Fruit and vegetable exports to Switzerland increase by 13%

Switzerland, together with Norway, Brazil and Canada lead the ranking of major non-EU destinations in terms of fruit and vegetable exports, with significant growth in Switzerland, 13% in volume and 15% in value.

The Spanish export of fresh fruits and vegetables to non-EU countries stood at 762,699 tons and 855 million euros from January to October 2019, representing an increase of 28% in volume and 22% in value in relation to the same period from the previous year, representing 7% of the total exported volume and 8% of the value.

Within the non-EU countries, two groups are distinguished: non-EU European countries, where 258,880 tons were exported, 13% more and 333 million euros, 12% more, with Switzerland and Norway being the first destinations. And non-European countries, with sales of 512,779 tons (+ 36%) and 522 million euros (+ 30%). Sales to the EU rose to 10.7 million tons, 9% more and

10,857 million euros, 5% more.

The remarkable growth of non-EU exports has been due to the increase in what is traditionally the first non-EU market for Spanish fruits and vegetables, Switzerland, where 138,209 tons were sold, 13% more, worth 208 million euros, 15% more, reinforcing the importance of the European market for the Spanish sector. It has also been due to the increase in sales in certain third countries, especially **Brazil and Canada,** according to FEPEX. Exports to Brazil in the analyzed period rose to 92,148 tons and 84.7 million euros, 66% more and 53% more respectively. Exports to Canada totaled 57,138 tons (+ 18%) for a value of 59.4 million euros (+ 7%).