The Management Committee Citrus lowers crop estimate of official seating capacity

The Citrus Management Committee (CGC) has lowered crop estimate of official seating capacity recently presented by Valencia, Andalusia and Murcia. According to the data handled by the CGC, the national tonnage may be marketed in the fresh market would be significantly lower than estimated by such projections, due to lack of rainfall, which has caused much fruit does not meet the required caliber to be collected, thinnings and the wide margin of the sector to increase the tonnage for processing into juice.

The CGC warns that this season is marked by the effects of drought, a spring and summer exceptionally warm, with a deficit of historical rainfall, and that such a thing has caused a significant percentage of the harvest of oranges and tangerines have already or go to probably suffer serious problems gauge, *a lack of size that causes rejection of the retail industry and that could trigger the losses in production.*

Yet and still questioning the official data, which suggest that the crop this season will be identical to that of two years ago, the 2014/15, but with higher losses due to the severe drought and lack of size, this national association It clarifies that *the overall result of such appraisals is no more than a*

return to a "normal" harvest, which will ensure a balanced supply to the markets and is almost identical in their numbers than in the final balance of campaign two years ago (2014/15), in which no problems arising from the lack of rain that itself is now evident occurred.

During the meeting to discuss the different capacities of harvest and its impact on the future of the campaign, *the CGC has also found that this season will be available tangerines and oranges "exceptional" quality, as evidenced by studies* IVIA *and* Soivre *on the relationship of acidity and sugar and proving their high juice content.*

Source: CGC