

3rd Spanish Lemon Crop Report 2021/2022 Season

VERNA lemon production is finally estimated at 190,000 tonnes.

Murcia, 31 January 2022

AILIMPO's third lemon crop estimate for the 2021/2022 season updates the figures published in the September report and forecasts a final total lemon crop of 990,000 tonnes, broken down into 800,000 tonnes of Fino lemon and 190,000 tonnes of Verna lemon.

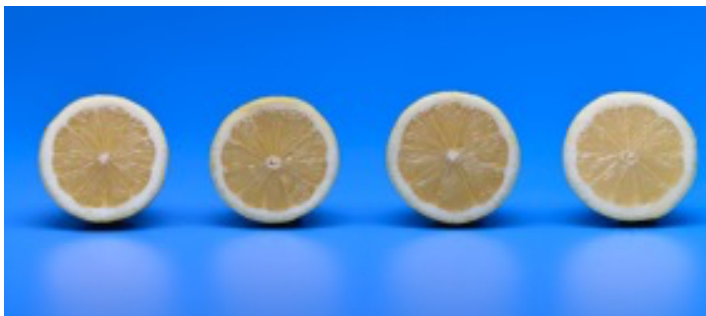
	1st Forecast 2021/22	Updated Forecast 2021/22
FINO	820,000	800,000
VERNA	215,000	190,000
TOTAL	1,035,000	990,000

Tonnes

The **FINO Lemon season** will continue to develop in the first four months of 2022, although with a progressive reduction in fruit availability.

Outlook for LIMON VERNA, a native Spanish variety, the forecast finally points to a harvest of 190,000 tonnes in 2022, which will mean a sharp reduction compared to the volumes of 2021, with a planned start of marketing during the month of April.

In relation to processing, it is estimated that between 20%-25% of the harvest is destined for processing, an activity in which Spain is in 2nd place in the world ranking, with a wide range of juices, essential oil and dehydrated peel.



In addition, the **GlobalGAP and GRASP certifications** are key elements this season as part of the interprofessional's strategy to differentiate Spanish lemons and to promote **sustainable production with a triple focus: economic, environmental and social**.



LEMONS ARE HIGH IN VITAMIN C, WHICH HELPS CONTRIBUTE TO THE NORMAL FUNCTION OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM



The **immune system** is made up of a complex network of cells, organs and tissues, whose main mission is to protect you from external pathogenic agents such as:

bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi



Upcoming Report: Ailimpo will confirm the 2021/2022 final crop as well as the preliminary forecast for 2022/2023 season on:

✓ **Friday, 30 September 2022**

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