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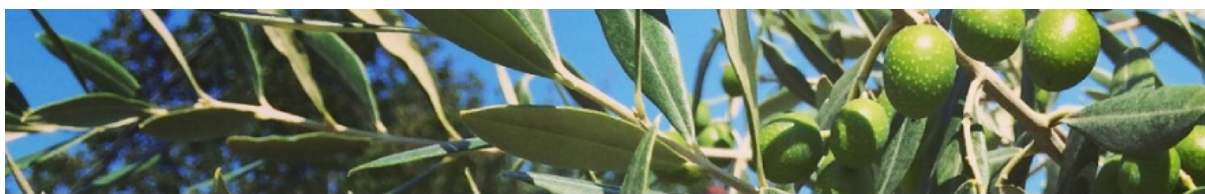


EVERYTHING IS READY FOR
THE 116TH SESSION OF
THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS!



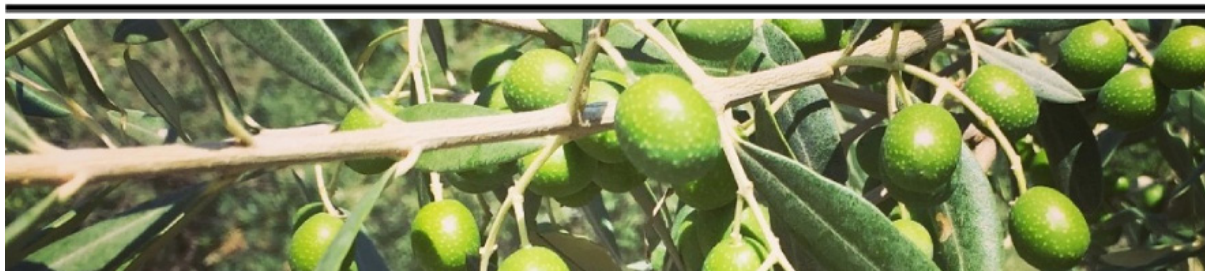
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116th session of the Council of Members Programme

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PROGRAMME OF THE 116TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS

MADRID AND JAEN, 22 NOVEMBER-2 DECEMBER, 2022- The International Olive Council is about to hold the 116th session of its Council of Members. Representatives from the 18 member countries (Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Egypt, Georgia, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan, the European Union and Uruguay) will participate in meetings of the specialised committees, the plenary session and a variety of events. Representatives from Saudi Arabia and Azerbaijan – two countries that have applied to join the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives 2015 – will attend as observers, along with other observers such as the United States, Iraq, Sudan and the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies, or CIHEAM. The first part of the session will take place from 22 to 24 November 2022 by videoconference from Madrid.

The Administrative and Financial Affairs Committee will meet on 22 and 24 November to address the usual issues concerning the IOC budget, member country contributions, Executive Secretariat staff, etc.

On 22 November, the Executive Secretariat will inform the Economic Affairs and Promotion Committee on the production, consumption and trade of olive oil and table olives. The Committee will examine producer prices and the final balance sheet for the 2020/21 crop year. The Executive Secretariat will present the conclusions of the working group for monitoring statistics, which met on 3 November at IOC headquarters, and will report on the study on consumer behaviour. The Committee will then be informed about the promotion activities planned in various countries, the progress



made at the political level towards harmonising national standards with the IOC international standard and IOC grants to celebrate World Olive Day. The Executive Secretariat will also inform the Committee of the activities of the Observatory and Information Systems Department and its plans for 2023. The Chemistry and Standardisation Committee will meet on the morning of Wednesday 23 November. The Executive Secretariat will report on its progress since the last meeting, in particular the results of the work of the expert groups, the Mario Solinas Quality Award, the plans to revise methods of analysis and the accreditation of analysis laboratories and tasting panels.

In the afternoon, the Technology and Environment Committee will discuss activities related to research and development and training, and will report on the development of the World Catalogue of the Main Olive Tree Varieties and on the scholarships for PhDs and specialisation courses the IOC grants to students from its member countries. The Committee will present a proposal to continue these activities and organise new ones in 2023. The IOC will then travel to Andalusia, at the invitation of the Diputación de Jaén, for the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Olive Oil and Table Olives on 28 November. The representatives of this Committee and the delegations of member and observer countries will take part in a technical visit to the Jaén region on Tuesday 29 November. The plenary session will take place on Wednesday 30 November. The chairs of each Committee – including the Advisory Committee – will present the results of the previous discussions.

This meeting will be followed by the prize-giving ceremony for the Mario Solinas Quality Award, the IOC's international competition for the best quality extra virgin olive oils. The IOC's events in Jaén will conclude on Thursday 1 December with World Olive Day celebrations, which include a technical conference on the role of olive growing in terms of sustainability, quality and health.

On Friday 2 December, the IOC will return to its headquarters in Madrid for a flag-raising ceremony for Uzbekistan (which deposited its instrument of accession to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives 2015 at the United Nations in August 2021), followed by the inauguration of an olive garden of olive trees from all the IOC member countries in the forecourt of the Organisation's headquarters, in collaboration with the The Garden of Peace. Guests will then be invited to taste Uzbek cuisine from 1pm.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETS AMBASSADOR OF SAUDI ARABIA

MADRID, 2 NOVEMBER 2022- The Executive Director of the IOC, **Abdellatif Ghedira**, was welcomed by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Madrid, **H.E. Azzam Abdulkarim Al Gain**, at the embassy on 2 November 2022.

He was accompanied by the new Head of the External Relations Department, **Andoni Olano**, to present their host with the official decision on the accession of Saudi Arabia to the International Agreement on Olive Oil and Table Olives 2015, signed by the IOC Chair. The Executive Director was pleased to see this new producing country join the Organisation.

Mr Ghedira told the Saudi Ambassador about the mission he went on with the heads of the main Units of the Executive Secretariat to Saudi Arabia from 1 to 4 October 2022. He also informed him about the events planned for the 116th session of the Council of Members and took the opportunity to invite the Ambassador to the flag-raising ceremony for countries that have deposited their instruments of accession at the United Nations as well as the inauguration of the Garden of Peace at IOC headquarters on Friday 2 December 2022.





COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL OLIVE COUNCIL AND THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK “WOMEN IN OLIVE OIL”



MADRID, 19 OCTOBER 2022- This morning, Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** welcomed CEO and founder of the international network Women in Olive Oil (WiOO), **Jill Myers**, to IOC headquarters in Madrid. Together, they discussed opportunities for collaboration between the two institutions in line with the rules and regulations in force. He was accompanied by the Head of the Promotion Department of the Executive Secretariat, Imene Trabelsi, who is a member of the network's Executive Committee, and the Head of the Technical Assistance and Training Department, Catarina Bairrao.

Mr Ghedira congratulated Ms Myers and her association for their considerable efforts to bolster the olive oil sector. He stressed the fundamental role of all women involved in the olive oil value chain through the education, networking and experience sharing activities they organise.

WiOO Organization (www.womeninoliveoil.org) was founded by Jill Myers, who is from the USA, in April 2020 with the aim of bringing together women working in the olive oil sector. This international network now includes more than 3000 women from all over the world.

The association describes itself as is 'an international organization that contributes in meaningful ways to the individual, collective, and societal advancement of women through the common link of olive oil with coordinated activities and events carried out at a local and global level in olive oil producing and non-producing countries. Its main mission is to create a common thread that unites women at all levels of the olive oil industry, bringing about positive global change in the areas of health and nutrition, education, environmental and agricultural practices, fair trade, and gender equality. This global women's network is committed to building a platform where women can exchange knowledge, expertise, and experiences, and where they can obtain the tools and support they need to advance shared goals – in their local communities, yet with an international reach.'

Mr Ghedira told Ms Myers that the IOC encourages all initiatives of women's olive oil networks, given the essential role of women in this sector and their important contribution to the education of future generations.



NEXT SESSION AND MARIO SOLINAS QUALITY AWARDS 2022 TO BE HELD IN JAÉN

MADRID, 26 OCTOBER 2022 – The Executive Director and the President of the Diputación de Jaén have signed an agreement to host key events in the Andalusian province between November and 1 December.

Executive Director **Abdellatif Ghedira** and the President of the Diputación de Jaén, **Francisco Reyes**, signed an agreement to allow Jaén to host various IOC events and meetings. Between 28 November and 1 December 2022, the provincial capital will host the 59th meeting of the Advisory Committee, the plenary of the 116th session of the Council of Members, the prize-giving ceremony of the Mario Solinas Quality Awards and the annual celebrations for World Olive Day.

These events are expected to gather more than 200 people from the 18 members of the Organisation as well as observers and representatives of the producer, packer, distributor and consumer entities that make up the Advisory Committee for Olive Oil and Table Olives.

The activities will begin on Monday 28 November 2022 with the 59th meeting of the Advisory Committee. On Tuesday 29 November, member representatives will visit different sites related to olive oil tourism in the province of Jaén. The guests will see how extra virgin olive oil is produced in a local oil mill, from cultivation to packaging, and see how important this product is in the province's gastronomy. The plenary of the 116th session of the Council of Members will be held on Wednesday 30 November, before the prize-giving ceremony of the Mario Solinas Quality Awards, the annual international competition to recognise the best extra virgin olive oils in the world. The IOC's events in Jaén will conclude on Thursday 1 December with a seminar on the role of olive growing in sustainability, quality and health, to celebrate World Olive Day.





Mr Ghedira thanked the Diputación de Jaén on behalf of the Council of Members and the Advisory Committee for their hospitality, and said that he looked forward to showcasing this beautiful olive-growing region to all IOC Members and observers

Mr Reyes was also pleased to sign this agreement, which will make the capital and, with it, the entire province of Jaén, the setting for these events of great international importance. 'We want to show the wide range of olive grove and olive oil tourism in our territory, to demonstrate all the great work we have done in recent years to promote these resources and show Jaén as the best place to immerse yourself in this ancient culture in the world', said Francisco Reyes, adding that the work promoted by the provincial administration to have the Andalusian olive-growing landscapes recognised as World Heritage by UNESCO will also be discussed with the members of the IOC.



STUDY OF THE RIPE PICUAL VARIETY: RESULTS

CORDOBA, 14 OCTOBER 2022- A meeting to present the results of the study of the ripe Picual variety was held on 14 October 2022. The meeting took place in Córdoba, at the headquarters of the **Instituto Andaluz de Investigación y Formación Agraria, Pesquera, Alimentaria y de la Producción Ecológica** (IFAPA) Alameda de Obispo de Córdoba. The meeting was attended by the Head of the Standardisation and Research Unit, Mercedes Fernández Albaladejo, and the Head of the Olive Oil Chemistry Department, Yousra Antit. The results of this study, which was conducted by IFAPA and the Asociación Española de Municipios del Olivo (AEMO), will be made available to the expert group on organoleptic assessment.

The Executive Secretariat received a formal request to create an electronic working group (eWG) in 2021 to study this issue. This group, which is coordinated by Fernando Martínez and José María Penco, is composed of IOC experts that were officially designated by the competent authorities of the participating countries.

Mercedes Fernández congratulated the coordinators and members of this eWG and all the panel leaders who helped conduct sensory analysis on the samples of this variety. She added that the IOC and the organoleptic assessment expert group would continue their work using the results from future crop years.

The results of the physico-chemical and organoleptic analyses were presented and the participants took part in a tasting session.



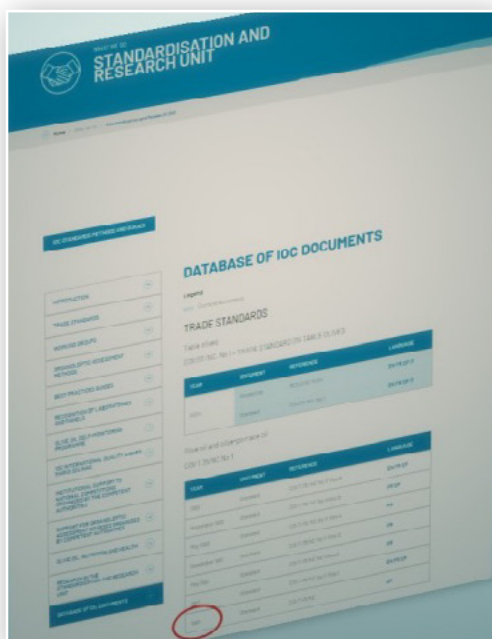


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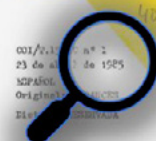
MADRID, 2 NOVEMBER 2022- The Standardisation and Research Unit has published an archive of every standard, method and corresponding decision adopted by the IOC since 1985. This was the result of several years' hard work to assemble the documents and present them in an accessible way for our readers.

Find them here

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/chemistry-standardisation-unit/#dbioc>



CONSEJO OLEICOLA INTERNACIONAL



NORMA COERCIONAL INTERNACIONAL APLICABLE A LOS ACEITES DE OLIVA Y A LOS ACEITES DE OLIVO DE AGRIEVINA

1. AMBITO DE APLICACION

Esta norma se aplicará al aceite de oliva virgen extra, al aceite de oliva virgen fino, al aceite de oliva virgen semifino (o corriente), al aceite de oliva virgen lampante, al aceite de oliva refinado, a la mezcla de aceite de oliva refinado y de oliva virgen, al aceite de crujo de aceituna bruta, al aceite de crujo de aceituna refinado y a la mezcla de aceite de crujo de aceituna refinado y de aceite de oliva virgen.

Estos aceites, objeto de comercio internacional, se destinan al consumo humano en la forma en que se obtienen o después de refinados, o a usos técnicos.

2. DESCRIPCION

2.1. El aceite de oliva es el aceite procedente únicamente del fruto del olivo (*Olea europaea*

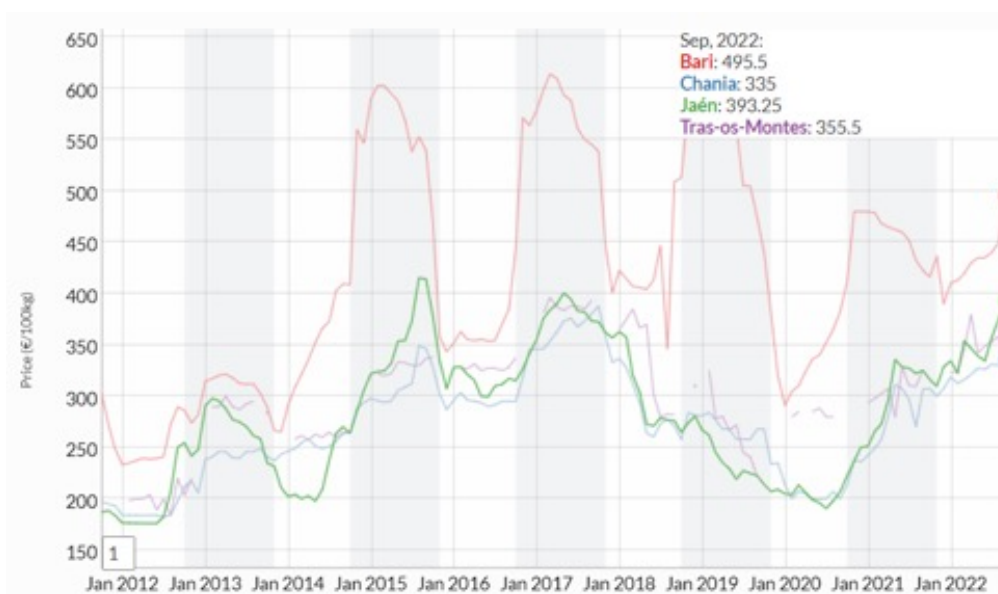


THE WORLD MARKET FOR OLIVE OIL AND TABLE OLIVES

OLIVE OIL PRICES

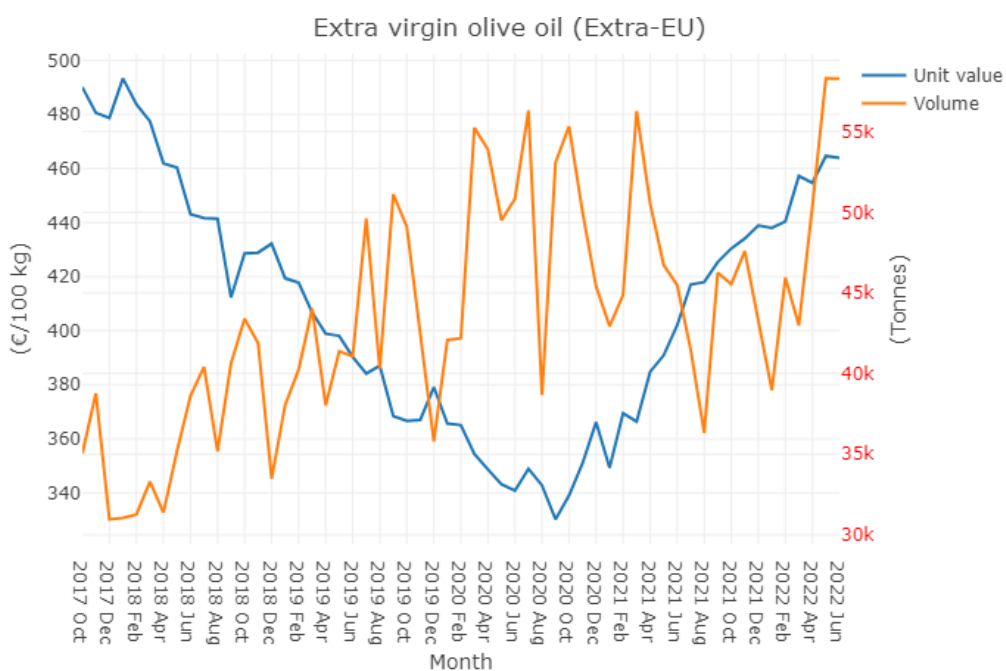
Extra virgin olive oil prices are steadily approaching the highs reached in the 2014/2015 crop year.

The latest figures for the penultimate week of September 2022 for Jaén, Spain, put extra virgin olive oil at €395.5 per 100 kg (+22.8% compared to the same period the previous crop year). This figure rises to €508 per 100kg (+21%) in Bari, Italy, and falls to €345 per 100kg for Chania, Greece (+11.3%). This means that prices are closing in on the highs reached in the 2014/2015 crop year.



Graph 1: Monthly price movements extra virgin olive oil

As for exports from the EU, in June of the 2021/2022 crop year, the unit value stood at €463.90 per 100 kg (+15.4% compared to the same period the previous crop year or -0.2 % compared to the previous month). This figure is still €29.40 lower than the peak of January 2018 (€493.30).



Graph 2: Unit value and volume of exports

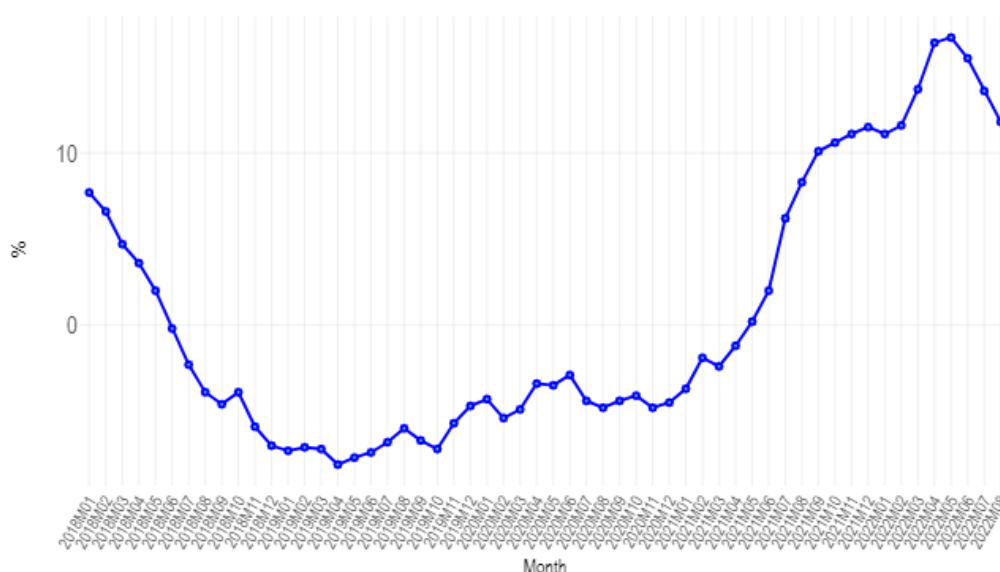
The unit value index of exports from the EU stood at 121.1(+32.6% compared to the same period the previous crop year or -0.4% compared to the previous month).



Graph 3: Unit value index for extra-EU exports

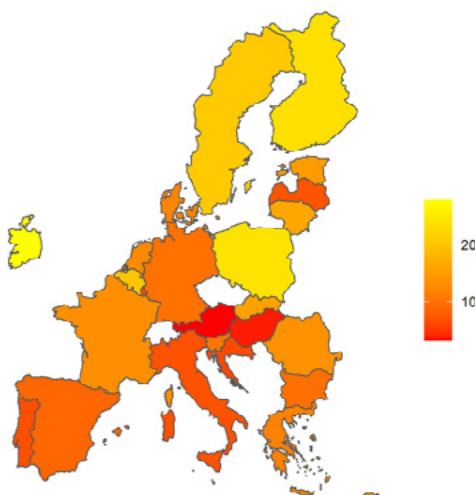


As for demand, the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP) for olive oil in the EU increased by 11.8% in August compared to the same month the previous crop year, a lower figure than in July (-0.2%), which could indicate a changing tide.

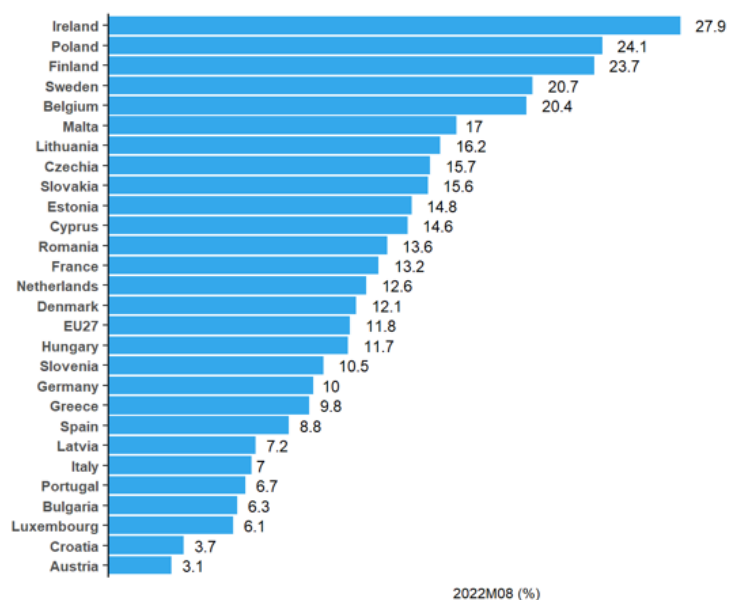


Graph 4: HICP for olive oil in the EU-27. Rate of change (m/m-12)(%)

By country, the largest increases were seen in Ireland, Poland, Finland, Sweden and Belgium, while the smallest were seen in Austria and Croatia. 15 countries remain above the EU-27 value.



Graph 5: Rate of change of the HICP for olive oil by country in August (m/m-12)(%)



Graph 6: Rate of change of the HICP for olive oil by country in August (m/m-12). (%)
<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/economic-affairs-promotion-unit/#prices>



I. 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 2021/22 crop year (October 2021–July 2022). Imports fell by 18% in Australia¹, 17% in Russia², 12% in Canada and 10% in Brazil compared to the same period the previous crop year. Imports rose by 4% in Japan and 5% in the US. Imports remained stable in China.

In the first nine months of the 2021/22 crop year, intra-EU acquisitions fell by 1% and extra-EU imports fell by 11% compared to the same period the previous crop year.

Olive oil imports (including olive-pomace oils)(t)

Importing country	October 20	October 21	November 20	November 21	December 20	December 21	January 21	January 22	February 21	February 22	March 21	March 22	April 21	April 22	May 21	May 22	June 21	June 22	July 21	July 21
Australia	3353.3	3385.1	2563.6	2254.0	3377.3	2809.0	1942.9	1967.5	3708.4	2453.0	2840.9	2941.4	4202.0	2366.1	3614.2	2554.0	2263.7	2069.8	3358.0	n.d
Brazil	11052.3	8137.6	12249.6	8895.7	10356.0	7465.7	9219.6	7150.2	7230.1	6199.6	9490.6	9806.9	7354.8	8204.9	8658.7	7253.2	7257.3	8986.3	7185.4	9435.8
Canada	5755.7	3195.9	5146.6	3628.6	5900.5	3209.7	5417.4	3997.5	3541.5	5294.5	4686.8	5632.6	4620.7	4200.3	8360.7	4702.0	5482.6	8699.3	3776.5	3607.3
China	2588.2	3156.3	5438.5	5464.2	7785.1	8439.6	4931.3	3827.9	1974.5	2931.0	3264.2	2711.2	3204.7	2787.0	4645.5	2210.5	3538.7	3424.0	5092.5	7341.7
Japan	4902.6	4567.0	6160.0	6856.5	4478.2	4514.3	3690.9	6200.7	3687.6	3557.2	5915.0	5759.4	4888.5	4871.7	4429.1	4366.3	6715.7	5238.9	5095.0	6038.1
Russia	4156.7	3227.1	3908.1	3393.8	3592.3	2805.4	2220.1	2362.0	2764.4	n.d	2392.6	n.d	3117.2	n.d	3540.5	n.d	3693.7	n.d	2919.3	n.d
USA	29330.7	24687.7	33389.2	32101.5	32336.5	25596.4	41415.3	28712.1	22704.7	31094.2	29599.8	32371.3	41059.3	40530.7	41061.5	52410.9	35544.0	45645.3	23537.9	33678.6
Extra-EU27	19817.7	15418.9	22010.5	9681.7	19222.7	28845.2	14900.6	7075.9	17754.0	14814.2	20302.2	15339.9	21270.8	22021.2	15448.7	17543.8	12918.7	14662.3	8836.9	n.d
Intra-EU27	96528.6	81263.4	104971.3	98173.2	119103.8	116706.2	96943.8	92702.8	119629.3	113380.0	122183.2	110910.4	95490.3	104439.8	109237.9	125059.5	93493.2	104449.6	85892.4	n.d
Total	179494.7	147019.0	169448.3	170449.1	206552.4	200381.5	180682.0	154086.6	183084.4	179723.6	200675.3	185474.9	185199.3	189421.7	200116.7	216100.2	170907.6	193185.5	145693.9	60001.4

2. TABLE OLIVES – 2021/22 CROP YEAR

The table below shows trade in table olives in the 2021/22 crop year³ 2021/22 (September 2021–July 2022). Imports fell by 11% Canada, 9% in Australia, 8% in Brazil and 1% in the US compared to the same period the previous crop year.

In the 2021/22 crop year (September 2021–June 2022), intra-EU acquisitions rose by 3% and extra-EU imports fell by 2% compared to the same period the previous crop year⁴.

Table olive imports (t)

Importing country	September 20	September 21	October 20	October 21	November 20	November 21	December 20	December 21	January 21	January 22	February 21	February 22	March 21	March 22	April 21	April 22	May 21	May 22	June 21	June 22	July 21	July 22
Australia	1590.2	1622.4	1457.0	1120.8	1671.5	1277.0	2141.9	1531.5	1538.6	1296.8	2028.3	1565.2	1353.1	2275.7	1645.5	1691.3	1876.8	1559.2	1643.4	1500.8	1593.0	n.d
Brazil	14702.7	11770.4	17012.7	10495.0	14990.8	13417.9	14363.3	9612.7	9531.1	5484.3	9704.6	8162.5	9113.9	9275.3	8573.7	8914.5	6504.6	8698.7	7846.4	12389.1	7208.3	10904.8
Canada	4138.0	2381.3	3671.0	2986.9	4988.8	3150.3	3140.7	3032.9	3075.5	3320.0	2375.5	2403.6	3133.8	2837.2	2513.0	2986.2	3372.1	3727.7	3601.5	3670.4	3950.0	2322.9
USA	8942.1	12274.1	11341.4	11534.0	13197.0	10713.6	11828.2	12419.3	11664.8	11211.4	8397.8	9804.7	12571.5	12150.6	9505.0	10494.0	14068.1	14041.0	18216.1	17614.9	18166.4	15540.9
Extra-EU27	8375.4	8335.4	10687.0	8685.6	10462.1	9328.5	10589.1	8114.0	8666.6	8747.8	7817.1	9371.0	11835.2	11235.7	10602.7	11548.2	9671.0	10045.3	8384.0	10650.8	8840.7	n.d
Intra-EU27	3224.7	2911.0	3245.7	3339.3	33459.8	39645.5	29374.8	29429.6	29611.4	22988.4	23419.9	24904.0	31699.6	25720.4	29934.8	25529.0	27934.8	33323.4	29874.9	33344.8	32537.5	n.d
Total	67883.0	64794.6	76805.7	67710.6	74899.9	77532.7	71438.0	61334.0	64978.1	53048.6	53743.1	56231.0	69707.1	63494.8	61644.7	61173.2	64337.3	72395.2	70566.2	78770.8	71537.8	28768.6

1 Data for Australia were only available up until June 2022 when this newsletter was published.

2 Data for Russia were only available up until January 2022 when this newsletter was published.

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 June 2022 when this newsletter was published.



II. PRODUCER PRICES – OLIVE OILS

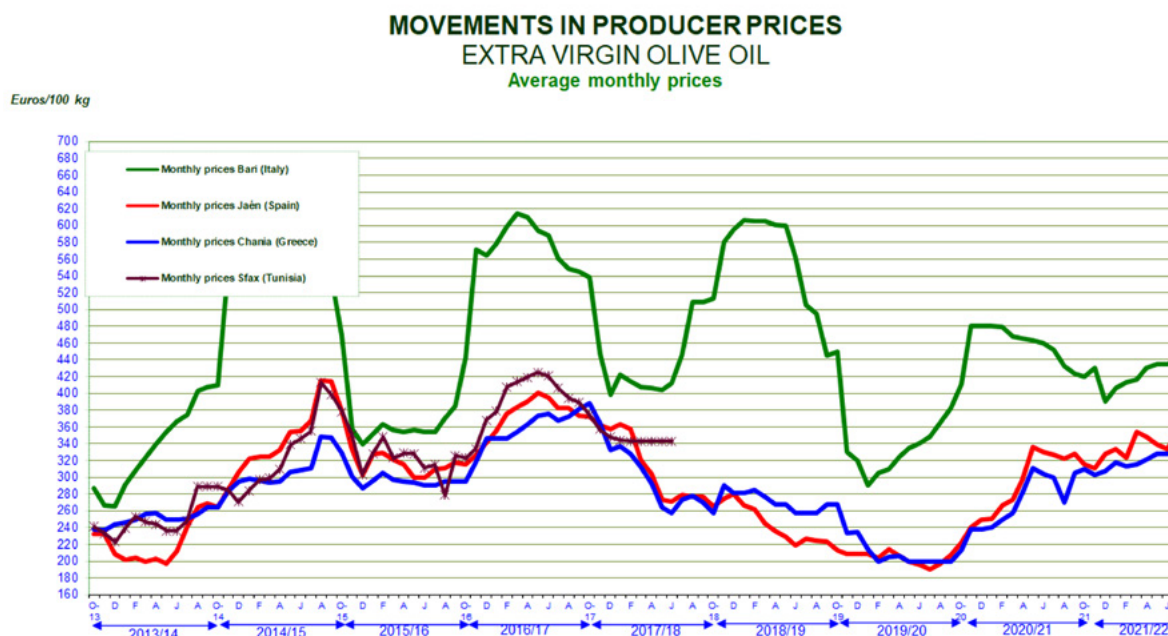
Monthly price movements for extra virgin olive oil and refined olive oil are shown in graphs 1 and 2.

Extra virgin olive oil – Producer prices in **Spain** from 19 to 25 September 2022 stood at €3.96/kg, a 22.8% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

Italy – Prices in Italy from 19 to 25 September 2022 stood at €5.08/kg, a 21% rise on the same period the previous crop year.

Greece – Prices in Greece from 19 to 25 September 2022 stood at €3.45/kg, a 11.3% 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.

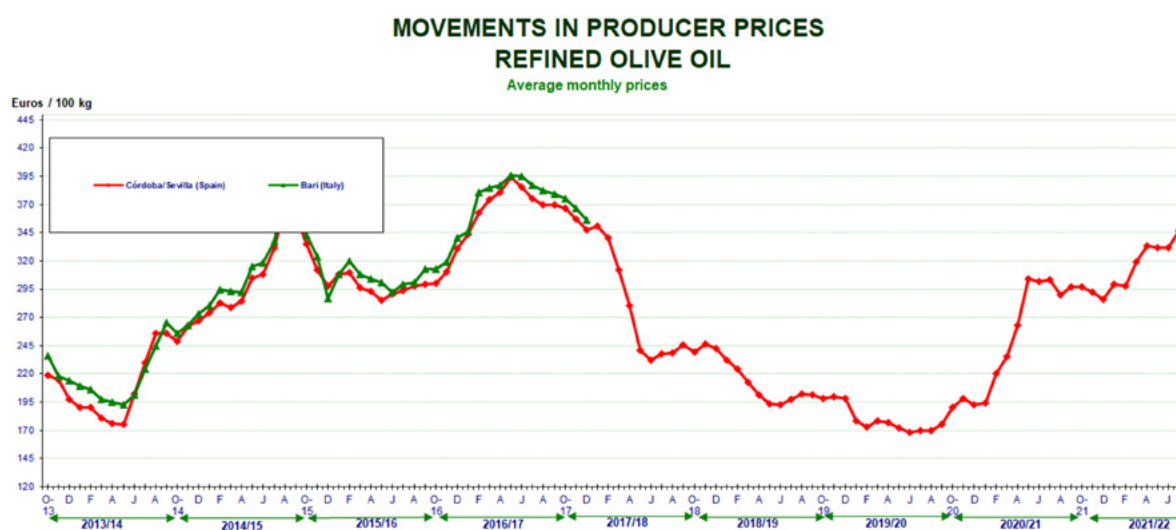


Graph 1



Refined olive oil: Producer prices in Spain stood at €3.73/kg from 19 to 25 September 2022, which points to an increase of 26% compared to the same period the previous crop year. Data from 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 (€3.96/kg) and refined olive oil (€3.73/kg) in Spain was €0.23/kg. In Italy, the difference was €0.43/kg in December 2017 (Graph 2).



Graph 2

<https://www.internationaloliveoil.org/what-we-do/economic-affairs-promotion-unit/#prices>



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