

CROP REPORT

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MELON SHORTAGES OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

Almeria

Following a disastrous season for melon growers last season, the overall production in Almeria is down by 10%. Galia, Cantaloupe and Yellow production is down about 25%, while Watermelon and Piel de Sapo are slightly up.

There are shortages due to the growers having planted later and continuing longer with their salad crops. This along with lower than average temperatures and cloudier conditions has meant that the fruit is taking longer to mature on the plant. As a result, the overall volumes for the first 2 weeks of May are approximately 25% down. However, the good news is that quality is very good as the fruit has run its full term on the plant and sugar levels are good.

With the hot weather in northern Europe last weekend, demand has been sky high and all growers are right on top of the crops. We expect to see more Galia be coming available by the end of the week / early next week, but Cantaloupe and Yellow will remain very tight as the volumes have not been planted.

Cartagena

Similar to Almerian crops, volumes have been planted later than the previous year. Once again we have seen lower than average temperatures and lower light levels than previous years so at this point, the season is looking to start 5-7 days later than normal, meaning that we will see the start of the first harvest around the 14th/15th June. The crops have experienced blustery conditions throughout March and April and as a result, growers are expecting to see higher levels of skin scarring / leaf rub, particularly on the first few weeks of arrivals. However, they have not had any extreme temperatures so expectations on quality and sugar levels are good.



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

We expect the general supply of melons 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.

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