pp
Andalousie	19 792	700	37 732	2 711	58 224
Valence	5 700	4 200	8 400	120	18 300
Murcie	70 000	72 000	89 000	70 000	231 000
Catalogne	76 320	86 660	121 390	22 240	284 370
Aragon	48 617	51 369	114 802	137 029	214 788
Extremadure	38 500	9 452	68 300	6 060	116 252
Autre Espagne	5 414	1 938	2 988	47 260	10 340
TOTAL ESPAGNE 2021	264 343	226 319	442 612	285 420	933 274

RAPPEL 2020	269 607	263 651	467 545	295 695	1 000 803
MOYENNE 2015-2019	325 288	308 208	608 494	296 363	1 241 990

The 2021 season therefore seems very low compared to the harvest potential and to previous years. However, we will have to remain vigilant for further developments and calendars, but it is certain that there will be a shortage of supply this year.

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