

# The rains and the strike give a boost to the prices of the last Primofiori lemons

## Detail Introduction :

The marketing of Fino or Primafiori lemon is now in its final stretch and in transition towards the start of the Verna campaign, which will be harvested and marketed in April. In the field, the last operations are taking place for the last fine lemons, with prices that depend on the quality and percentage of commercial units that range between €0.30 and €0.40 per kilo.



"Supply difficulties finally allow us to shed some light and improve sales prices in the market," they say from Ailimpo. "On the one hand, the heavy rains, unusual in Spain, have temporarily suspended the harvest. On the other hand, the transporters' strikes have made it difficult to transport lemons to Europe. In this context, the clear reduction in supply, the demand for the end has clearly tightened and has resulted in slight price increases, which were already demanded and expected for weeks, a trend that must be consolidated in the final stretch of the fine lemon campaign."

The Verna season perfectly complements the Fino lemon commercial window, since the bulk of its harvest takes place from the beginning of spring to the end of summer, a scenario that allows producers of European lemons produced in Spain meet consumer demand.

Regarding the course of the Verna lemon campaign, the forecast finally points to a harvest close to 1.5 million tons for this 2022, which will mean a reduction of around 45% compared to the volumes of 2021. This is due to the fact that the Adverse weather conditions last year -cold, wind and excessive rains- affected flowering and fruit set in some production areas, according to Ailimpo.

Verna is an original and representative variety of Vega del Segura, in the Region of Murcia, although it is also grown in the fields of Andalusia, especially in the province of Malaga. "In fact, it is a native Spanish variety, unique in the world, which gives it a very special character," they point out from the interprofessional