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A close-up photograph of an olive branch with green leaves and small olives, set against a blue background.

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**WHERE OLIVE TREES GREW
LONG BEFORE THE ADVENT
OF CIVILISATION**



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THE FUTURE OF THE IOC, FOCUS OF THE FORTHCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

BRUSSELS / The future of the IOC and the prospects of expanding the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives are at the centre, along with other highly topical issues, of a programme of official meetings between the Executive Secretariat's senior officials and the representatives of IOC member

countries. First and foremost, with the European Union, the main supporter of the International Agreement and the main contributor to the budget of the Organisation. In this framework of meetings, the Executive Director, Abdellatif Ghedira, and the Deputy Executive Director, Jaime Lillo, were welcomed at the Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) headquarters in Brussels to prepare the forthcoming 115th session of the Council of Members, which will be held in Amman on 8 June 2022, and to discuss the future of the IOC and the new guidelines of the intergovernmental body.

The senior officers of the IOC first met with the head of the European Union delegation to the IOC, Ms Caroline Jeandin, and Ms Dyanne Bennink as well as their respective teams. They discussed technical matters and the requests for accession to the International Agreement by new countries such as Saudi Arabia and Azerbaijan, and the results of the Executive Director's recent diplomatic visit to Latin America, where he met representatives of the governments and industries of Uruguay and Argentina.

The work continued with a meeting with the Deputy Director General of the DG AGRI, Mr Mickael Scannell and the Director of Resources, Mr Georg Haeusler, with whom Mr Ghedira and Mr Lillo continued a wide-ranging discussion on the future of the IOC, trends in the world olive oil market and the challenges to consider in the forthcoming International Agreement.

This meeting, the first face-to-face one after two years of pandemic, was characterised by the mutual recognition of the achievements made so far.





COUNTDOWN TO THE 115TH SESSION

MADRID-AMMAN / The Jordanian capital will host the 115th session of the Council of Members on 8 June 2022.

The 19 members of the IOC, representing 44 countries, that signed the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives 2015 will meet under the chair of Jordan's Minister of Agriculture, **Mr Khaled Hanifet**, whose country holds the rotating chair of the IOC in 2022.



The work will be coordinated by Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira**, assisted by two Deputy Executive Directors, **Jaime Lillo** for the operational part and **Mustafa Sepetçi** for the administrative and financial part. The session will begin with the institutional side of the Organisation, during which the representatives, including many observers, will address their greetings.

The work will continue with the discussion and approval of the different Unit reports – Standardisation and Research, Economy and Promotion, Technology, Environment and Training, Observatory and Information Systems – before the administrative and financial reports and the Internal Auditor's report are adopted.



As always, the session will see the approval of important decisions in the various areas of interest for the Executive Secretariat as well as the implementation of the International Agreement.

The 115th session of the IOC will be preceded by the 58th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Olive Oil and Olives on 8 June, while on 9 June the Jordanian authorities will organise a technical seminar of international scope, in collaboration with the Executive Secretariat.

UPCOMING PUBLICATION: OLIVÆ NO. 129

MADRID / Issue 129 of Olivæ, the official magazine of the IOC, will be presented at the 115th session of the Council of Members in Amman, Jordan. According to the editorial board, the next issue will include 64 pages entirely dedicated to the Jordanian olive sector.





The editorial board was set up in Amman a few weeks ago, at the initiative of the Executive Secretariat. The committee, which is composed of local experts appointed by the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture, is coordinated by the Observatory and Information Systems Department of the IOC. Olivæ will initially be published on the IOC website in English and Arabic. The French, Italian and Spanish versions will be published later.

The editorial was written by IOC Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira**, and the foreword will be signed by the Jordanian Minister of Agriculture, H.E. **Khaled Hanifet**.

For previous editions of Olivæ, which are all available in the five official languages of the IOC, click here: <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/publications/>

All digital publications in the IOC bookshop are free and can be easily downloaded from the IOC website. Enjoy!

JORDAN TO HOST THE 58TH MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MADRID - AMMAN / The **Advisory Committee for Olive Oil and Table Olives** of the **International Olive Council (IOC)**, which met in Amman four years ago, is set to return to the Jordanian capital next month. This 58th meeting will take place on 7 June, the day before the 115th session of the Council of Members.



The Committee will be chaired by **Ali Haj Mbarek**, and IOC Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** will coordinate the proceedings. The Jordanian Minister of Agriculture, H.E. Mr Khaled Hanifet, the current Chair of the IOC, will deliver the institutional greetings on behalf of the intergovernmental organisation.

Once the Committee adopts the agenda and approves the minutes of the previous meeting, its work will focus on current issues in the world olive sector. The representatives will also discuss the activities carried out by the Executive Secretariat's operational units in the fields of standardisation and research, economics and promotion, and technology, environment and training, as well as on the work of the observatory and information systems.

The ensuing debate is likely to be marked by requests for information and to incorporate new representatives from the global olive sector. Many delegates from countries and intergovernmental organisations from around the world will participate in the meeting as observers. Among them, interventions are expected from Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Chile, China, India, Iraq, Japan, Mauritania, Mexico,



Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, the United States, the League of Arab States, the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development.

Chair Ali Haj Mbarek and Executive Director Abdellatif Ghedira will present the conclusions of the meeting at the end of the day. More information will be available a few days before the event, which will be held both in person and virtually.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON MISSION TO TUNISIA



TUNIS / Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** and the Head of the External Relations Department went on mission to Tunisia from 11 to 13 May 2022.

The visit began with an audience granted by the Tunisian Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, **Mahmoud Elyes Hamzade**. Discussions focused on the next session of the Council of Members, on Tunisia's outstanding participation in the Mario Solinas Quality Award and on important deadlines for the Organisation's operational activities.

After the meeting, the Executive Director was welcomed by the Ministry's Secretary General, **Mondher El Khemiri**, with whom he discussed Tunisia's contribution to the IOC budget. The Secretary General assured Mr Ghedira that, as usual, Tunisia would honour its commitment before the June 2022 session.

An information meeting was then held with the Tunisian delegation that will take part in the 115th session of the Council of Members in Jordan. Several issues were discussed and the Tunisian side confirmed that it would attend in person.

The Executive Director concluded his stay with a meeting with industry and with members of the Advisory Committee. Many olive sector stakeholders attended the meeting. Several topics of common interest were discussed, in particular the Nutri-Score, the study on consumer behaviour, the study on the Tunisian variety *Chemlali*, the 58th meeting of the Advisory Committee in Amman and the things that will be covered there.





IRAQ RETURNS TO THE IOC

MADRID / On Monday 25 April, Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** welcomed H.E. Mr **Adel Mustafa Kamil Alkurdi**, the Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to Spain, to IOC headquarters in Madrid.

Discussions focused on the olive sector in Iraq and its prospects for development. The Executive Director informed his guest about the new countries that have joined the Organisation and asked about Iraq's readiness to resume its place in the olive family.

Fortunately, the Iraqi Ambassador was the bearer of good news. His government, in particular the Ministry of Agriculture, has given the green light for his country to return to the IOC. The Ambassador asked for information on the conditions of membership and the administrative steps to be taken.



The Executive Director congratulated his guest on this welcome initiative and expressed his gratitude for the steps taken to convince his country to resume its place in the Organisation. At the end of the meeting, Mr Ghedira gave the Ambassador the relevant documents on the conditions of membership and the benefits that Members can draw from it in terms of assistance and expertise.

Photos commemorating the meeting were taken at the end of the meeting.





TUNISIAN AMBASSADOR VISITS THE IOC

MADRID / The Executive Director of the IOC, **Abdellatif Ghedira**, welcomed **H.E. Fatma Omrani Chargui**, the Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia in Spain, to IOC headquarters in Madrid. The Ambassador was accompanied by her Economic Advisor, **Akram Elaatar**.

Discussions focused on the prospects of cooperation between the two parties, the activities of the Or-

ganisation and upcoming deadlines. The Executive Director took the opportunity to congratulate Tunisia for how well it did in the Mario Solinas Quality Award, the IOC competition for extra virgin olive oils. Tunisia took the first three places in the *mild green fruitiness* category and the three finalist places. Mr Ghedira paid tribute to all those involved in the Tunisian olive sector, both the authorities and the professionals, for their efforts to produce quality olive oil and who, through their sacrifice and resilience, have shone a light on the autochthonous variety *Chemlali*.

The Ambassador thanked her host for his kind words and reassured him of her country's commitment to this work and to sharing the best of Tunisian olive oil, which has been overlooked for too long. She was also pleased to make these distinctions as Tunisia is preparing to be honoured at the 2023 edition of Expoliva.

A LARGE GEORGIAN DELEGATION VISITS THE IOC



MADRID / On 28 April 2022, Executive Director of the IOC **Abdellatif Ghedira** welcomed a Georgian delegation led by **George Zvanidze**, outgoing Chair of the Council of Members, and **Ilia Giorgadze**, Georgian Ambassador to Spain, to the IOC.

The Georgian delegation included a distinguished guest: **Yavuz Selim Yükselir**, Chair of the Board of the Turkish Yükselir Group, who was appointed Goodwill Ambassador by the Secretary General of the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) on the eve of the visit.



Deputy Executive Director of the IOC **Jaime Lillo** described the many advantages of the growing olive sector for investors.

Mr Ghedira then explained the positive impact of olive growing on the environment, its tangible economic and social benefits, as well as the health benefits of consuming olive oil. He took the opportunity to congratulate his Turkish guest for his appointment as UNWTO Ambassador. At the end of the meeting, the Executive Director gave IOC pins to Yavuz Yükselir and George Zvanidze. Gifts were exchanged and photos were taken.



AMBASSADOR OF TURKEY VISITS THE IOC

MADRID /- H.E. Burak Akçapar, Ambassador of Turkey to Spain, paid a courtesy call on Executive Director of the IOC **Abdellatif Ghedira**, who welcomed him together with Deputy Executive Director **Mustafa Sepetçi** and Head of the External Relations Department **Mounir Fourati**.



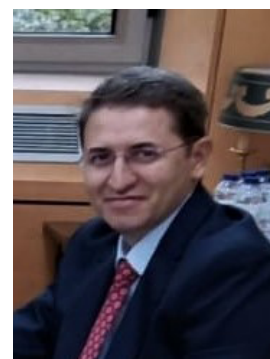
The meeting focused on cooperation between Turkey and the IOC. The Turkish Ambassador took the opportunity to congratulate the Executive Director for the Executive Secretariat's excellent work and for the dynamism and good governance of the executive directorate.

Mr Ghedira thanked his guest for his kind words and pointed out that the role of the Organisation is to implement the decisions taken by the Member States and that congratulations should be addressed to the experts who prepare all the work upstream.

The Executive Director suggested boosting the Turkish presence in the expert groups, so that the country could contribute more to the decision-making process.

Several other topics were discussed, including the elimination of the *ordinary* category of olive oil, Turkey's participation in the Codex Alimentarius, the Executive Director's mission to Izmir in the coming weeks, the 115th session of the Council of Members and the 58th meeting of the Advisory Committee in June in Amman, as well as Turkey's growing role in the Council.

At the end of the meeting, and after exchanging gifts, souvenir photos were taken to mark the visit.





NICARAGUA EXPRESSES INTEREST IN THE IOC



MADRID / Milagros Urbina Rocha, minister-counsellor and head of mission at the Nicaraguan Embassy in Madrid, visited Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** at IOC headquarters in Madrid.

The meeting was also attended by Mounir Fourati, the Head of the External Relations Department, and the Assistant to the Executive Director, Andoni Olano.

Several topics were discussed in the meeting, including the situation in Nicaragua and its progress towards developing and expanding the Nicaraguan economy. The Executive Di-

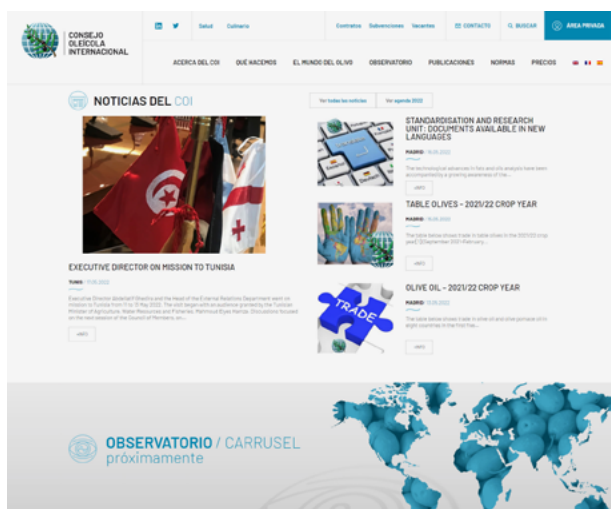
rector congratulated his guest for the country's good governance and for its initiatives to fight poverty, guarantee a decent life for citizens, and improve education and health.

As for the olive sector, the Chargé d'Affaires told the Executive Director about her government's intention to call on the expertise of the IOC to look into creating a programme to plant trees that are adapted to the climatic conditions of northern Nicaragua, where water resources are scarce. The strategy would favour the planting of olive trees, which are known for their sobriety and resilience.

Mr Ghedira offered to provide data on the region, so that experts from universities that collaborate with the IOC can study the findings. A virtual meeting between experts from Nicaragua and the IOC could then be held to determine the objectives and agree on a roadmap that would allow the Organisation to provide assistance in line with its procedures and budget.

Ms Urbina Rocha thanked the Executive Secretariat for this proposal and said that the Minister of Agriculture of her country could consider participating in the meeting.

Souvenir photos were taken at the end of the visit.



IOC WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

MADRID / As mentioned at the 114th session of the Council of Members in Tbilisi, after the launch of the French version of the website in January, www.internationaloliveoil.org is now also available in Spanish.

More than 100 static pages are now available in Spanish as well as in English and French. The content covers prices and market trends, standards and methods of analysis, and decisions of the Council of Members, with a regularly updated news section.



The Executive Secretariat plans to launch the **Italian** version of the website after the 115th session in Amman in June 2022. The **Arabic** version should be available by the end of the year.

Having stabilised the private part of the website and ensured the migration of all data and the link with the Observatory platform, we continue to work steadily on constructing the site to offer our users more.

IOC CAROUSEL: THE NEW TOOL FROM THE OBSERVATORY

MADRID / The IOC has launched its carousel. A website carousel is an effective way of displaying images and content in a single place. It not only saves space on the screen, but also highlights important content and improves the overall aesthetic of the website. This new project will present important and updated information, mainly on the olive oil economy and statistics. By clicking on the (+) sign under an image, users will be redirected to the corresponding static page.

These files are elaborated monthly by the Economy and Statistics Department, in collaboration with the Observatory Department, to provide information on production, consumption, exports and imports and on trends in the prices of virgin and refined olive oils in the main markets in each reference period.

This is one of the improvements we have made to the website to offer you a modern and dynamic consultation tool for information on olive markets with just one click.



WORLD OLIVE OBSERVATORY



STANDARDISATION AND RESEARCH UNIT: DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE IN NEW LANGUAGES

MADRID / The technological advances in fats and oils analysis have been accompanied by a growing awareness of the need for ever more effective control of the quality, purity and authenticity of the olive oils that are sold, especially on new



olive oil consumer countries. This moved the IOC to invite olive oil chemistry experts from its member countries to collaborate in searching for new more accurate and reliable methods, particularly to detect fraud, based on technical advances and new scientific data and research.

The organoleptic assessment method for virgin olive oil COI/T.20/Doc. No. 15/Rev. 10/ 2018 is now available on the IOC website in English, Spanish, French and Italian. Click here: <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/chemistry-standardisation-unit/standards-and-methods/>

Further information is available on this link: <https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/chemistry-standardisation-unit/>

CONFERENCE ON NUTRITION AND HEALTH LABELLING OF EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OILS



On 20 May 2022, the International Olive Council (IOC) and the QvExtra! association held an important conference at IOC headquarters in Madrid to establish guidelines in defence of extra virgin olive oil (EVOO) and its nutritional and health properties. Representatives from across the olive sector attended the event



The benefits of EVOO were scientifically proven years ago, and many administrations, both national and international, mention them on their websites. However, to this day, producers and packers struggle to communicate this information to consumers in accessible and effective ways. And NutriScore, the new food label, will only make it harder to get the message across.





The IOC and QvExtra! drew up an exciting programme, including two round table discussions and a presentation on a paper on EVOO and health by Dr Miguel Ángel Martínez, professor of preventive medicine and public health at the University of Navarra and researcher and visiting professor on nutrition at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Diverse representatives from the international olive sector held the first round table, including the Spanish Olive Oil Interprofessional, Olive Oil Sectorial, Anierac, Asolica, Ceq Italia (Italy) and Casa do Azeite (Portugal). Together, they discussed the challenges facing producers and packers in the EU when communicating the nutritional and health properties of EVOO. The Ministry of Agriculture and the European Commission held the second round table. The panel discussed nutrition labelling and the health benefits of EVOO within the framework of the European 'Farm to Fork' strategy.

More information will soon be available on the IOC website and in the next issue of the newsletter.

PRESENTATION OF THE THOC2 PROJECT TO THE HEAD OF THE PREFECTURE OF CRETE



The Director of the Institute for Olive Tree, Subtropical Crops and Viticulture, ELGO-DIMITRA, signed an agreement with the IOC to participate in the project 'True Healthy Olive Cultivars 2' (THOC2) which aims to provide the national germplasm banks of the IOC network with authentic and healthy initial material for certifying nursery plants and to collaborate on the catalogue of the main varieties of olive oil and table olives that are traded internationally.

The Governor for the Crete Region, **Stavros Arnaoutakis**, hosted a meeting with representatives of ELGO-DIMITRA at its headquarters in Heraklion on 14 March 2022. At the meeting, the THOC2 project, among other activities, was presented, and opportunities to collaborate on a large scale were discussed. Speakers highlighted the importance of certifying plant propagation material, and the representatives of the Crete Region declared its support for ELGO-DIMITRA.

This support was confirmed by the launch of a new project to fund the ELGO-DIMITRA plant nursery in Chania for the next five years. The project aims to produce certified plant propagation material of the main varieties grown in Crete (Koroneiki, Mastoidis and Throubolia) and distribute this material to ten plant nurseries on the island. There are also plans to conduct several dissemination activities to inform nursery owners and farmers about the benefits of using certified material. A pilot farm that will use certified plants only will be set up on Crete for demonstration and training.

Mitigating climate change and protecting biodiversity are the main goals of this collaboration. Specific steps to achieve these goals were agreed during a workshop in Chania on 1 April 2022. The event was organised by the Regional Administration of Crete and the Ministry of Environment and Energy as part of



the LIFE Adaptivgreece project. The event started with a plenary session with presentations on adapting to climate change. The THOC2, PRIMA Sustainolive, PRIMA Freeclimb, LIFE Olivares Vivos+ and H2020 Gen4Olive projects were presented in the 'Biodiversity' session.

The Regional Administration of Crete emphasised applied research and training activities. It is working closely with ELGO-DIMITRA to set up a network of living-lab olive groves all over Crete to train farmers and provide customised solutions to managing farm in ways that reduce costs and boost quality and environmental sustainability.



RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE IOC AND THE ITPGRFA

On 25 April 2022, the IOC and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA) held a meeting to discuss incorporating the network of international germplasm collections of live trees into the Treaty.

The IOC was represented by Deputy Executive Director Jaime Lillo, the Head of the Olive Growing, Olive Oil Technology and Environment Unit, Lhassane Sikaoui, the Head of the Technical Cooperation and Training Department, Catarina Bairrao Balula, and the Head of the Olive Oil Technology and Environment Department, Pablo Morello. The ITPGRFA was represented by Álvaro Toledo, the Deputy Secretary, and Daniele Manzella, the Technical Officer.

Given the importance for future generations and for humanity of protecting and conserving plant genetic resources for food and agriculture, the parties discussed the agreement between the IOC, as the international host of the network of germplasm banks, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO), acting on behalf of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, and the host countries of the collections. The agreement is expected to be adopted very soon.

This meeting followed the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between the IOC and the FAO on 30 June 2021. One of the main objectives is to leverage the IOC's and the FAO's knowledge and know-how on genetic resources to plan and implement activities related to the identification, preservation, and utilization of olive genetic resources in collaboration with member countries.



BIOVEXO XYLELLA FORUM: STATUS QUO, EXPECTATIONS AND RESEARCH

BIOVEXO / *Biocontrol of Xylella and its vector in olive trees for integrated pest management* – is a project supported by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme that aims to produce and test innovative biopesticides targeting *Xylella fastidiosa* and its vectors, for use in organic and non-organic production systems (for more information, see <https://biovexo.eu/>).

Treatments will have a curative and preventive approach. Six candidate biocontrol solutions will be tested: two bacterial strains, a microbial metabolite, two plant extracts and an entomopathogenic fungus. After validating these biopesticides in the field on a small scale, the formulations will be improved and the most effective biopesticides will be produced.

Biovexo forums are organised every year in a different European city. The aim is to assess the needs of local farmers and



other stakeholders in the fight against *Xylella fastidiosa* and adapt the latest scientific advances to their expectations. This year's Biovexo Xylella Forum took place on 20 April in the city of Alicante, Spain. Many experts participated, including Stephen Webb, coordinator of the Biovexo project; Jose Vicente Andreu Marcos, president of the ASAJA of Alicante; Blanca Landa del Castillo, from the Institute of Sustainable Agriculture (CSIC); Ana Cuadrado Galván, from the joint endeavour "A Europe based on the Circular Bioeconomy" (Brussels); Antonio Vicent Civera, from the Institut Valencià d'Investigacions Agràries; David Cubillo Pérez, from the Generalitat Valenciana; Diego Olmo García, from Servei d'Agricultura (Govern Illes Balears); Stéphane Compant, from the Austrian Institute of Technology; Pablo Morello Parra, from the IOC; Maria Teresa Signes Pont, from the Universitat d'Alacant; and Bartomeu Deya, from the Can Det oil mill. The debates were chaired by Jose de la Torre, from the company DOMCA.

During the round table discussion that followed, farmers and representatives of associations shared their experiences and possible solutions were discussed.

The IOC participated in the event with the aim of gathering direct information on the needs of the sector and on scientific advances. Pablo Morello, Head of the Olive Oil and Environment Department, underlined the importance that the IOC attaches to initiatives to combat *Xylella fastidiosa*, one of the most important plant health issues today and which is dramatically affecting an important area of southern Italy and threatening olive growing worldwide.



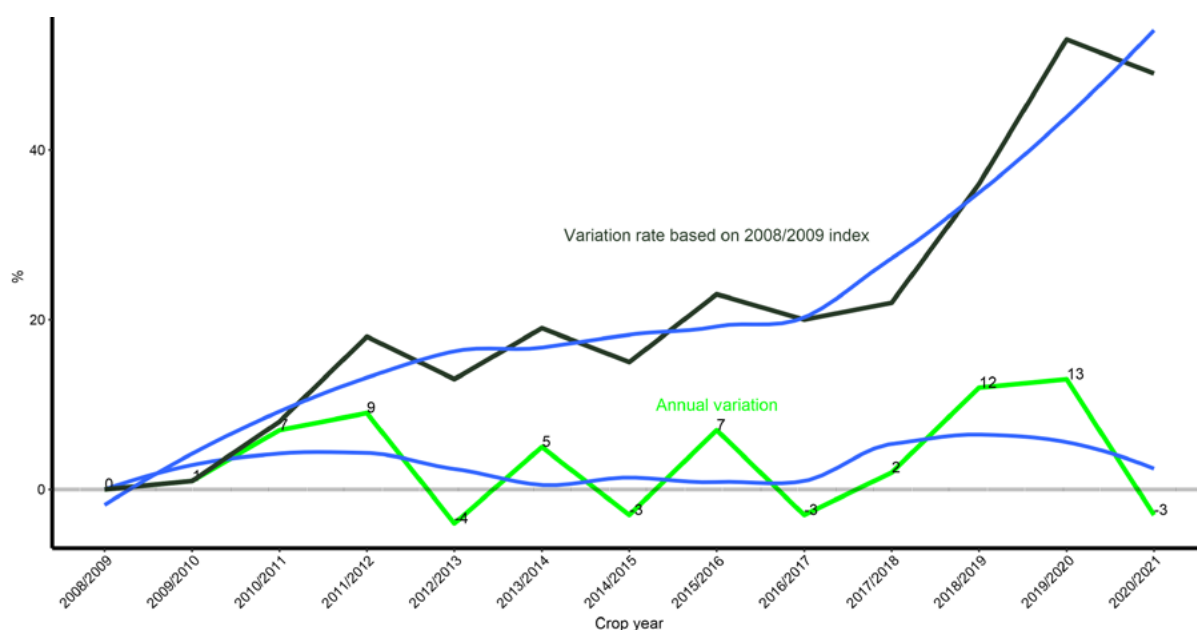
THE WORLD OF OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

By Economic and Promotion Unit – Economic Studies and Statistics Department

THE UNITED STATES: OLIVE OIL IMPORTS

The United States imported 379 539 t of virgin olive oil in the 2020/21 crop year¹, 3% less than in the 2019/20 crop year.

Graph 1 – US imports of olive oil.

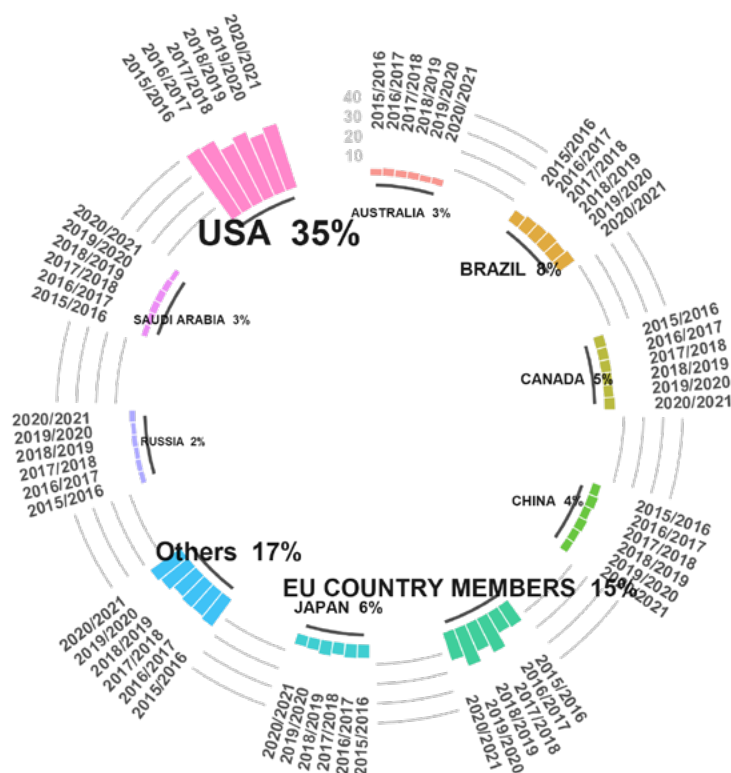


1. OLIVE OIL AND OLIVE POMACE OIL

The United States contributes to about 35% of world olive oil imports, beating the European Union (15%), Brazil (8%), Japan (6%) and Canada (5%)². These latter four markets take up 69% of world imports

¹ Provisional data.

² The United Kingdom was not included in the ranking.

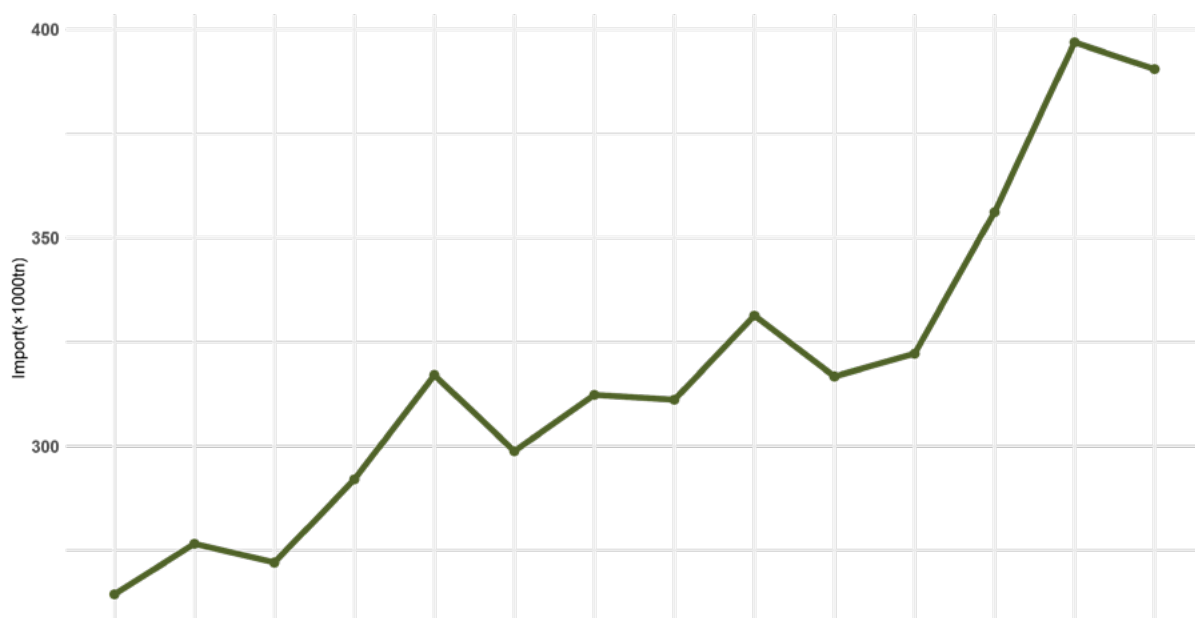


Graph 2 - Percentage of world imports of olive oil and olive pomace oil (average of 6 crop years)

The United States imported 390 534 t of olive oil and olive pomace oil in the 2020/21 crop year, or 1.6% less than the previous year. Table 1 shows US imports over the last seven crop years. Some 78.9% of US imports of olive oil come from Italy, Spain and Tunisia, followed by Portugal with 6.6% and Turkey with 4.5%.

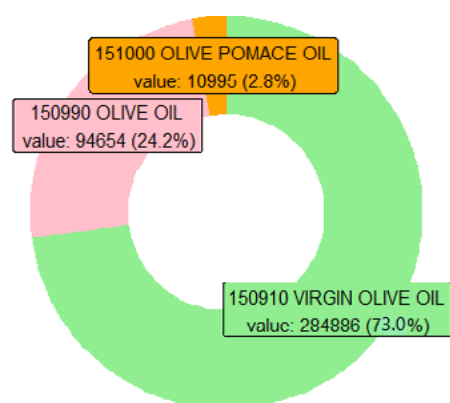
	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	%Variation Rates
ITALY	127218	129376	117389	106798	112406	119736	121466	↑ 1.4
SPAIN	100843	134443	129766	112739	153386	101175	106085	↑ 4.9
TUNISIA	45579	26271	15116	40305	29748	85905	80662	↓ -6.1
PORTUGAL	1106	1230	1215	1896	3976	34363	25646	↓ -25.4
TURKEY	3544	4014	14681	26635	20768	18004	17480	↓ -2.9
GREECE	7454	8735	9401	9247	11292	11139	11305	↑ 1.5
ARGENTINA	6477	7062	12855	8022	5579	8802	9282	↑ 5.4
CHILE	5144	5401	6986	6997	6132	6839	8043	↑ 17.6
MOROCCO	9459	10521	3682	4387	8594	6348	5640	↓ -11.2
LEBANON	1071	1414	1285	1473	1394	1603	1702	↑ 6.2
Others	3278	2903	4384	3701	2908	3005	3223	↑ 7.3
Total	311174	331370	316759	322199	356183	396919	390534	↓ -1.6

Table 1 - Olive oil and olive pomace oil imports by partner country (2014/15-2020/21)(t)

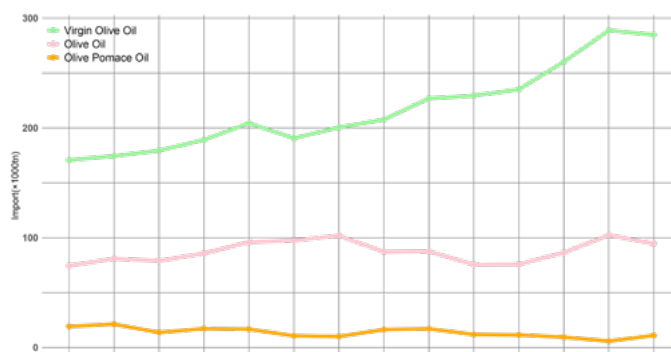


Graph 3 – Imports 2007/08-2020/21 (×1000 t)

By product category, 73% of imports fall under code 15.09.10 (virgin olive oil), 24.2% under 15.09.90 (olive oil) and the remaining 2.8% under 15.10.00 (olive pomace oil).



Graph 4 – Distribution of imports by product category - 2020/21 (t)



Graph 5 – Changes in imports by product category 2007/08-2020/21 (×1000 t)



As for the type of packaging used, Italy mostly used containers of less than 18 kg; only 7.1% of its containers were of 18 kg or more. Portugal, Greece, Lebanon, Israel and Syria were similar. Containers of 18 kg or more were used more than 75% of the time in Spain, Turkey, Chile, Morocco, Austria, the Netherlands, Australia and Egypt.

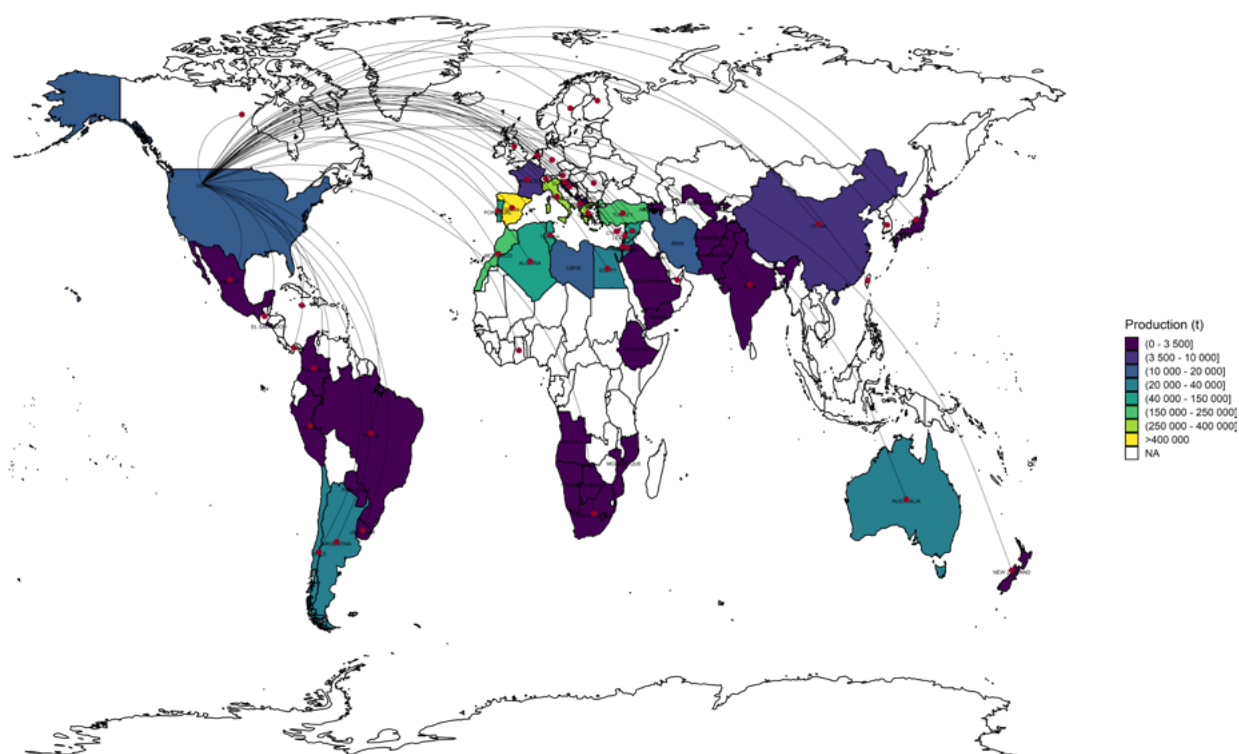
Country	OLIVE OIL				OLIVE POMACE OIL		TOTAL BY CONTAINER		TOTAL
	150910 VIRGIN OLIVE OIL		150990 OLIVE OIL		151000 OLIVE POMACE OIL		<18KG	>=18KG	
	<18KG	>=18kg	<18KG	>=18KG	<18KG	>=18KG			
ITALY	90071	7733	21233	526	1479	425	112782	8683	121466
SPAIN	16005	54236	6344	22675	1584	5242	23932	82153	106085
TUNISIA	27006	28074	18883	6203	44	452	45933	34729	80662
PORTUGAL	17054	3667	4875	14	25	12	21953	3693	25646
TURKEY	2735	3511	542	9905	7	780	3284	14196	17480
GREECE	8032	2173	756	233	109	1	8898	2408	11305
ARGENTINA	2720	6559	2	0	0	0	2722	6559	9282
CHILE	1825	6218	0	0	0	0	1825	6218	8043
MOROCCO	1371	2023	0	1467	3	777	1374	4267	5640
LEBANON	1585	66	47	3	0	0	1633	69	1702
ISRAEL	499	46	84	82	0	0	583	128	711
AUSTRIA	12	393	0	0	0	0	12	393	405
NETHERLANDS	2	0	0	375	0	0	2	375	377
AUSTRALIA	53	242	0	38	9	20	62	300	362
SYRIA	157	62	76	0	0	0	234	63	296
FRANCE	64	52	17	97	0	0	81	148	230
EGYPT	5	210	0	0	0	0	5	210	215
PERU	44	65	1	0	0	0	45	65	110
OTHERS	220	96	128	47	15	11	363	154	516
TOTAL	169459	115427	52989	41665	3275	7720	225722	164812	390534

* Source: Own elaboration based on United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service

Table 2 – Distribution of imports by product category and partner country (2020/2021)(t)



Olive oil imports to USA and olive oil production, 2020/21 crop year



Source: IOC own elaboration based on United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agriculture Service

Map 1 - US import flows and world production - 2020/21, provisional data.
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WORLD TRADE IN OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

1. OLIVE OIL – 2021/22 CROP YEAR

The table below shows trade in olive oil and olive pomace oil in eight countries in the first five months of the 2021/22 crop year. Imports fell by 14% in Australia, 24% in Brazil, 40% in Canada, 22% in Russia and 11% in the US compared to the same period the previous crop year. Imports rose by 11% in Japan and 8% in China.

In the first four months of the 2021/22 crop year, intra-EU acquisitions fell by 1% and extra-EU imports fell by 6% compared to the same period the previous crop year.

OLIVE OIL IMPORTS (INCLUDING OLIVE-POMACE OILS)(T)											
No	IMPORTING COUNTRY	OCT 20	OCT 21	NOV 20	NOV 21	DEC 20	DEC 21	JAN 21	JAN 22	FEB 21	FEB 22
1	AUSTRALIA	3353.3	3385.1	2563.6	2254.0	3377.3	2809.0	1942.9	1967.5	3708.4	2453.0
2	BRAZIL	11052.3	8137.6	12249.6	8895.7	10356.0	7465.7	9219.6	7150.2	7230.1	6199.6
3	CANADA	5755.7	3195.9	5146.6	3628.6	5900.5	3209.7	5417.4	N.D.	3541.5	N.D.
4	CHINA	2588.2	3156.3	5438.5	5464.2	7785.1	8439.6	4931.3	N.D.	1974.5	N.D.
5	JAPAN	4902.6	4567.0	6160.0	6856.5	4478.2	4514.3	3690.9	6200.7	3687.6	3413.0
6	RUSSIA	4156.7	3227.1	3908.1	3393.8	3992.3	2761.1	2220.1	N.D.	2764.4	N.D.
7	USA	29339.7	24667.7	33389.2	32101.5	32336.5	25586.4	41415.3	28712.1	22794.7	31094.2
8	EXTRA-EU/27	19817.7	15418.9	22010.5	9681.7	19222.7	28845.2	14900.6	7075.9	17754.0	N.D.
	INTRA-EU/27	98528.6	81263.4	104971.3	98173.2	119103.8	116706.2	96943.8	97792.8	119629.3	N.D.
	TOTAL	179494.7	147019.0	195837.4	170449.1	206552.4	200337.2	180682.0	143899.2	183084.4	43159.7

2. TABLE OLIVES – 2021/22 CROP YEAR

The table below shows trade in table olives in the 2021/22 crop year³ (September 2021–February 2022). Imports fell by 19% in Australia, 26% in Brazil and 18% in Canada compared to the same period the previous crop year. Imports rose by 4% in the US.

In the first five months of the 2021/22 crop year (September 2021–January 2022), intra-EU acquisitions rose by 13% and extra-EU imports fell by 11% compared to the same period the previous crop year⁴.

³ According to the new provisions of the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives, 2015, 'table olive crop year' means the twelve months from 1 September of one year to 31 August of the next.

⁴ Data for the EU were not available for February 2022 when this newsletter went to print.



TABLE OLIVE IMPORTS (T)

No	IMPORTING COUNTRY	SEP 20	SEP 21	OCT 20	OCT 21	NOV 20	NOV 21	DEC 20	DEC 21	JAN 21	JAN 22	FEB 21	FEB 22
1	AUSTRALIA	1590.2	1622.4	1457.0	1120.8	1671.5	12777.0	2141.9	1531.5	1538.6	1296.8	2028.3	1565.2
2	BRAZIL	14702.7	11770.4	17012.7	10495.0	14990.8	13417.9	14363.3	9812.7	9531.1	5484.3	9704.5	8182.5
3	CANADA	4138.0	2581.3	3671.0	2396.9	4088.8	3150.3	3140.7	3032.9	3072.5	3320.0	2375.5	2403.6
4	USA	8942.1	12274.1	11341.4	11534.0	13197.0	10713.6	11828.2	12419.3	1664.8	11211.4	8397.8	9804.7
5	EXTRA-EU/27	8375.4	8335.4	10867.0	8858.6	10492.1	9328.5	10589.1	8114.0	8569.6	8712.3	7817.1	N.D.
	INTRA-EU/27	29487.6	28211.0	29041.7	33305.3	29070.6	39645.5	24908.9	26423.6	20449.3	21998.0	23213.3	N.D.
	TOTAL	67235.9	64794.6	73390.7	67710.6	73510.8	77532.7	66972.1	61334.0	54825.9	52002.7	53536.5	21956.0

PRODUCER PRICES – OLIVE OILS

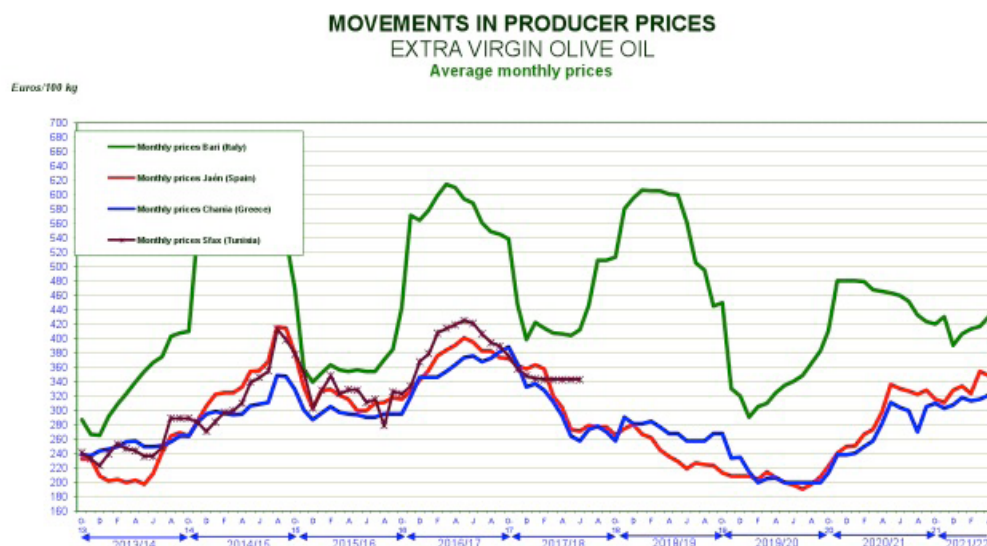
Monthly price movements for extra virgin olive oil and refined olive oil are shown in graphs 1 and 2.

Extra virgin olive oil – Producer prices in **Spain** from 18 to 24 April 2022 stood at €3.44/kg, a 12.8% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

Italy – Prices in Italy from 18 to 24 April 2022 stood at €4.30/kg, a 7.5% fall on the same period the previous crop year.

Greece – Prices in Greece from 18 to 24 April 2022 stood at €3.25/kg, a 12.1% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

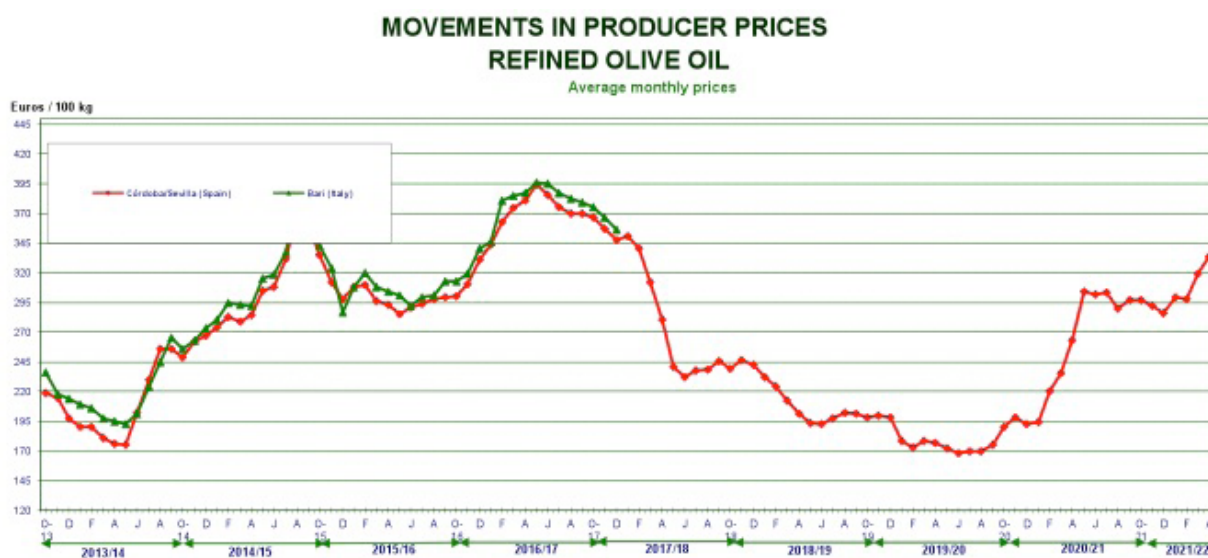
Tunisia – Prices in Tunisia remained stable in the last weeks of June 2018, at €3.43/kg, an 18% fall compared to the same period the previous crop year.





Refined olive oil: Producer prices in Spain stood at €3.31/kg from 18 to 24 April 2022, which indicates an increase of 19.3% compared to the same period the previous crop year. Data for Italy have not been available for this category since the end of December 2017 when they had increased by 4% to €3.56/kg.

The difference between the price of extra virgin olive oil (€3.44/kg) and refined olive oil (€3.31/kg) in Spain was €0.13/kg. In Italy, the difference was €0.43/kg in December 2017 (Graph 2).



Graph 2

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