WORLD TABLE OLIVE MARKET

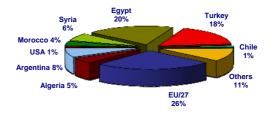
Estimates for 2011/12

The 2011/12 crop year opened with an estimated 703 500 t in table olive stocks. Forecasts put production at 2 565 000 t (+5%) while consumption is anticipated to jump by 8% from the level of 2010/11 and imports and exports by 5% and 28%, respectively (see table).

Ranking of table olive producing countries										
2011/	2011/12 (estimates)									
Country	Volume (1 000 t)									
EU/27	667.5									
Egypt	500.0									
Turkey	450.0									
Argentina	200.0									
Syria	165.0									
Algeria	133.0									
Morocco	100.0									
Peru	87.0									
Iran	45.0									
Chile	34.0									
Jordan	27.0									
Albania	26.0									
USA	26.0									
Tunisia	22.0									
Lebanon	20.0									

Overview of chief parameters for 2009/10 and 2010/11 (10³ t)

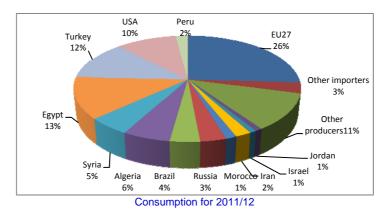
Table olives	2010/11 (provisional figures)	2011/12 (estimates)	% change
Starting stocks	484.0	703.5	45.4
Production	2 440.0	2 565.0	5.1
Imports	580.0	610.0	5.2
Consumption	2 205.0	2 387.5	8.3
Exports	595.5	762.0	28.0
Ending stocks	703.5	729.0	3.6



Main producing countries

The European Union expects to produce $667\,500\,t$, representing 26% of all the table olives produced in the world. When broken down by EU producer country, Spain comes first with $482\,100\,t$ – it is the world's second biggest producer after Egypt – followed by Greece (110 000 t), Italy (60 200 t), Portugal (11 000 t), Cyprus (2 800 t) and France (1 300 t). Malta and Slovenia do not produce any table olives. Egypt expects to produce $500\,000\,t$ (19% of world production). Next in line are Turkey with $450\,000\,t$ (17%), Argentina with $200\,000\,t$ (8%), Syria with $165\,000\,t$ (6%), Algeria with $133\,000\,t$ (5%) and Morocco with $100\,000\,t$ (4%). The percentage production shares of other countries are listed in the ranking table above.

World table olive consumption





Around 61% of world consumption of table olives is concentrated in four countries or customs unions (EU: 26%; Egypt: 13%; Turkey: 12%; USA:10%). Over the last 10 crop years, consumption has risen by 4% per crop year on average. Russia and Brazil stand out amongst the countries that are primarily table olive importers, recording respective average increases of 9% and 7% per crop year in the same time frame.

Producer prices for table olives

The next table comparing the producer prices paid for table olives in specific months on several markets shows a noteworthy fall in producer prices in Italy (-25%), Morocco (-11%) and Greece (-30%) from 2009 levels.

					Euro/kg									
	Table olives – average producer prices on main markets													
Year	Month	Italy (Trapani) (Nocellara del Belice)	Spain (Seville) (Manzanilla)	Morocco (Picholine)	Greece (Amphissa)									
2009	November	0.80	0.60	0.45	1.65									
	December	0.80	0.60	0.45	1.65									
2010	March	0.80	0.60	0.45	n.d.									
	November	0.80	0.60	0.40	n.d.									
	December	0.80	0.60	0.40	1.15									
2011	January	0.60	0.60	0.40	1.15									
	February	0.60	0.60	0.40	1.15									
	March	0.60	0.60	0.40	1.15									

Source: ISMEA

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE: +9.4% IN 2010/11

Between October 2010 and September 2011, i.e. in the 2010/11 crop year, aggregate imports by the six countries listed in the table below rose by 136 309.1 t (+9.4%) compared with the same period the season before (including intra-EU trading). This hike was driven by higher imports by Brazil (+20%), the EU (+11%, intra and extra EU imports), the USA (+7%) and Canada (+5%), which offset the fall in imports into Japan (-12%) and Australia (-10%).

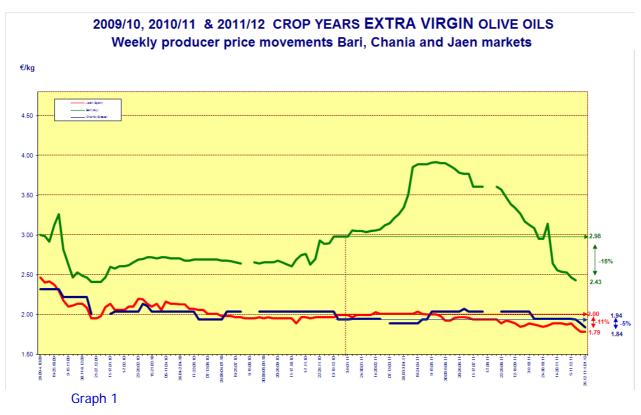
	Olive oil imports (including olive-pomace oils) (t)																								
740	Importing	October 09	October 10	November 09	November 10	December 09	December 10	January 10	January 11	February 10	February 11	March 10	March 11	April 10	April 11	May 10	May111	June 10	June 11	July 10	July 11	August 10	August 11	September 10	September 11
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1	Australia	2309.0	2492.8	3016.0	3519.0	2580.0	3505.0	3342.0	1887.0	1618.0	1723.0	2410.0	2523.0	2960.0	2679.0	2996.0	3505.0	3285.0	2524.0	4549.0	2079.0	4129.0	3845.0	2366.0	1662.2
2	Brazil	5499.0	6852.5	6154.4	5906.6	5557.8	6002.8	3434.5	5280.8	4394.0	8344.0	5068.0	5559.0	3112.2	4201.0	2822.0	3982.0	3181.0	4035.0	3579.0	5886.0	4434.0	4250.8	.6565.0	6185.5
3	Canada	3043.0	2488.0	4109.0	3520.0	2846.0	3703.0	2411.0	4400.0	2459.0	3209.0	3737.0	4515.0	4329.0	3737.0	2968.0	3599.0	3861.0	2542.0	2780.0	2685.0	2590.0	3079.0	2763.0	2395.0
4	Japan	2729.0	2911.0	2936.0	2651.0	3774,0	3181.0	3336.0	3254.0	2971.0	2785.0	4294.0	3206.0	3474.0	3067.0	3750.0	3124.0	3720.0	3029.8	4239.0	3302.0	3691.0	4264,0	3718.0	2729.0
-5	USA	23098.0	25040.5	22746 0	20490.0	22136.0	27937.0	25628.0	19729.9	15738.0	26376.0	19818.0	31727.0	34491.0	21961.0	18798.0	21638.0	20708.0	26121.0	26428.0	24512.0	19721.0	25671.0	22885.0	20844.0
8	EU/27	82988.8	85910.7	72338.9	95790.4	82268.6	108269.8	68104.1	96025.7	78339.3	101188.8	90630.0	98880.0	87410.0	93668.0	93973.0	92603.5	99723.0	94755.2	95487.0	84479.0	72661.0	84172.6	91243.0	88573.8
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	Total	119664.8	125695.5	111300.3	131877.0	119160.4	152598.6	104257.6	130677.4	103619.3	141603.8	125957.0	146190.0	135776.2	129333.0	125217.0	128451.5	134478.0	133006.2	137062.0	122943.0	107226.0	125282.2	129620.0	121889.5

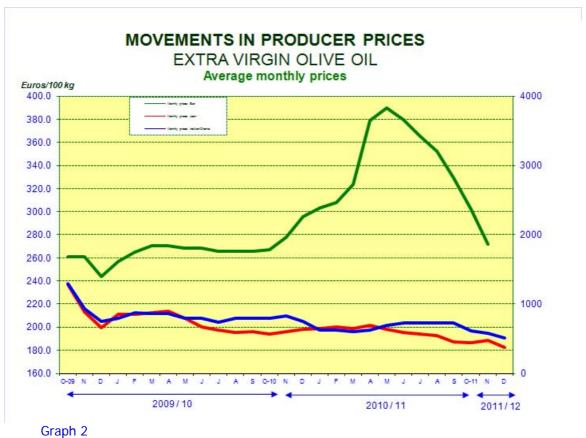
MOVEMENTS IN PRODUCER PRICES

Graphs 1 and 3 track the weekly movements in the producer prices paid for extra virgin olive oil and refined olive oil in the top EU producing countries. The monthly price movements for the same two grades of oil plus refined olive-pomace oils are shown in Graphs 2, 4 and 5 respectively.

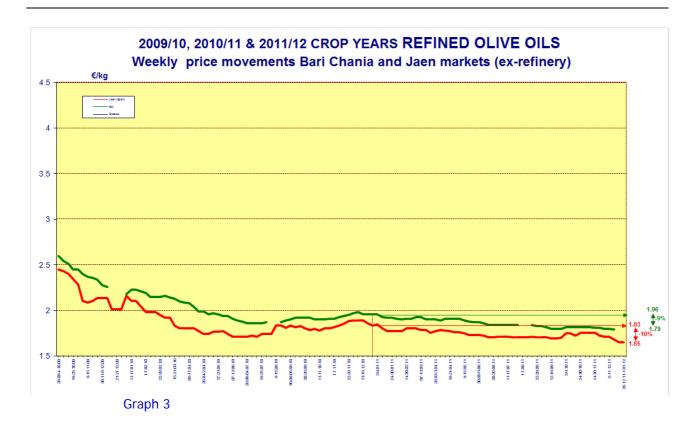
Extra virgin olive oil: Comparison with the same period of the year before (Graph 1) shows that prices have dropped by 11% in Spain (€1.79/kg), 5% in Greece (€1.84/kg) and 18% in Italy (€2.43/kg). Most recently, the price gap has narrowed considerably between Italy on the one side, and Spain and Greece on the other, ever since prices in Italy peaked at €3.92/kg in Week 20. In point of fact, in early December 2011 prices in Italy had fallen to the level of late December 2009 and were below the flatline recorded between February and December 2010.

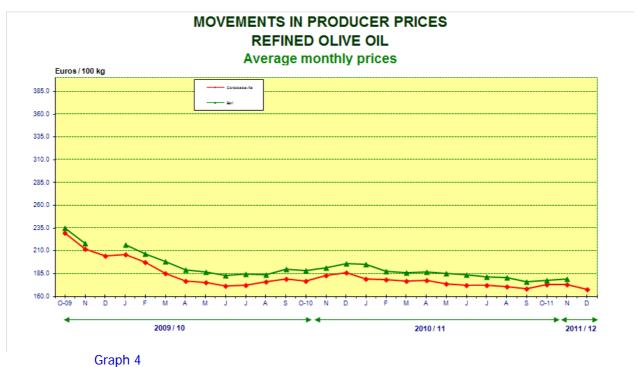


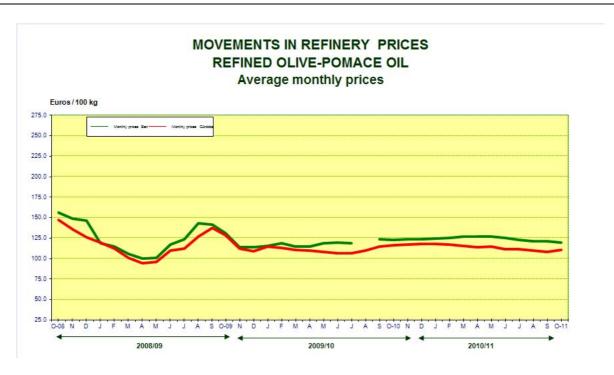




Refined olive oil: Over the last 12 months, the prices of refined olive oil have fallen by 10% in Spain (€1.65/kg) and 9% in Italy (€1.79/kg) (Graph 3). No data are available for Greece. The gap between the prices of refined olive oil and extra virgin olive oil is currently around €0.14/kg in Spain and €0.67/kg in Italy.







Graph 5