



# Latest Salad & Vegetable CROP REPORT

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## WEATHER HAMPERING THE QUALITY AND HARVESTING OF LIMES IN MEXICO & TOMATOES IN SPAIN...

As shown in the images to the right, the weather conditions in Mexico 's key growing regions are not favourable for lime production. Forecasts predict few sunny days and several storms passing through over the next 10 days. The rain is not good for the fruit quality as it prevents it from getting enough sun light to develop a consistent green colour.



## WEATHER CONDITIONS IN MEXICAN GROWING REGIONS

There is good news this month as Spanish tomatoes improve with the weather. There will be minimum temperatures of 5-6c and a max of 16-17c. There will be sunshine, no rain and minimal winds, talk about the perfect growing conditions! However growers are still facing issues caused by the weather during planting last summer.

### 10 day forecast

Today	Tomorrow	Mon Jan 1	Tue Jan 2
Hi: +21° Lo: +11°	Hi: +21° Lo: +11°	Hi: +19° Lo: +11°	Hi: +16° Lo: +10°
2 m/s	2 m/s	4 m/s	1 m/s
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Thu Jan 4	Fri Jan 5	Sat Jan 6	Sun Jan 7
Hi: +15° Lo: +10°	Hi: +18° Lo: +10°	Hi: +17° Lo: +10°	Hi: +19° Lo: +9°
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## What's affected?

### Limes

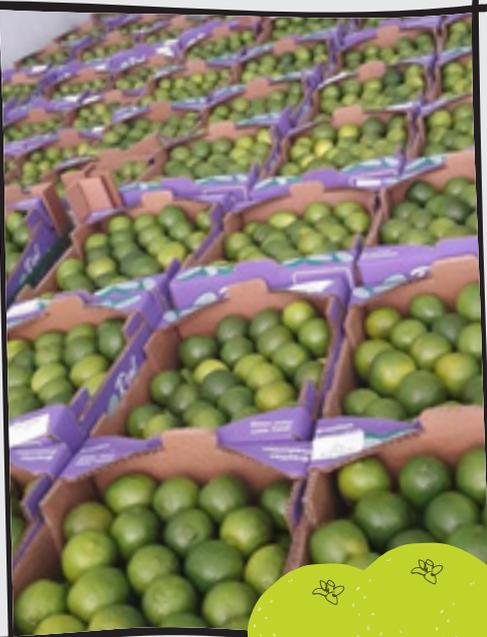
When it comes to lime quality, the fruit is still encountering 30-40% of shading and some skin defects. However, it is the availability and size that is the main problem. Due to the bad weather conditions, there will be a shortage in large fruit sizes and a decrease in fruit production. This will persist over the winter season, or at least till the Brazilian production gets into full swing. Brazil's limes should be bigger in size, firmer, fewer skin defects and overall better in colour.

### Tomatoes

There is good news for tomatoes this month as the weather improves. There will be sunshine, no rain and minimal winds, talk about the perfect growing conditions. However growers are still facing issues caused by the weather during planting last summer.

During August 2017, temperatures were below average and as a consequence, there was less production resulting in shortage of supply, smaller tomato size and backwards colouration. In mid- Jan however, there should be a new production of tomatoes from one of our suppliers. We will keep an eye on the situation of the crop.

BRAZILIAN LIMES ON DEPARTURE...



BACKWARDS COLOURING OF TOMATOES



WHAT NEXT?

### WHAT WE'RE DOING TO MITIGATE THE SITUATION...

We expect the general supply of limes and tomatoes to remain a challenge for the next 2-3 weeks. Our team is working around the clock, and will continue to do so until we're back to normal.