

Peru Exported 16.6% More Sweet Onion

Detail Introduction :

In the 2021/2022 campaign (which begins in late July and ends in mid-March), Peruvian exports of sweet (yellow) onions reached 182,000 tons (7,000 containers of 26 tons each), which represented an increase of 16.6% compared to the 156,000 tons (6,000 containers) dispatched in the previous campaign (2020/2021).



This was reported by the general manager of Key Peru, Miguel Ognio, who indicated that the main destination of sweet onions from Peru was the United States, which accounted for between 80% and 85% of the volume shipped. The rest headed for Europe.

He highlighted that in the 2021/2022 campaign there were logistical problems due to the lower frequency of shipping companies, the absence of containers, as well as congestion in the destination ports, which generated an increase in the price of freight of up to 100%. The cost of freight represented up to 25% of the sale price.

"Due to these problems, shipments were made late, transit times lasted up to 100 days to reach the destination, especially to the west coast of the United States (normally it takes 24 days to the west coast and 17 days to the east coast).)", Held.

Miguel Ognio pointed out that in Peru there are between 3,500 and 4,000 hectares of sweet onions, the main regions being Ica, which concentrates 50% of the total, and Arequipa with 20% of the area. Other regions where there are crops of this type of onions are the small north of Lima and Olmos (Lambayeque).