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The World Citrus Organisation releases its first production forecast for the Northern Hemisphere

The World Citrus Organisation (WCO) has released its annual Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast for the upcoming citrus season (2024-25). The Forecast was released on the occasion of the 2024-2025 Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast Outlook, organised on 15 November by WCO. The Forecast is based on data from Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, the United States, and, for the first time, Portugal. The Forecast shows that citrus production is estimated at 27.297.216 T, which represents an 8,73% decrease compared to the previous season. The 2024/2025 Forecast is also 5,88% lower than the average of the last four seasons.

WCO, the World Citrus Organisation, released on 15 November its annual Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast for the upcoming season (2024-25). The preliminary Forecast is based on data from industry associations from the Mediterranean region and the United States. Citrus production for 2024/2025 is estimated at 27.297.216 T, an 8,73% decrease compared to the previous season. Total citrus exports are expected to follow a similar trend at 8.379.831 T, down by 8,94% from last season and 9,78% from the last four seasons' average.

Philippe Binard, WCO Secretary General, summarised the outcome of the Forecast: *"The market insights we received indicate a decrease from last year's high volumes. This is mainly driven by Turkey returning to regular production levels after last season's record figures as well as Egypt's expected decrease."* He added: *"Climatic issues, such as late frost, drought, heat waves, or new pests and diseases are constant threats to the quality, colouring, or harvest date for the production. The market will still be impacted by geopolitical instability while consumer demand is under pressure due to limitation of purchasing power and inflation."*

Looking at the country-specific figures for the largest producers in the EU, Spain's citrus production at 6,18 MT is down by 3,30% from the previous seasons, led by the 21,01% decrease in lemons from last year's record season. The dramatic weather events in Spain are not expected to have a significant impact on the overall supply, which overall remains as predicted. Italy is down by 12,32% at 2,77 MT, with a 17,51% decline in oranges, while Greece remains stable at 1,09 MT. In the other Mediterranean countries, Turkey is set to decrease its production by 17,57% with 4,95 MT, after last season's record figures. Egypt at 4,35 MT is down by 19,55% from 2023/2024. Morocco's production, on the other hand, is expected to grow to 2,14 MT (+11,97%). Israel's production is also estimated to recover to 0,56 MT (+18,50%). Portugal, which contributed to the Forecast for the first time, estimates a 3,37% decrease in the upcoming season (0,38 MT in total). The production in the United States is expected to shrink to 4,55 MT (-4,28%), continuing to decrease compared to the average of the previous seasons (-11,52%).

Philippe Binard added: *"WCO is also setting some trends for the expected utilization of citrus for the upcoming season. The Northern Hemisphere citrus exports will decrease by 8,94% compared to last season to 8,38 MT, while processing will decline to 5,16 MT (-4,15%), leaving 13,76 MT for domestic sales (-10,21%)."* Next April, the WCO will release the 2025 production and export forecast for the Southern Hemisphere.

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Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast 2024/25*

* Based on data from industry associations from Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Portugal, and the USDA for the United States (Arizona, California, Florida, and Texas).

Production		Oranges							
Country		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YOY%	4Y AVG%	
Spain		3.373.981	3.623.041	2.859.004	2.803.603	2.975.206	+6,12%	-5,99%	
Italy		1.772.769	1.770.909	1.328.182	1.835.965	1.514.400	-17,51%	-9,69%	
Greece		887.000	855.243	880.000	865.000	860.000	-0,58%	-1,35%	
Portugal		363.918	378.452	278.706	329.006	315.877	-3,99%	-6,41%	
Tot. EU		6.397.668	6.627.645	5.345.892	5.833.574	5.665.483	-2,88%	-6,37%	
Turkey		1.438.975	1.852.691	1.164.000	2.051.000	1.575.000	-23,21%	-3,18%	
Egypt		3.100.000	3.043.700	3.516.300	3.710.000	3.000.000	-19,14%	-10,25%	
Morocco		934.900	1.227.600	783.200	878.700	1.005.500	+14,43%	+5,17%	
Israel		65.000	99.000	105.000	90.000	138.000	+53,33%	+53,76%	
Tunisia		292.500	222.000	185.400	226.000	232.400	+2,83%	+0,40%	
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean		5.831.375	6.444.991	5.753.900	6.955.700	5.950.900	-14,45%	-4,73%	
Tot. Mediterranean		12.229.043	13.072.636	11.099.792	12.789.274	11.616.383	-9,17%	-5,54%	
California		1.778.082	1.418.837	1.618.418	1.723.651	1.730.908	+0,42%	+5,88%	
Florida		2.161.594	1.681.921	645.825	733.187	612.350	-16,48%	-53,10%	
Texas		41.323	7.243	43.568	45.495	32.772	-27,97%	-4,75%	
Arizona									
Tot. USA		3.981.000	3.108.000	2.307.810	2.502.333	2.376.030	-5,05%	-20,13%	
Tot. Northern Hemisphere		16.210.043	16.180.636	13.407.602	15.291.607	13.992.413	-8,50%	-8,38%	

Production		Soft citrus							
Country		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YOY%	4Y AVG%	
Spain		2.289.977	2.166.836	1.852.676	1.893.456	1.831.043	-3,30%	-10,71%	
Italy		660.280	822.396	657.917	833.204	790.000	-5,19%	+6,26%	
Greece		174.000	154.377	195.000	171.100	169.000	-1,23%	-2,66%	
Portugal		43.414	42.887	36.652	31.792	26.902	-15,38%	-30,46%	
Tot. EU		3.167.671	3.186.496	2.742.245	2.929.552	2.816.945	-3,84%	-6,30%	
Turkey		1.600.000	1.810.000	1.860.000	2.133.900	1.651.300	-22,62%	-10,79%	
Egypt		1.025.895	1.111.500	1.012.500	1.295.500	945.000	-27,06%	-14,97%	
Morocco		1.086.700	1.320.500	927.000	988.000	1.082.000	+9,51%	+0,13%	
Israel		185.000	159.000	194.000	133.000	149.000	+12,03%	-11,18%	
Tunisia		79.600	62.100	52.600	70.400	85.750	+21,80%	+29,58%	
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean		3.977.195	4.463.100	4.046.100	4.620.800	3.913.050	-15,32%	-8,51%	
Tot. Mediterranean		7.144.866	7.649.596	6.788.345	7.550.352	6.729.995	-10,87%	-7,60%	
California		1.045.077	635.029	852.754	994.274	907.185	-8,76%	+2,88%	
Florida		37.923	32.971	20.684	19.391	17.237	-11,11%	-37,87%	
Texas		0	0	0	0	0			
Arizona									
Tot. USA		1.083.000	668.000	873.437	1.013.666	924.421	-8,80%	+1,64%	
Tot. Northern Hemisphere		8.227.866	8.317.596	7.661.782	8.564.018	7.654.416	-10,62%	-6,57%	

Production		Lemons							
Country		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YOY%	4Y AVG%	
Spain		1.375.515	1.215.945	1.027.826	1.595.181	1.260.000	-21,01%	-3,35%	
Italy		473.276	466.392	431.413	472.962	450.000	-4,85%	-2,39%	
Greece		100.000	110.407	113.167	73.000	70.500	-3,42%	-28,89%	
Portugal		27.189	30.618	36.213	28.784	33.682	+17,02%	+9,71%	
Tot. EU		1.975.980	1.823.362	1.608.619	2.169.927	1.814.182	-16,39%	-4,24%	
Turkey		1.100.000	1.500.000	1.320.000	1.594.550	1.563.000	-1,98%	+13,37%	
Egypt		308.788	324.500	316.000	340.000	340.000	-	+5,48%	
Morocco		28.545	50.000	30.000	38.500	45.700	+18,70%	+24,32%	
Israel		70.000	62.500	62.000	58.000	70.000	+20,69%	+10,89%	
Tunisia		53.000	52.300	40.000	55.000	53.000	-3,64%	+5,84%	
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean		1.560.333	1.989.300	1.768.000	2.086.050	2.071.700	-0,69%	+11,93%	
Tot. Mediterranean		3.536.313	3.812.662	3.376.619	4.255.977	3.885.882	-8,70%	+3,75%	
California		776.550	914.442	936.215	892.670	943.472	+5,69%	+7,22%	
Florida									
Texas									
Arizona		27.450	45.558	50.802	34.473	32.659	-5,26%	-17,47%	
Tot. USA		804.000	960.000	987.017	927.143	976.131	+5,28%	+6,15%	
Tot. Northern Hemisphere		4.340.313	4.772.662	4.363.636	5.183.120	4.862.013	-6,20%	+4,22%	

Production		Grapefruits							
Country		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YOY%	4Y AVG%	
Spain		96.889	93.365	88.842	100.220	115.000	+14,75%	+21,27%	
Italy		5.460	5.459	5.000	5.745	5.700	-0,78%	+5,24%	
Greece		0	0	0	0	0			
Portugal		219	217	156	143	143	-	-22,21%	
Tot. EU		102.568	99.041	93.998	106.108	120.843	+13,89%	+20,33%	
Turkey		238.012	248.907	144.000	165.000	165.000	-28,57%	-23,43%	
Egypt		38.572	44.700	52.200	58.000	62.000	+6,90%	+28,18%	
Morocco		2.920	3.400	2.800	3.000	3.500	+16,67%	+15,51%	
Israel		120.500	185.500	155.000	146.000	149.000	+2,05%	-1,81%	
Tunisia		15.600	13.500	12.000	13.600	12.700	-6,62%	-7,13%	
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean		415.604	496.007	366.000	451.600	392.200	-13,15%	-9,28%	
Tot. Mediterranean		518.172	595.048	459.998	557.708	513.043	-8,01%	-3,70%	
California		152.407	148.778	163.293	156.036	152.407	-2,33%	-1,75%	
Florida		157.503	128.533	69.785	69.014	53.977	-21,79%	-49,18%	
Texas		87.090	61.689	81.647	87.090	68.946	-20,83%	-13,14%	
Arizona		0	0	0	0	0			
Tot. USA		397.000	339.000	314.725	312.140	275.331	-11,79%	-19,19%	
Tot. Northern Hemisphere		915.172	934.048	774.723	869.848	788.374	-9,37%	-9,74%	

Production		All citrus fruits							
Country		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YOY%	4Y AVG%	
Spain		7.136.362	7.099.187	5.828.348	6.392.460	6.181.249	-3,30%	-6,54%	
Italy		2.911.785	3.065.156	2.422.511	3.147.876	2.760.100	-12,32%	-4,39%	
Greece		1.161.000	1.120.027	1.188.167	1.109.100	1.099.500	-0,87%	-3,94%	
Portugal		434.740	452.173	351.727	389.725	376.604	-3,37%	-7,49%	
Tot. EU		11.643.887	11.736.543	9.790.753	11.039.161	10.417.453	-5,63%	-5,75%	
Turkey		4.376.987	5.411.598	4.488.000	6.010.450	4.954.300	-17,57%	-2,32%	
Egypt		4.473.255	4.524.400	4.897.000	5.403.500	4.347.000	-19,55%	-9,90%	
Morocco		2.053.065	2.601.500	1.743.000	1.908.200	2.136.700	+11,97%	+2,90%	
Israel		440.500	506.000	516.000	427.000	506.000	+18,50%	+7,12%	
Tunisia		440.700	349.900	290.000	365.000	383.850	+5,16%	+6,21%	
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean		11.784.507	13.393.398	11.934.000	14.114.150	12.327.850	-12,66%	-3,74%	
Tot. Mediterranean		23.428.394	25.129.941	21.724.753	25.153.311	22.745.303	-9,57%	-4,67%	
California		3.752.116	3.117.087	3.570.679	3.766.631	3.733.972	-0,87%	+5,13%	
Florida		2.357.021	1.843.424	736.294	821.592	683.564	-16,80%	-52,52%	
Texas		128.413	68.931	125.214	132.585	101.718	-23,28%	-10,61%	
Arizona		27.450	45.558	50.802	34.473	32.659	-5,26%	-17,47%	
Tot. USA		6.265.000	5.075.000	4.482.989	4.755.281	4.551.913	-4,28%	-11,52%	
Tot. Northern Hemisphere		29.693.394	30.204.941	26.207.743	29.908.592	27.297.216	-8,73%	-5,88%	