


# The 2024/25 orange season starts in the EU with a significant drop in imports from third countries

On the eve of the new Spanish orange season, which will begin in Andalusia in a few days, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food has published a new reinforced monitoring report on citrus imports into the EU, with advanced data for September.

The EU started the 2024/25 season importing 124,873 tons of oranges. This is the lowest volume imported in September in at least the last 10 seasons. It is 21.1% (-33,400 tons) lower than the volume of oranges imported in September 2023 and 28.4% (-49,550 tons) below the average for September in the last five seasons.



**Importaciones de naranjas por la UE**

**DISTRIBUCIÓN MENSUAL DE LAS IMPORTACIONES DE NARANJA POR LA UE 27**

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<b>2015</b>	27.716	36.138	45.375	51.405	47.076	50.324	85.201	134.432	165.989	97.625	10.290	14.692	643.656	766.252	<b>2015/2016</b>	165.989
<b>2016</b>	31.909	53.035	60.393	66.066	55.889	63.809	86.436	140.262	156.433	73.700	10.655	13.636	714.231	812.222	<b>2016/2017</b>	156.433
<b>2017</b>	44.132	49.556	73.089	74.703	63.025	41.713	93.381	142.058	181.532	127.621	13.655	13.355	763.189	917.821	<b>2017/2018</b>	181.532
<b>2018</b>	38.598	49.154	75.805	96.436	75.081	35.159	66.416	144.090	173.734	163.997	11.963	11.616	754.472	942.049	<b>2018/2019</b>	173.734
<b>2019</b>	41.846	42.666	60.330	63.627	41.094	28.765	78.349	118.426	218.204	127.027	9.400	9.628	693.306	839.360	<b>2019/2020</b>	218.204
<b>2020</b>	29.390	36.925	56.167	106.712	79.393	51.733	121.038	157.838	175.230	105.432	11.461	12.854	814.426	944.173	<b>2020/2021</b>	175.230
<b>2021</b>	30.806	36.803	70.966	89.897	69.334	56.493	92.256	126.426	157.075	159.564	12.832	6.378	730.056	908.830	<b>2021/2022</b>	157.075
<b>2022</b>	18.575	24.897	56.867	65.211	49.124	33.329	44.614	99.886	163.303	172.884	15.649	5.822	555.807	750.161	<b>2022/2023</b>	163.303
<b>2023</b>	28.765	53.865	89.087	97.823	112.772	93.574	69.232	149.357	158.274	105.313	23.797	13.725	852.749	995.585	<b>2023/2024</b>	158.274
<b>2024</b>	61.021	87.018	97.173	80.497	85.204	87.568	63.943	111.177	124.873				798.474	798.474	<b>2024/2025</b>	124.873
<b>Media 5 (2019 - 2023)</b>	29.877	39.031	66.684	84.654	70.343	52.719	81.098	130.386	174.417	134.044	14.628	9.681	729.269	887.622	<b>Media 5 (2019/2020 - 2023/2024)</b>	174.417
<b>2024 vs 2023</b>	112,13%	61,55%	9,08%	-17,71%	-24,45%	-6,42%	-7,64%	-25,56%	-21,10%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	-6,36%		<b>2024/2025 vs 2023/2024</b>	-21,10%
<b>2024 vs Media 5</b>	104,24%	122,95%	45,72%	-4,91%	21,13%	65,92%	-21,15%	-14,73%	-28,41%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	9,49%		<b>2024/2025 vs Media 5</b>	-28,41%
<b>% Mensual Media 5</b>	3,37%	4,40%	7,51%	9,54%	7,92%	5,95%	9,14%	14,69%	19,65%	15,10%	1,65%	1,09%				

Source: MAPA. [Click to enlarge](#)

South Africa was the main supplier of oranges to the EU-27 last month, accounting for 77% of the volume shipped. However, its shipments were down by 18.3% (-21,570 tons) over September 2023 and by 26.5% (-34,750 tons)

compared to the average. This decrease in the volume of oranges exported to the Community market is in addition to those that the country has been recording since May.

The report shows that exports from other southern hemisphere countries participating in the season have also fallen. Shipments from Zimbabwe, with a 10% share, remain below the average (-6.9%, -924 tons) and shipments from Argentina fell notably (-38.5%, -4,400 tons). Morocco's shipments in September decreased by 81.6% (-4,600 tons) compared to the average of the last five campaigns.

These declines go beyond the month of September. In general, except Egypt, the major orange exporting countries have recorded decreases in their shipments to the EU so far in 2024. South Africa's figures are 26.5% (-77,600 tonnes) lower than those of 2023 and 24.7% (-70,500 tons) lower than the average; Argentina's 2024 shipments are 32.4% (-7,800 tonnes) lower than the average; and Zimbabwe's shipments are 15% lower than last year, although 7.2% higher than the average.



Egypt is the exception as, in the first nine months of 2024, it shipped 7.4% (+34,150 tons) more oranges to the EU than in the same months of 2023 - a modest figure, but on top of the 115.3% increase they experienced compared to exports until September 2022 - and 71.0% above the average.

However, according to the European Commission's Agri-Food Data Portal, the average price of the Egyptian orange on the European market fell by 5 cents/kilo for producers and marketers compared to last season because it fell in some markets and at certain times of the season (to 34 cents/kilo in Greece in June, to 36 cents/kilo on average in Malta, and to 41 cents/kilo in Ireland in March).

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