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## I NTRODUCTION

The information in this document is arranged in three parts:

- the "analysis" part describes the market situation and the mechanisms of the market organization in the product;
- the "statistics" part gives most of the tables appearing for the product in the annual report on agriculture in the Community;
- lastly, the "explanatory memorandum" of the Commission's annual agricultural price proposals provides an indispensable illustration of the Community policy.


## DESCRIPTION OF THE MECHANISMS

OF THE COMMON ORGANIZATION OF THE FARKETS (*)

## A. FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The gradual establishment of a fruit and vegetables market organization was provided for in Regulation No 23 of 4 April 1962. This was replaced by Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables, which came into force on 1 June 1972 and was last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1754/92.

There are a number of regulations introducing special measures:

- Regulation (EEC) No 2511/69 laying down, inter alia, special measures for improving the production and marketing of Community citrus fruits, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1130/89;
- Regulation (EEC) No $2601 / 69$ laying down special measures to encourage the processing of certain varieties of oranges, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 3848/89;
- Regulation (EEC) No $1035 / 77$ laying down special measures to encourage the marketing of products processed from lemons, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1199/90;
- Regulation (EEC) No 1198/90 establishing a Community register of citrus cultivation;
- Regulation (EEC) No $3438 / 92$ laying down special rules for the transport of certain fresh fruit and vegetables originating in Greece;
- financial contributions to be proposed in connection with the restructuring of the French, Italian and Greek fruit and vegetable sectors, i.e. those most affected by the abolition of the transitional measures provided for in the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal;
- Regulations (EEC) Nos 1196/90 and 1200/90 on the stabilization of the Community production of mandarins and apples;
- Regulations (EEC) Nos 1195/90 and 1201/90 on measures to increase the consumption and utilization of citrus fruit and apples;
- Regulation (EEC) No $789 / 89$ instituting specific measures for nuts and locust beans.

[^0]The market organization covers products falling within the following codes of the Combined Nomenclature:

- Vegetables: 070200 to 0708 and 0709, with the exception of codes $07096091,07096095,07096099,07099031$, 07099039 and 07099060 ;
- Fruit: 0802 (with the exception of code No 080290 30), $08042010,0805,08061011,08061015,08061019$, 0807 to 0810 and ex 08135030 (mixtures exclusively of nuts of codes 0801, 0802 and 121210 10);
- Locust beans: 12121010.

Quality standards are fixed for a number of these products and normally comprise three classes: Extra, I and II.

The marketing year differs from product to product.
Expenditure on fresh fruit and vegetables was $1.9 \%$ of total EAGGF Guarantee spending in 1992.

## 1. ECONOMIC BACKGROUND (1)

Community production of fruit harvested for sale in 1991/92 was 28.2 million $t$, less (-8.4\%) than in 1990/91. Production of vegetables, totalling 46.7 million $t$ during 1991/92, was greater than in 1990/91 ( $+3.6 \%$ ) and $8.7 \%$ above the average for $1987 / 89$.

Internal consumption of fruit in 1990/91 came to 35,3 million $t$ including 9.3 million $t$ of citrus fruit. Consumption of vegetables was 43.0 million $t$. Nearly all internal consumption of fruit and vegetables (about $90 \%$ ) is human consumption.

The self-sufficiency rate in vegetables was 104\% in 1990/91, in non-citrus fruit $83 \%$ and in citrus fruit $71 \%$.

Trade with countries outside the Community varies from product to product:

- imports in 1991: 3.8 million $t$ of fruit (of which 1.6 million $t$ of citrus fruit) and 0.9 million $t$ of fresh vegetables,
- exports in 1991: 1.5 million $t$ of fresh fruit (of which 0.8 million $t$ of citrus fruit) and 0.6 million $t$ of vegetables.
(1) Community production of bananas and the common organization of the market in bananas are not included here.

2. OPERATION OF THE MARKET (1)

### 2.1. Price arrangements

For each marketing year, the Council fixes two types of price for the products considered important in determining producers' incomes: peaches, pears, apples, table grapes, oranges, mandarins, lemons, cauliflowers, tomatoes, aubergines, apricots, clementines, satsumas and nectarines.
(a) Basic price: This is fixed for each product, taking account of market prices over the three preceding years and the need to contribute to supporting producers' incomes. It is used to calculate buying-in prices.
(b) Buying-in price: This price is set at between $30 \%$ and $65 \%$ of the basic price according to product.

There are two further types of price derived from the above 'institutional' prices:

- Withdrawal price This is derived from the basic price and the buyingin price and is the price below which producer organizations do not offer their members' products for sale: the latter are paid compensation instead. The arrangement is currently confined to the above basic products, and the price guarantees to producers that part of the normal price they need to cover costs and labour. Withdrawal prices may not exceed the buying-in price for quality class II plus 10\% of the basic price.
- Public buying-in price

Should a serious crisis occur on the market, intervention agencies may buy in surplus products at a price not exceeding the buying-in price, adjusted for quality class II, provided the products meet the standards set for this class, plus other adjustments where appropriate depending on the products being bought in.
(c) Reference prices: The reference prices, set by the Commission, are minimum entry prices for a number of products exposed to competitive pressure from imports (cucumbers, tomatoes, aubergines, courgettes, cherries, apricots, peaches and nectarines, table grapes, lemons, plums, pears, apples, cabbage lettuces, endives, artichokes, mandarins and satsumas, clementines and blood oranges); reference prices are based on the
(1) Community production of bananas and the common organization of the market in bananas are not included here.
arithmetic mean of production prices in the Member States in the preceding three marketing years, taking account both of changes in production costs in the fruit and vegetables sector and of a sum representing the cost of transporting the products from the area of production to centres of consumption in the Community.

### 2.2. Specific market instruments

### 2.2.1. Import and export arrangements

In the case of imports, for each product concerned and for each place of origin, the entry price determined daily from the market prices recorded on representative markets in the Community is compared with the reference price. If the market price is below the reference price, a countervailing charge is payable.

To facilitate exports, export refunds generally designed to make up the difference between the internal price and the world market price may be granted.

### 2.2.2. Withdrawal operations

Where producer organizations have been unable to sell part of their production and have therefore paid compensation to producers, they receive financial compensation from the EAGGF. This compensation is equal to that paid to producers (which may not exceed withdrawal prices), minus net receipts obtained from the produce withdrawn from the market.

Financial compensation may also be paid in the case of public buying-in.

For tomatoes, mandarins, clementines, satsumas, oranges, lemons, peaches, nectarines, apples and cauliflowers there is a threshold for withdrawals. If the quantities withdrawn from the market in a single marketing year exceed the threshold, the buying-in price for the subsequent year is reduced progressively by $1 \%$, up to a maximum reduction of 20\%. Since 1990/91 the thresholds have been calculated for the Community.

### 2.3. Prices fixed

For the 1993/94 marketing year, the Commission has proposed the freezing of institutional prices.

### 2.4. Measurcs accompanying the price mechanisms

2.4.1. Establishment of a Community register of citrus cultivation

The establishment of the register was undertaken to improve production orientation and also to improve the Community arrangements for withdrawals and control measures. It was considered necessary to have access to data indicating citrus production potential in the Community.

### 2.4.2. Promotion measures

(a) Financial compensation for promotion of orange and mandarin sales

This takes the form of marketing premiums paid to sellers by each producing Member State (reimbursable by the EAGGF), with the aim of increasing sales in the Community by assisting marketing operations. These premiums have been degressive since 1990/91 onwards and cease in 1993/94.
(b) Financial compensation to support processing of citrus fruit

This scheme applies to oranges and lemons.
Premiums are paid to processors, thereby ensuring regular supplies of Community fruit to the Community processing industry, thus helping disposal of the fruit. Supply contracts between producers and processors are based on a minimum price fixed before the start of each marketing year.

For oranges, the minimum price is fixed at the level of the highest withdrawal price valid during the periods of substantial withdrawals. For lemons, the minimum price is also fixed on the basis of the withdrawal price, but in accordance with the system established by Regulation (EEC) No 1199/90 (OJ No L 119, 11.5.1990, p. 61).

The financial compensation cannot be greater than the difference between the minimum price and the prices charged for the raw material in non-Community producing countries.

These products are also subject to the stabilizers for fresh products. They are treated in the same way as production for consumption fresh for the purpose of fixing the intervention thresholds and as a quantity eligible for an intervention measure for the purposes of establishing whether the intervention thresholds have been exceeded.
(c) Measures to increase consumption of apples and citrus fruit

The Community contributes from 50 to $60 \%$ towards the financing of schames to promote consumption of fresh apples and citrus fruit harvested in the community.

### 2.4.3. Measures to improve Community production

To adjust the supply of apples and mandarins to demand, growers qualified during the period 1990/91 to 1992/93 for a single orchard grubbing premium.

This premium was financed by the EAGGF Guarantee Section.

## 3. COMMON ORGANIZATION OF THE MARKET IN BANANAS

This organization is governed by Council Regulation (EEC) No 404/93 of 13 February 1993.

The common organization applies to Combined Nomenclature code ex 0803, excluding plantains, fresh or dried, and to products processed from bananas falling within various CN codes.

Quality standards are laid down for bananas intended to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Standards may also be laid down for processed products.

The marketing year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

### 3.1. Aid scheme

(a) The Member states grant aids to recognized producers' organizations to encourage their establishment and assist their administrative operation. These aids are part-financed by the EAGGF Guidance Section.
(b) The competent authorities of the Member states may draw up operational programmes under the Community support frameworks to achieve the objectives of improving quality and competitiveness. These programmes are partfinanced by the EAGGF Guidance Section.
(c) Compensation for any loss of income is granted to Community producers who are, in general, members of a recognized producers' organization.

The maximum quantity of community bananas marketed for which compensation may be granted is fixed at 854000 tonnes (net weight), broken down by producer region.

The compensatory aid is calculated on the basis of the difference between the 'flat-rate reference income' and the 'average production income'. Supplementary aid and advances may be paid in certain circumstances.

This aid is fixed by the Commission in accordance with the management committee procedure, before 1 March of each year for the previous year, and is chargeable in its entirety to the EAGGF Guarantee Section.
(d) A single premium of ECU 1000 per hectare, which may be adjusted, chargeable to the EAGGF Guarantee Section, is granted to community producers who cease to grow bananas.
(e) The Commission has proposed the introduction of a diversification and development programme for certain banana-producing countries in Latin America (COM (92) 496 final of 25 November 1992), which will be financed by a new budget heading under financial and technical aid and economic cooperation with developing countries in Latin America and Asia.

### 3.2. Import and export arrangements

Imports from the ACP States, amounting to 857700 tonnes (net weight), considered as being traditional, are subject to zero customs duty and shared between the ACP states.

A tariff quota of 2 million tonnes (net weight) is opened each year for imports of bananas from third countries and non-traditional ACP imports.

Under this tariff quota imports of bananas from third countries are subject to a levy of ECU 100 a tonne, while imports of non-traditional ACP bananas are subject to zero duty.

When Community demand as determined on the basis of the forecast supply balance increases, the volume of the quota is increased accordingly before 30 November prior to the relevant marketing year.

Outside the quota:

- imports of non-traditional ACP bananas are subject to a duty of ECU 750/tonne;
- imports of bananas from third countries are subject to a levy of ECU 850/tonne.

On the basis of separate calculations for each of the categories of operators, each operator obtains import licenses on the basis of the average quantities of bananas that he has sold in the three most recent years for which figures are available.

The processed fruit and vegetables market organization began operation in 1968. It is governed by Regulation (EEC) No 426/86, as last amended by Regulation (EEC) No 1569/92.

Regulation (EEC) No 525/77 introduced a system of production aid for tinned pineapple, and Regulation (EEC) No 1991/92 introduced special measures for raspberries intended for processing.

The common organization covers the following products: frozen, dehydrated and preserved, dried or leguminous vegetables; frozen, dried and preserved fruit, fruit paste, fruit juices and others.

The production of processed citrus fruit and bananas, on the other hand, is covered by the organization of the market in fresh fruit and vegetables.

Expenditure on products processed from fruit and vegetables came to $2 \%$ of total EAGGF Guarantee spending in 1992.

## 1. ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Production of processed fruit and vegetables eligible for production aid increased slightly ( $0.5 \%$ ) between 1990 and 1991.

The external trade balance for all processed fruit and vegetables showed the following trends:

- imports rose from 2.7 million $t$ in 1990 to 3.1 million $t$ in 1991,
- exports remained stable about 1.2 million $t$ in both 1989 and 1990.


## 2. OPERATION OF THE MARKET

2.1. Specific market instruments
2.1.1. External trade arrangements

To facilitate exports, export refunds making up the difference between the Community price and the world market price may be granted.

A minimum price at the frontier has been introduced for certain processed products, including certain products processed from cherries and dried grapes. A similar measure is introduced in specific cases for certain soft fruit intended for processing originating in certain East European countries.

### 2.1.2. Aid for processed fruit and vegetables

The Council introduced this scheme in 1978 as part of a general policy for the Mediterranean areas. The aid scheme was necessary because of the difference between prices of Community products and those of imported products; the aim is to ensure adequate incomes for producers of fresh fruit and vegetables by means of a minimum price which the processor must undertake to pay to producers to qualify for the aid.

The Commission fixes minimum prices each year under the management committee procedure. Prices are fixed by product before the start of the marketing year, taking account of the minimum price of the previous marketing year and the movement in the basic prices for fresh products, as well as the need to ensure normal sales of fresh products to the various endusers.

The scheme covers tomato products, peaches and pears in syrup and/or natural fruit juice, prunes and (since the accession of Greece) dried figs and dried grapes.

The Commission decided as part of the $1990 / 91$ prices package to fix the processing aid for all products except dried grapes in such a way as to offset the difference between the cost of the raw material used in the community and that of the raw material from the main competing non-Community countries. (This system has already been implemented for pears and peaches in syrup and/or natural fruit juice.) For dried grapes the aid is fixed each year by the Commission in such a way as to compensate for the difference between the level of Community prices (having regard to the minimum price payable to the producer) and that of products of non-Community countries or, where imports do not attain a representative volume, that of a price determined on the basis of intra-Community trade and Community market prospects. The aid is granted in respect of the net finished product and is calculated on the basis of the raw material used.

In the case of dried grapes the production aid scheme is gradually - over the marketing years 1990/91 to 1993/94 - being replaced by cultivation aid fixed per hectare of specialized area harvested.

During the transitional period, the cultivation aid is being introduced progressively to offset the decrease in production aid resulting from the progressive reduction in the minimum price.
(From 1990/91 to 1993/94, this price is being cut by ECU 19,941/100 kg per marketing year. It will no longer be fixed from 1994/95, and the production aid will no longer apply from that marketing year.)

### 2.1.3. Stabilisation mechanisms

(a) System limiting the grant of aid to certain quantities fixed in advance: it is used today for processed tomatoes

- Processed tomatoes: this system was established by Council Regulation No 1320/85.

Council Regulation (EEC) No $668 / 93$ restricts the grant of production aid for all the processing establishments in each Member state, starting in the 1993/94 marketing year, to a quantity of products processed from tomatoes, for the Twelve, corresponding to a volume of fresh tomatoes of 6596787 t.

This volume is divided up as follows:

- $4317339 t$ for the manufacture of tomato concentrates;
- $1543228 t$ for the manufacture of whole peeled tomatoes;
- 736220 t for the manufacture of other processed tomato products.

This volume of fresh tomatoes is divided between the Member states and allocated by the Member states to processing undertakings on the basis of the quantities produced by each of them during the three marketing years preceding that for which the aid is fixed.
(b) Guarantee threshold system, overrun of which leads to a reduction in production aid during the current marketing year

- Processed tomatoes: this system was established back in 1984/85 by Regulation (EEC) No $989 / 84$ but was suspended by the application of the 'quota' system; it was not applied until 1992/93 and became obsolete from 1993/94.
(c) Guarantee threshold system, overrun of which leads to a reduction in production aid during the following marketing year
- Peaches in syrup: Regulation (EEC) No 2245/88 fixed the guarantee threshold for the Community of Eleven at 502000 t: from 1989/90 this quantity also covers peaches in natural fruit juice and from 1990/91 onwards the threshold is 582000 t for the Twelve (Regulation (EEC) No 1205/90).
- Williams pears in syrup: since the introduction of a production aid, aid has been limited to a fixed quantity. This quantity, changed into a guarantee threshold for williams and Rocha pears in syrup and/or natural fruit juice by the Council as part of the 1989/90 prices decisions, is currently 102805 t.
- Dried grapes:
(a) the guarantee thresholds for dried grapes in the community of Twelve are as follows: currants: 68000 t , sultanas: 93000 t , and moscatel: 4000 t.
(b) as regards aid per hectare, the reduction applies if the areas under dried grapes exceed the maximum guaranteed area set at 53000 ha.


### 2.2. Prices fixed

The change in minimum prices and aids for 1993/94 will be decided by the commission for each product before the beginning of the relevant marketing year under the management committee procedure.

### 2.3. Production aid for tinned pineapple

This is designed to help the industry to maintain competitive prices in relation to prices charged by the main non-Community producing countries, while ensuring adequate returns for producers of fresh pineapple; production aid is granted to processors who undertake to pay producers at least the minimum price fixed each year.

### 2.4. Special measures for raspberries for processing

This scheme was established by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1991/92 and includes the following aids:

- the EAGGF Guarantee Section contributes $50 \%$ towards the financing of flat-rate aids granted by the Member States to recognized producers' organizations which have submitted programmes for improving the competitiveness of the raspberry industry;
- approved programmes qualify for a Community aid of $40 \%$ of the amount of the expenditure incurred.

Trend of appropriations (*)
(ECU)

| Article | Heading | $\begin{gathered} \text { Appropriations } \\ 1994 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Appropriations } \\ 1993 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B1-150 | FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES |  |  |
| B1-1500 | Export refunds | 104000000 | 104000000 |
| B1-1501 | Compensation for withdrawals and buying in and for free distribution operations | 390000000 | 520000000 |
| B1-1502 | Compensation to promote Community citrus fruits | 4000000 | 9000000 |
| B1-1503 | Compensation to encourage processing of citrus fruits | 173000000 | 202000000 |
| B1-1504 | Citrus register | 6000000 | 2000000 |
| B1-1505 | Improvement of production | p.m. | 18000000 |
| B1-1506 | Promotion measures | 22000000 | 22000000 |
| B1-1507 | Nuts | 79000000 | 117000000 |
| B1-1508 | Bananas | 185000000 | 94000000 |
| B1-1509 | Other intervention | 49000000 | 16000000 |
| Total of article B1-150 (fresh fruit and vegetables) |  | 1012000000 | 1104000000 |
| B1-151 | Processed fruit and vegetables |  |  |
| B1-1510 | Export refunds | 23000000 | 24000000 |
| B1-1511 | Production aid for processed tomato products | 422000000 | 355000000 |
| B1-1512 | Production aid for fruit-based products | 118000000 | 125000000 |
| B1-1513 | Production aid and intervention for processed dried grape products | 135000000 | 111000000 |
| B1-1514 | Production aid for tinned pineapple | 10000000 | 10000000 |
| B1-1516 | Production aid for processed raspberries | 2000000 | 1000000 |
| B1-1519 | Other intervention | p.m. | p.m. |
| Total of article B1-151 (processed fruit and vegetables) |  | 710000000 | 626000000 |
| TOTAL OF CHAPTER B1-15 (Fruit \& vegetables) |  | 1722000000 | 1730000000 |

(*) Extracted from "Final adoption of the general budget for the European Union for the financial year 1994" - OJ L 34, 7.2.1994.

## THE SITUATION OF THE MARKETS (*)

## Fresh fruit and vegetables

There may not be a world market, in the exact sense of the term, in fruit and vegetables, but there is nevertheless a large volume of international trade in citrus fruit, apples and pears. In all three cases it is the Community market that exercises the strongest influence on trade, above all trade in citrus fruit. In 1992/93 world production of citrus fruit totalled 70 million tonnes, a $5 \%$ increase on 1991/92. The proportion of fruit processed rose from about $32 \%$ around 1975 to $36 \%$ in 1989/90, particularly in the case of citrus fruit, the production of concentrated orange juice being the fastest growing form of processing.

The data available on Community production of fresh fruit and vegetables in the 1992/93 marketing years do not provide an adequate basis for a full assessment. The most striking factor was an unprecedented level of apple production ( 10.58 million tonnes). The biological phenomenon of biennial bearing was partly responsible for the $365 \%$ increase in German production, but the Benelux countries and France also saw very substantial increases in production in 1992 (194 and $82 \%$ respectively). Withdrawals from the market by producer groups in 1992 totalled 1.69 million tonnes ( $16 \%$ of production). As a result, the institutional
(*) Extract from "The agricultural situation in the Community. 1993 report."
prices of apples were reduced by $5 \%$ in 1993 after the intervention threshold was exceeded. The indications are that the 1993 apple harvest will be smaller, but still above average. However, production is changing to adapt to market requirements: new varieties of apples are being introduced to meet changing consumer demand.

In the citrus fruit sector, almost 6 million tonnes of oranges were produced in the 1992/93 marketing year, representing an increase of $17 \%$ on 1991/92 production. Production of clementines in Italy and Spain rose by 21 and $22 \%$ respectively, but fell in France. In Greece production remained stable. Spain, which at present supplies nearly all the satsumas produced in the Community, saw a slight fall ( $5 \%$ ) in the production of this fruit. Satsuma withdrawals remain at a very low level, less than $1 \%$ of production. Production of lemons fell by $51 \%$ in Greece but increased by $24 \%$ in Spain.

In the important nuts sector, walnut production increased by $46 \%$ in France, but production remained stable in Italy. Hazelnut production fell by $24 \%$ in Italy, which is the biggest producer, and increased by almost $50 \%$ in Spain.

Community pear production exceeded the initial estimates and reached 3.2 million tonnes. Only in the United Kingdom did production fall (by $32 \%$ ), while in Italy, Spain and Germany harvests exceeded 1992 levels by 61, 55 and $238 \%$ respectively. Pear withdrawals totalled 236100 tonnes, or $8 \%$ of production. It appears that the 1993 harvest will also be above average.

Production of peaches and nectarines did not increase as sharply as in the case of pomaceous fruit, but it has been rising over the last few years (with the exception of 1991), and in 1992 almost 3.6 million tonnes of peaches and 1.1 million tonnes of nectarines were produced. In all 877400 tonnes of peaches ( $24 \%$ of production) and 348400 tonnes of nectarines ( $32 \%$ of production) were withdrawn from the market.

Production levels for fresh vegetables in 1992/93 were similar to those of the preceding few years, increasing in the northern Member States (Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom) and falling in Italy. Cauliflower production continued to rise in Italy, Belgium and the United Kingdom, but showed signs of stabilizing elsewhere (Germany and the Netherlands). Withdrawals totalled 122500 tonnes and represented about $5 \%$ of production. Tomato production fell in some Member States, but the quantities of fresh tomatoes supplied to the market did not change significantly.

Internal trade in fruit and vegetables, which had been expanding at an annual rate of 5 to $6 \%$ over the previous few years, continued to do so in 1992, with the exception of apples, for which the volume of trade fell by 6 to $7 \%$ against 1991.

On the level of external trade, imports were generally stable in 1992, but there was a fairly substantial increase in exports, mainly accounted for by oranges. However, the balance of trade in fresh fruit remained negative, with 1992 imports at $110 \%$ of 1985 imports.

Fruit




Vegetable exports, which are far lower than fruit exports, are increasing gradually but steadily, with the exception of cucumbers. Tomato imports increased slightly.

## Market management

The Council has kept all basic prices and purchase prices for fresh fruit and vegetables at their previous levels for the 1993/94 marketing year. However, the rules governing the stabilizer scheme led to a fall in these prices for cauliflowers ( $-5 \%$ ), peaches ( $-16 \%$ ), nectarines ( $-20 \%$ ), lemons ( $-2 \%$ ), apples ( $-5 \%$ ) and oranges ( $-15 \%$ ). These reductions were in addition to those caused by the currency realignments in September 1992, November 1992, January 1993 and May 1993. The prices in force in the Community of Ten were applied in Spain from 1 January 1993 and in Portugal from 1 April 1993.

The Council extended the aid scheme for processing oranges to small citrus fruit (mandarins, satsumas and clementines).

## Processed fruit and vegetables

Only certain products in this sector are covered by a Community support scheme.
Although a large volume of prunes is produced in the Community, prices rose sharply in the 1992/93 marketing year. Imports, mainly from the USA, remain more or less equivalent to Community production, although they fell by $6 \%$ in 1992. Exports rose sharply but are still at a relatively low level ( 2700 tonnes). The firmness of the market made it possible to increase minimum prices by $2.5 \%$ and reduce production aid by $2.73 \%$.

Production of peaches in syrup has risen sharply over the last two marketing years and reached 697000 tonnes in 1992/93, which represents a $14.5 \%$ increase on the 1991/92 level. Prices remained stable but trade within the Community fell by $7.5 \%$. Exports, on the other hand, increased substantially, by $51 \%$, but external trade prices were low, especially for exports to the USA. Import prices rose ( $+13 \%$ against 1991 prices), in particular for products originating in South Africa, which is the Community's principal supplier ( $+16 \%$ from 1991 to 1992). With regard to market management, the minimum price for peaches for processing for 1993/94 has followed the development of withdrawal prices for fresh peaches, which fell by $10 \%$ because the intervention threshold was exceeded. It was decided to lower the minimum price by $13 \%$ for peaches for processing.

The big pear harvest in 1992 did not greatly influence the market for pears in syrup. But production aid was reduced after the intervention threshold was exceeded and minimum prices remained unchanged since prices within the Community and for exports were fairly stable.

The Commission modified the minimum import price system for soft fruits adopted in the context of the Association Agreements with Hungary, Poland (the biggest exporter) and the former Czechoslovakia.

Processing aid for pineapples was increased by $6.1 \%$ following the establishment of processing facilities in Martinique. But the minimum price remained unchanged. An effort is being made to orient Community production towards higher quality products to distinguish them from products from the Far East, with which the Community is in direct competition.

Within the Community, trade in dried figs stabilized at 4718 tonnes and production at 14500 tonnes in 1992/93. Of the three Community producers, Greece produced 7000 tonnes, Spain 5500 tonnes and Portugal 2000 tonnes. Community exports increased in 1992 for the second consecutive year ( $+26 \%$ ), as did unit values ( $+26 \%$ ). Import prices rose by only $5 \%$. Imports come almost exclusively from Turkey. For 1993/94 the minimum price has been kept at the 1992/93 level, but production aid has been reduced by $29 \%$.

Production of dried grapes in 1992/93 remained at practically the same level as in the two preceding years ( 82000 ), but far below pre-1990 production ( 135000 tonnes). There were no problems regarding production, particularly in the case of sultanas. However, there was a fall in demand for currants resulting from changing patterns of use. Trade in dried grapes within the Community rose by $16 \%$ against 1991 , and prices were stable. Greek consignments increased by $10 \%$, but prices fell by $5 \%$ and there was an increase in consignments of small packs, although levels remained low compared with imports. Exports totalled 9594 tonnes, an increase on 1991 but still lower than 1990 levels (14686 tonnes). Imports fell ( 211170 tonnes). Since 1993/94 is the last year of the transitional period for replacing the minimum price scheme and aid to producers with the system of aid per hectare, the provisions of the Community scheme were therefore left unchanged.

## Common organization of the market in bananas

The common organization of the market in bananas came into force on 1 July 1993,1 completing the single market in the sector. It distinguishes between bananas produced in the Community and bananas originating in third countries, and within the latter category, it distinguishes between traditional imports from ACP States and imports from other countries (so-called 'dollar' bananas coming principally from Latin American countries).

The COM rules regarding trade with third countries provide for the opening of an annual tariff cuota of 2 million tonnes for bananas from third countries other than traditional ACP bananas, for which quantities are laid down in Regulation-(EEC) No 404/93. The custums duty is ECU 100 per tonne, except for ACP bananas, which are exempt from duties. The

[^1]quota may be revised by a Commission decision in response to changes in consumption patterns evaluated on the basis of a forecast supply balance. For imports in excess of this tariff quota, the tariff is ECU 850 per tonne for imports from non-ACP third countries and ECU 750 per tonne for non-traditional imports from ACP States.

Banana imports from third countries are subject to import licence arrangements. Provision is also made for the application of a safeguard clause to all banana imports.

The COM also includes provisions concerning the production and marketing of bananas within the Community. This involves, in particular, compensation for loss of income by Community producers; a premium for ceasing to produce bananas; measures to promote the formation of producer groups and structural measures, to be financed under Community support framework arrangements, to improve the banana sector as a whole. The internal arrangements also cover the introduction of quality and marketing standards so that bananas from a variety of origins can be distributed satisfactorily on the Community market.

Finally, the Regulation provides that the Commission must submit to the European Parliament and the Council a first report on the operation of the COM Regulation after it has been in force for three years, with proposals if necessary, and a second report on 31 December 2001.

## COMMISSION PRICE PROPOSALS (*)

In accordance with Article 16 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72 on the common organization of the market in fruit and vegetables the Commission proposes each year a basic and a buying-in price for each of the products listed in Annex II to the Regulation, i.e. cauliflowers, apricots, nectarines, peaches, lemons, tomatoes, aubergines, pears, table grapes, apples, satsumas, mandarins, clementines and oranges.

Pending its proposals on a reform of the common market organizations for fresh and processed fruit and vegetables, the Commission proposes that the basic and buying-in prices be kept at their present level. The Commission will take appropriate action if it emerges that intervention thresholds have been exceeded when the final withdrawal figures for the 1993/94 marketing year are known.

[^2]Fruit and vegetables
Basic price

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | /100 k | net) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 994 |  |  |  | 1995 |  |  |  |
|  | June | July | August | Sept. | October | November | Dec. | January | February | March | April | May |
| Cautiflowers | 24,92 | 22,13 | 22,13 | 23,90 | 24,79 | 29,82 | 29,82 | 29,82 | 27,82 | 29,26 | 29,62 | - |
| Tomatoes | $\begin{aligned} & (11-20) \\ & (21-30) \\ & (25,41 \end{aligned}$ | 23,34 | 20,93 | 22,20 | 23,53 | 28,28 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Aubergines | - | 17,74 | 17,74 | 17,74 | 17,74 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Peaches | 45,31 | 42,92 | 42,92 | 42,92 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nectarines | 59,07 | 54,69 | 54,69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Apricots | 41,68 | 41,68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lemons | 42,47 | 43,48 | 43,05 | 38,67 | 36,50 | 35,49 | 34,86 | 35,87 | 34,61 | 36,00 | 37,65 | 38,53 |
| Pears | - | 28,62 | 26,72 | 25,57 | 26,59 | 26,98 | 27,35 | 27,60 | 27,60 | 27,60 | 27,60 | - |
| Table grapes | - | - | 36,25 | 32,45 | 32,45 | (1-20) 32,45 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Apples | - | - | 26,46 | 26,46 | 26,46 | 27.17 | 29,56 | 31,96 | 31.96 | 31,96 | 31,96 | 31,96 |
| Mandarins | - | - | - | - | - | (16-30)36,85 | 36,47 | 35,97 | 34,31 | . | - | - |
| Satsumas | - | - | - | - | (16-31) 28,65 | 25,41 | 27,57 | (1-15) 26,49 | - | - | - | - |
| clementines | - | - | - | - | - | - | 33,76 | 31,57 | (1-15) 36,33 | - | - | - |
| Sweet oranges | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34,36 | 30,81 | 31,43 | 33,34 | 33,97 | 33,97 |

## STATISTICAL TABLES (*)

> Supply balance - fresh fruit $\left({ }^{1}\right)$
> Market balance - fresh apples

EUR 12

|  | 10001 |  |  | \% TAV |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1985/86 | 198990 | 199091 | $\frac{-1989 / 90}{1985 / 86}$ | $\frac{1990 / 91}{198990}$ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Fresh fruit (excl. citrus) ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usable production | 21195 | 20564 | 21201 | -0,8 | 3,1 |
| Imports | 4818 | 5614 | 5833 | 3,9 | 3,9 |
| Exports | 1643 | 1288 | 1416 | -5,9 | 9.9 |
| Intra-EC trade | 4407 | 5204 | 5247 | 4,2 | 0,8 |
| Change in stocks | 6 | 17 | 12 | 29,7 | -29,4 |
| Internal use of which: | 24616 | 24873 | 25606 | 0,3 | 2.9 |
| - animal feed | 294 | 252 | 265 | -3,8 | 5,2 |
| - losses (market) | 2369 | 2339 | 2285 | -0,3 | -2,3 |
| - industrial uses | 756 | 506 | 456 | -9,6 | -9,9 |
| - human consumption (gross) | 20020 | 20388 | 20657 | 0,5 | 1,3 |
| Human consumption (kg/head) | 62 | 63 | 64 | 0,4 | 1,6 |
| Self-sufficiency (\%) | 86 | 83 | 83 | -0,9 | 0,0 |
| Fresh apples |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales by commercial producers | 7105 | 7176 | 7258 | 0,2 | -0,3 |
| Imports | 600 | 744 | 699 | 5,5 | -6,0 |
| Expors | 200 | 268 | 257 | 7,6 | -4,1 |
| Intra-EC trade | 1334 | 1451 | 1604 | 2,1 | 10,5 |
| Change in stocks | -35 | -78 | -40 | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Internal use of which: | 7539 | 7730 | 7640 | 0,6 | -1,2 |
| - animal feed | 114 | 123 | 78 | 1,9 | -36,6 |
| - losses (market) | 734 | 878 | 767 | 4,6 | -12,6 |
| - industrial uses | 613 | 270 | 120 | -18,5 | -55,6 |
| - human consumption ( ${ }^{( }$) | 6035 | 6459 | 6675 | 1,7 | 3,3 |

## Source: Eurostat

(1) Including fruit preserves and juices
(2) Accoming to the market balance
(*) Extract from "The agricultural situation in the community. 1993 report".


Source : Eurostat.
( ${ }^{1}$ ) According to the market balance.


## Source: Eurostat.

(') Including vegetable preserves and juices.


## Source: Eurostat.

(') According to the market balance.

Supply balance - citrus fruit ( ${ }^{1}$ )
Market balance - oranges ( ${ }^{1}$ )
EUR 12

|  | 1000 t |  |  | \% TAV |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1985/86 | $1989 / 90$ | 1990/91 | $\frac{1989 / 90}{1985 / 86}^{-}$ | $\frac{1990 / 91}{1989 / 90}$ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Citrus fruit ( ${ }^{1}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usable production | 6401 | 8478 | 9222 | 7,3 | 8,8 |
| Imports | 2542 | 4520 | 4626 | 15,5 | 2,3 |
| Exports | 305 | 993 | 907 | 34,3 | -8,7 |
| Intra-EC trade | 4128 | 3263 | 3434 | -5,7 | 5,2 |
| Change in stocks | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Internal use of which: | 8595 | 12005 | 12941 | 8,7 | 7,8 |
| - animal feed | 25 | 50 | 20 | 18,9 | -60,0 |
| - losses (market) | 630 | 965 | 1413 | 11,2 | 46,4 |
| - industrial uses | 88 | 53 | 103 | -11,9 | 94,3 |
| - human consumption | 7895 | 10937 | 11405 | 8,5 | 4,3 |
| Human consumption (kg/head) | 24,6 | 34 | 35 | 8,4 | 2,9 |
| Self-sufficiency (\%) | 75 | 71 | 71 | -1,4 | 0,0 |
| Oranges ( ${ }^{1}$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales by commercial producers | 3698 | 5058 | 5184 | 8,1 | 2,5 |
| Imports | 1382 | 2211 | 2348 | 12,5 | 6,2 |
| Exports | 286 | 547 | 613 | 17,6 | 12,1 |
| Intra-EC trade | 2095 | 2472 | 2611 | 4,2 | 5,6 |
| Change in stocks | 0 | 493 | 593 | $\times$ | 20,3 |
| Internal use of which: | 4795 | 6229 | 6326 | 6,8 | 1, |
| - animal feed | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0,0 | 0,0 |
| - losses (market) | 215 | 508 | 604 | 24,0 | 18,9 |
| - industrial uses | : | : | : | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| - human consumption | 4549 | 5711 | 5712 | 5,9 | 0,0 |

Source: Eurostat.
() Including frust preserves and juices.

## Market balance - processed tomatoes

- processed peaches

EUR 12

|  | 1000 t |  |  | \% Tav |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1985/86 | 199091 | 1991/92 | $\frac{199091}{1985 / 86}$ | $\frac{1991 / 92}{199091}$ |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Processed tomatoes |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usable production | 7155 | 6790 | 6427 | -1,0 | -5,3 |
| Imports | 94 | 597 | 602 | 44,7 | 0,8 |
| Exports | 3065 | 1674 | 1543 | -11,4 | -7,8 |
| Intra-EC trade | 1441 | 2578 | 2996 | 12,3 | 16,2 |
| Change in stocks | 100 | : | : | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Internal use of which: | 4083 | 5713 | 5486 | 7,0 | -4,0 |
| - losses (market) | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| - human consumption ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 4083 | 5713 | 5486 | 7,0 | -4,0 |
| Human consumption (kg/head) | 13 | - | - | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Self-sufficiency (\%) | 175 | 119 | 117 | -7,4 | -1,7 |
| Processed peaches |  |  |  |  |  |
| Usable production | 602 | 460 | 566 | -5,2 | 23,0 |
| Imports | 27 | 156 | 145 | 42,1 | -7,1 |
| Exports | 103 | 213 | 252 | 15,6 | 18,3 |
| Intra-EC trade | 134 | 735 | 746 | 40,6 | 1,5 |
| Change in stocks | 0 | 0 | 30 | $\times$ | $\times$ |
| Internal use of which: | 526 | 403 | 429 | -5,2 | 6,5 |
| - lorses (market) | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $\times$ |
| - human consumption ( ${ }^{1}$ ) | 526 | 403 | 429 | -5,2 | 6,5 |
| Human consumption (kg/head) | 2 | 1,2 | 1,3 | -9,7 | 8,3 |
| Self-sufficiency (\%) | 114 | 114 | 132 | 0,0 | 15,8 |

Source: Eurostat.
(') According to the market balance.
Area, yield and harvested production of (a) fruit, (b) citrus fruit and (c) vegetables



|  |  | Area |  |  |  |  | Yields |  |  |  |  | Harvested production |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1000 ha |  |  | \% TAV |  | $100 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{ha}$ |  |  | \% TAV |  | 1000 t |  |  | \% TAV |  |
|  |  | 1985 | 1991 | 1992 | $\frac{1991}{1985}$ | $\frac{1992}{1991}$ | 1985 | 1991 | 1992 | $\frac{1991}{1985}$ | $\frac{1992}{1991}$ | 1985 | 1991 | 1992 | $\frac{1991}{1985}$ | $\frac{1992}{1991}$ |
| 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| B. 3 Lemoss <br> Eláda <br> España <br> France <br> italia <br> Portugal <br> EUR 12 |  | 112 | 103** | 102** | $-1,4$ | -1.0 | 129 | 147 | 154 | 2,2 | 5,0 | 1442 | 1513** | 1573** | 0,8 | 4.0 |
|  |  | 13 55 0 40 4 | $\begin{gathered} 13 * * \\ 46 \\ 0 * * \\ 39 \\ 5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13^{* *} \\ 46^{* *} \\ 0^{* *} \\ 38^{8 *} \\ 5^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ -2,9 \\ \times \\ -0.4 \\ 3,8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ 0,0 \\ \times \\ -2,6 \\ 0,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 158 \\ 88 \\ \times \\ 185 \\ 43 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 172 \\ 121 \\ \times \\ 183 \\ 40 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ 150 \\ \times \\ 198 \\ 40 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,5 \\ 5,5 \\ x \\ -0,2 \\ -1,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -51,3 \\ 24,5 \\ \times \\ 8,2 \\ 0,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 205 \\ 482 \\ 0 \\ 738 \\ 17 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 224 \\ 555 \\ 1^{* *} \\ 713 \\ 20^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 109 \\ 691 \\ 1 * * \\ 752 \\ 20^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,5 \\ 2,4 \\ \times \\ -0,6 \\ 2,7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -51,3 \\ 24,5 \\ 0,0 \\ 5.5 \\ 0,0 \end{array}$ |
| B4 Mandarins | EUR 12 | 29 | 32** | $31^{* *}$ | 1,7 | -3.1 | 142 | 100 | 105 | -5.7 | 5,2 | 411 | 319** | 325** | -4,1 | 1,9 |
| Eláda España Italia Portugal |  | 4 3 16 6 | $\begin{gathered} 5 * * \\ 6 \\ 14 \\ 7 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5 * * \\ 6^{* *} \\ 13 \\ 7 * * \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,8 \\ 12,2 \\ -2,2 \\ 2,6 \end{array}$ | 0,0 0,0 $-7,1$ 0,0 | $\begin{array}{r} 125 \\ 160 \\ 182 \\ 37 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 88 \\ 112 \\ 131 \\ 36 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 88 \\ 92 \\ 155 \\ 36 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -5,7 \\ & -5,8 \\ & -5,4 \\ & -0,4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ -17,9 \\ 18,3 \\ 0,0 \end{array}$ | 50 48 291 22 | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \\ & 67 \\ & 183 \\ & 25 * * \end{aligned}$ | 44 55 201 $25 * *$ | $\begin{array}{r} -2,1 \\ 5,7 \\ -7,4 \\ 2,2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ -17,9 \\ 9,8 \\ 0,0 \end{array}$ |
| B. 5 Clementines | EUR 12 | 58 | 75** | 76** | 4,4 | 1,3 | 150 | 156 | 184 | 0,6 | 18,1 | 872 | 1169 | 1399 | 5,0 | 19.7 |
| Elída España France Lealia |  | $\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 40 \\ 2 \\ 16 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2^{* *} \\ 52 \\ 2 * * \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2^{* *} \\ 53^{* *} \\ 2 * * \\ 19 \end{gathered}$ | $\times$ 4,5 0,0 2,9 | 0,0 1,9 0,0 0,0 | $\begin{array}{r} \times \\ 145 \\ 165 \\ 154 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 145 \\ & 167 \\ & 145 \\ & 129 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 145 \\ 198 \\ 95 \\ 157 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} x \\ 2,4 \\ -2,1 \\ -2,9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ 19,2 \\ -34,5 \\ 22,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ 579 \\ 33 \\ 246 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ 866 \\ 29 \\ 245 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 29 \\ 1052 \\ 19 \\ 299 \end{array}$ | 12,9 6,9 $-2,1$ $-0,1$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ 21,5 \\ -34,5 \\ 22,0 \end{array}$ |
| B. 5 Satsumas | EUR 12 | 18 | 17** | 17** | -0,9 | 0,0 | 237 | 242 | 230 | 0,3 | -4,9 | 427 | 411 | 391 | -0,6 | -4,9 |
| Elláda España |  | 0 18 | $1_{16}^{1 * *}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1^{* *} \\ 16^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $\times$ $-1,9$ | 0,0 0,0 | $\begin{gathered} x \\ 236 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 40 \\ 254 \end{array}$ | 40 242 | $\underset{1,3}{\times}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,0 \\ -4,9 \end{array}$ | 3 424 | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 407 \end{array}$ | 4 387 | $\begin{array}{r} 4,9 \\ -0,7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0.0 \\ -4,9 \end{array}$ |
| B 7 Other citrus fruit | EUR 12 | 7 | 4** | 4** | $-8,9$ | 0,0 | 99 | 133 | 135 | 5,1 | 1,9 | 69 | 53 | 54** | -4,3 | 1,9 |
| Elláda España Ltalia |  | 0 4 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 0^{* *} \\ & 2 \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0^{* *} \\ & 2^{* *} \\ & 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} x \\ -10,9 \\ -6,5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} x \\ 0,0 \\ 0,0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} x \\ 60 \\ 133 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \times \\ 75 \\ 170 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} x \\ 70 \\ 785 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} x \\ 3,8 \\ 4,1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \times \\ -6,7 \\ 8,8 \end{array}$ | 5 24 40 | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 15 \\ 34 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 14^{* *} \\ 37^{* *} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -3,7 \\ & -7,5 \\ & -2,7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} -25,0 \\ -6,7 \\ 8,8 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



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