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Information supplied on fruit and vegetables

Document COM.AG/W/13/Add.5 contains the elements of a reply to the questionnaire (COM.AG/9) with respect to tomatoes, which constitute the most important item in Portugal's fruit and vegetable exports.

The present document furnishes available information on all other products in the fruit and vegetable sector.

A. Production: production measures and policiesA.1. Statistical data on total volume of production

The figures given below show the estimated number of fruit trees of the most representative species found in Portuguese continental territory.

As may be seen from these figures, the number of fruit trees has been increased and at the same time an effort has been made to rationalize production and thereby improve productivity. This policy has been further strengthened by the current economic development plan.

The figures do not include vines and olive trees, which are cultivated mainly for industrial production of wine and olive oil respectively.

(in '000 units)

Tree species	1957	1965	1966	1967
Carob	1,643	1,668	1,669	1,670
Almond	8,196	9,724	9,915	10,106
Chestnut	1,956	2,082	2,095	2,107
Plum	2,071	2,295	2,323	2,351
Fig	7,073	7,825	7,919	8,013
Orange	2,908	3,444	3,511	3,578
Apple	3,775	4,263	4,324	4,385
Pear	3,006	3,320	3,359	3,398
Peach	2,833			
Total for 21 fruit tree species:	38,101	43,144	43,719	44,372

In 1957 the total area under vines, olive trees and fruit trees, was estimated to be:

Vines: 360,000 hectares  
Olive trees: 420,000 hectares  
Fruit trees: 190,000 hectares

Estimates for production of certain fruits, for the period 1965/1967:

Grapes and Olives

(in '000 tons)

	1965		1966		1967	
	Grapes	Olives	Grapes	Olives	Grapes	Olives
TOTAL	2,018	542	1,243	538	1,339	445
Consumption by industry <sup>a</sup>	1,967	516	1,190	516	1,299	418
Direct consumption	51	17	52	17	41	17

<sup>a</sup>For manufacture of wine and olive oil.

Fresh Fruit  
(other than grapes and olives)

(in '000 tons)

	TOTAL	Figs	Oranges	Apples	Pears	Peaches	Grapes <sup>b</sup>	Melons
1965	812	282	142	95	62	36	51	17
1966	731	233	101	87	43	17	52	27
1967	818	255	129	90	32	38	41	26

<sup>b</sup>For direct consumption.

Dry Fruits

(in '000 tons)

	TOTAL	Locust beans	Almonds	Chestnuts
1965	136	61	16	47
1966	158	35	15	95
1967	127	15	18	85

The data available on vegetables are not exhaustive:

Products of Vegetables

(in '000 tons)

	1965	1966	1967
Broad beans	27	24	32
Haricot beans	51	58	55
Chick peas	15	23	30
Potatoes	888	923	1,296

A.2. Trends in production and estimates for 1970

No production estimates for 1970 can be made, because of the numerous factors involved (area under cultivation, weather conditions, etc.). One can nevertheless state that there is an upward trend in production of vegetables and certain fruits, partly as a result of increasing demand from the food preserving industry.

A.3. Statistical data on carry-over stocks and stockpiles

Stocks normally consist of processed products (preserves and other preparations). The only stocks in substantial quantities are of potatoes, wine and olive oil. Stocks of these products are partly the result of Government intervention in order to maintain market prices (guaranteed prices, occasional large-scale purchases for stockpiles, etc.).

A.4. Factors which affect production

- extension of areas under cultivation,
- improvement of techniques,
- selection of more productive varieties.

A.5. Policies and measures of governments or other bodies likely to influence production, other than those under B

Several campaigns have been organized to boost production of these crops. In the next few years, the annual growth rate is expected to be of the order of 3 to 3.5 per cent.

The measures referred to are designed to restructure certain fruit crops by adapting them to natural soil conditions and to market requirements.

As a result of improved marketing infrastructures (building of warehouses, reorganization of distribution circuits), consumption has increased and has in turn stimulated production.

B. Protection and support measures and policies

B.I. Internal support measures and policies

B.I.1. Inventory of the instruments of support

There are no measures to protect prices, except in respect of wine and olive oil, as already reported in other replies to the questionnaire.

So far as potatoes are concerned, purchases by public sector in order to maintain price levels are not of a systematic character, but are made only during period of surplus production.

B.I.2. Levels of guaranteed prices or support prices

B.I.3. Amount of producer subsidies

B.I.4. Average returns to producers

See COM.AG/W/13/Add.10, Table 4.

B.I.5. Method of determining returns to producers

B.II. Measures at the frontier

Imports of fruit, vegetables and edible tubers are liberalized with the exception of potatoes. Imports of these products in preserved form are also liberalized.

Imports from Portugal's non-European territories are admitted duty-free.

Customs Duties (Minimum Tariff)

		<u>Escudos/kgs.</u>	<u>US\$/kgs.</u>
08.04	Grapes, fresh or dried	10.00	0.34
	All other fruit and nuts (Chapter 8 of the customs tariff)	3.20	0.11
Imports of the following products are duty-free when coming from EFTA countries:			
ex 08.05	Almonds and chestnuts		
ex 08.09	Honeydew melons and Ogen melons		
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled:		
01	Potatoes	0.30	0.01
02	Olives	3.20	0.11
03	Not specified	1.60	0.05
07.02	Vegetables (whether or not cooked), preserved by freezing	1.60	0.05
07.04	Dried, dehydrated or evaporated vegetables	3.20	0.11
07.05	Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split:		
01	Broad beans	1.20	0.04
02	Haricot beans	0.80	0.02
03	Chick peas	0.80	0.02
04	Other	1.60	0.04
07.06	Manioc and other similar types of tubers:		
01	Manioc	0.08	0.002
02	Not specified	1.60	0.04

The following products are admitted  
duty-free from EFTA countries:

- ex 07.01.03 Garlic
- ex 07.04 Garlic

C. Consumption and internal prices

C.1. Statistical data on consumption

Fresh vegetables sold in the Lisbon wholesale market for consumption:

1965	145,249 tons
1966	111,609 tons
1967	99,972 tons

The down-trend may be attributable either to increasing consumption of prepared or preserved products, or to growing sales by supermarkets and similar organizations which obtain their supplies direct from the producers.

In 1967, consumption by the city of Lisbon accounted for one eighth of the country's aggregate consumption.

C.2. Trends in consumption and estimates for 1970

Consumption is expected to continue to increase, particularly with respect to quality products and preserved products.

C.3. Retail and wholesale prices

Prices are largely determined by market conditions.

C.5. Policies and measures affecting consumption

Measures have been introduced with a view to improving distribution circuits in the agricultural sector.

D. International trade and prices

D.1. Statistical data on the volume and value of imports and exports

	1965		1966		1967	
	Tons	\$'000	Tons	\$'000	Tons	\$'000
<u>Imports of fruit (Chapter 8 of the tariff)</u>						
TOTAL	15,672	2,235	9,537	1,209	11,991	1,938
Non-European territories	15,120	2,013	8,758	943	11,121	1,618
Third countries	552	222	780	266	870	319
<u>Exports of fruit (Chapter 8 of the tariff)</u>						
TOTAL	17,026	7,778	18,261	7,480	16,813	7,097
Non-European territories	2,407	783	2,060	795	2,002	830
Third countries	14,619	6,995	16,201	6,686	14,811	6,267
<u>Imports of some other products</u>						
<u>07.01.01 Potatoes</u>						
TOTAL	41,933	2,618	101,786	7,439	25,285	2,532
Non-European territories	149	10	-	-	-	-
Third countries	41,784	2,608	101,786	7,439	25,285	2,532
<u>07.05.02 Haricot beans</u>						
TOTAL	2,877	318	7,890	928	5,608	675
Non-European territories	2,867	9,030	7,880	923	5,578	664
Third countries	10	4	10	5	30	11

	1965		1966		1967	
	Tons	'000	Tons	'000	Tons	'000
<u>Exports of Some Other Products</u>						
<u>07.01.01 Potatoes</u>						
TOTAL	12,387	941	8,365	788	8,060	606
Non-European territories	4,169	312	2,145	216	2,480	6,043
Third countries	8,218	629	6,220	572	5,580	396
<u>07.05.02 Haricot beans</u>						
TOTAL	5,443	1,051	2,456	542	1,258	321
Non-European territories	297	127	144	40	236	72
Third countries	5,146	924	2,312	502	1,022	249
<u>07.05.01 Broad beans</u>						
TOTAL	855	113	537	84	843	110
Non-European territories	11	2	7	1	7	2
Third countries	844	111	530	83	836	108
<u>Chick peas</u>						
TOTAL	8,118	1,740	2,705	711	4,517	926
Non-European territories	493	93	439	109	525	140
Third countries	7,623	1,647	2,266	602	3,992	786