

## SUBJECTIVE ESTIMATION OF THE SPANISH ALMOND HARVEST 2021

AEOFRUSE (Spanish Association of Organizations of Nuts and Carob Producers) and DESCALMENDRA (National Association of Almond Hullers) have made the **first (subjective) estimate of the Spanish 2021/2022 harvest**, placing it at **109,234 Tn**. If the estimate of last May 2020 with respect to this campaign was 115,633.59 Tn, this represents a decrease of **-5.53%**.

CROP 2020/2021	CROP 2021/2022
115.633,59 Tn	109.234 Tn
-5,53%	

The estimate has been based on a total area of 607,644 productive hectares (Ha), of which 517,603 Ha are rainfed and 90,041 Ha are irrigated.

The reason for this decrease is due to several reasons that are explained below:

- Strong frosts on a different important production area that caused notable losses, depending on the area, mostly traditional and organic varieties.
- Defective pollination on particular areas causing poor fruit development, especially affecting the Marcona variety.
- A ripening or setting of the fruit that has not been optimal.

Even so, under regular conditions, the growth of production in Spain is a reality, especially caused by new plantations, mostly of irrigated ones, which year after year come into production and whose representation is highly increasing. In fact, more or less a 15% of the total area is considered irrigated and it is estimated that only this part produces 50% of the entire harvest.

It is important to note that this estimate is made without consider Portugal, where production is being very important due to the numerous hectares that gets into production each season and in a quite remarkable way.

According to published data, in this campaign, we have a total of 115 Mkgs plus a carryin of 6 Mkgs, which would make a usable harvest of 121 Mkgs. The next harvest, we will have 109 Mkgs plus a possible carryin of 25 Mkgs, which would make a total of 134 Mkgs. **This would mean a total usable harvest for the next 2021/2022 campaign of + 10.74% compared to the current 2020/2021.**

	CROP 2020/2021	CROP 2021/2022
<b>Subjective Estimation</b>	115.633,59 Tn	109.234 Tn
<b>Carryin</b>	6.000 Tn	25.000 Tn*
<b>Total</b>	121.633,59 Tn	134.234 Tn*
	+ 10,74%	

\* Estimated values

Other important data, in our opinion, are the following points:

- In March 2021 (data is offered with a 2-month delay), Spanish shipments have been published as 8,759 tons, with a total of 79,429 tons since August 2020. All types of exports are included here, conventional, organic, processed, American, Australian almonds ... Everything that has come out of Spain.
- According to American shipments from last March 2021, Spain has imported a total of 69,591.12 Tn of American almonds since August 2020.
- Of national consumption per harvest, it is estimated around 50,000 Tn, approximate and estimated data.
- Making an approximate counting, almond exports from Spain will close this harvest around 105,000 tons.
- The import in Spain of American almonds will end this harvest, of April 2020 shipments, with + 12%. If we look at the total of the last imported harvest and we increase this 12%, we will reach a total of 97,800 tons.
- Therefore, between the importation of American almonds plus the country's own production, this current harvest is going to a total of approximately 219,400 tons worked in Spain. The Australian origin almond has not been considered.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Thanks.