3rd Report on the spanish lemon crop of the 2020/2021 season

VERNA Lemon production is estimated at 343,000 tonnes.

The third AILIMPO lemon crop estimate for the 2020/2021 season confirms the figures published in the September report, and forecasts a total production estimate of 1,290,000 tonnes, broken down into 947,000 tonnes of Fino lemons and 343,000 tonnes of Verna lemons.

	Forecast 2020/21
FINO	947,568
VERNA	343,176
TOTAL	1,290,744

Tonnes

The FINO lemon season will continue to develop in the first four months of 2021, although with a significant reduction in commercial quality fruit available, despite the total volume of available crop

on the tree.

VERNA LEMON Outlook.

The forecast points to a harvest of 343,000 tonnes in 2021, which would mean a very similar volume to that of the 2020 campaign with marketing starting from the month of May, which will allow Spain to consolidate itself as a reference supplier in Europe during the summer, with quality, sustainable lemon and excellent service.

In relation to processing, it is estimated that more than 25% of the harvest is destined for processing, an activity in which Spain is in 2nd place in the world ranking, with a wide range of juices, essential oil and dehydrated peel.

In addition, the **GlobalGAP and GRASP certifications** are key elements this season as part of the interprofessional's strategy to differentiate this spanish fruit and to promote **sustainable production with a triple focus: economic, environmental and social.**