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"In numbers lies the explanation to all mysteries" (Leonardo Da Vinci)

## Save the date: September

We already have a date to save in the agenda. Back from summer holidays, on September 16, AILIMPO will hold an open meeting in which we will give the green light to the start of the next 2022-23 campaign.

After the COVID and post-COVID period, it will be an opportunity for a reunion, to highlight the importance of the sector, to visualize Spain's role as a leader in the lemon business, and as an increasingly relevant player in grapefruit.

It will also be an opportunity to celebrate the 24th anniversary of the founding of AILIMPO. There is no need to wait for 25 years, if the Covid pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of seizing every moment. Many things have happened since 1998, many achievements, some failures, and a huge transformation in the sector, which is more professional, stronger and more leading.

We are organizing all the details and will inform you very soon.



## This week we talk about numbers

Numbers are cold, but they speak. We only need to listen carefully because they explain the present and give us some clues about where the future is leading us. Sometimes we have to twist them, torture them, interpret them. At other times they speak for themselves.

This week it is the second option, the numbers we present to you are so eloquent that you just have to look at them.

Lemon and grapefruit trees planted in Spain in the last year (2020/2021)

In the 2020/21 campaign, 1,032,338 lemon trees and 163,897 grapefruit trees have been planted in Spain. In the last 7 years the cumulative number of new trees planted is 6,357,082 lemon trees and 819,749 grapefruit trees.

According to data from the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, the lemon tree area in 2020/21 reached 50,414 hectares, being the increase in area of 12,916 hectares since 2014/15 (up 34.4%)

As for grapefruit, taking into account the trees planted, in the last 7 years, the current area would be at 3,271 hectares, with a growth of 1,407 hectares since 2014/15 (a 75.5%).

## To reflect.... Or as we said before: to look at the numbers and draw conclusions.

In the coming weeks AILIMPO will publish a detailed report with updated production forecasts, as well as an analysis of production calendars according to varieties and rootstocks.







