The low production in Europe and the forecast of harvest in Catalonia auguran better campaign of fruit of nugget

The drop in European seed fruit and the good outflow of product in stock, together with the production forecasts announced on July 20th, augur a campaign of nugget fruit in Catalonia more positive than the previous one. Thus, apple and pear production will remain in this autonomous community this season with slight variations by demarcations and a decrease in the apple forecast of 7% (284,790t) and a 1% increase for the pear (139,970t) .

"Now the challenge is the varietal reconversion in these species", says Manel Simon, general director of Afrucat, who recalls that since the association has long been called on the Ministry of Agriculture to implement a plan for conversion in these species.

> Simon: a great effort has been made in peach and nectarine, but apple and pear can greatly improve the coloring and yields of trees, renewing plantations with more adapted clones

As far as the planted area is concerned, there has been a slight increase in both cases, according to Joan Serentill, president of the Afrucat seed working group, *which is encouraging because it shows that "our fruit grower still believes in apple and the pear. "*

> The definitive data of European forecasts of pepita fruit will be announced at the Congress Prognosfruit, which will co-organize Afrucat with WAPA on 9-10 and 11 August in Lleida

Evolution of prices in fruit of bone

> As for the evolution of prices of the campaign of fruit of bone could be described as fair at this time, especially considering that the costs of thinning have been higher

In Simon's opinion, the good news is that the strongest and most complicated moment of the summer that is the Big Top has already passed.

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