

3rd AILIMPO Harvest Report Campaign 2018/2019

The production of VERNA lemon is estimated at 380,000 tonnes and will allow Spain to extend the season until August

Murcia, January 24, 2019

AILIMPO's third lemon harvest estimate (crop forecast) for the 2018/2019 season confirms the figures published in September, with an estimated total crop of 1,300,000 tonnes, with a slight increase in fino and recovery in volume in verna lemon, comparing to previous season.

Perspectives

During the second part of the season, active demand and a greater growth rate is expected for Fino lemon.

For Verna variety, Spain goes back to similar crop volume as of 2017 forecasting 380,000 tonnes. The forecast will allow Spain to consolidate its position as the undisputed top supplier in the European from April to August 2019, keeping an unquestionable leadership with high-quality lemon, health guarantee and excellent service.

Despite de global crop figure, the lower rate of harvesting up to January has led to lower processing activity.

Upcoming Report: Ailimpo will confirm the final crop:

✓ **Tuesday, 24 September 2019**

Note on Methodology: Ailimpo drew up this technical report following the working protocol, using information provided by surveys given to producers, cooperatives, exporters, and processing industries, in addition to field information from its control farms.

Ailimpo is a national inter-professional association, based in Murcia, officially recognised by the Ministry of Agriculture and the European Commission, which represents the economic interests of producers, cooperatives, exporters, and lemon and grapefruit industries in Spain, a sector in which Spain is the world leader for fresh product and 2nd in the ranking of processing countries, with a turnover of €700 million per year, generating 20,000 direct jobs, and a turnover of over €250 million in related industries.

The lemon sector contributes to environmental sustainability, with a positive net balance of 304,840 tonnes of CO2 captured per year.

By law, its functions include: Ensuring the proper operation of the food supply chain, Drawing up agri-food contracts and developing methods for monitoring and streamlining the use of phytosanitary products to guarantee the quality of the products and the protection of the environment, and Boosting and promoting quality and excellence standards in the sector