

# WPTC CROP UPDATE AS OF 20 JANUARY 2025

## **AMITOM COUNTRIES**

AMITOM members discussed the first forecast for the 2025 during their AGM on 17 January. The total estimate is currently very close to 2024 final production with a total of **17.15 million tonnes** expected, but it is too early to have a precise estimate as discussions with farmers are ongoing.

Several countries including **Spain**, **Greece**, **Bulgaria** and **Hungary** are expecting a significant reduction in the volume processed, with smaller reductions also expected in **Turkey** and in **Portugal** where discussions with growers are complicated this year.

Other countries like **Italy**, **Iran** or **France** are on the contrary hoping for an increase after a reduced 2024 crop. In **Italy** the rise will mostly be in the North to compensate for the large reduction in 2024, while in the South, production may actually be lowered due to worries regarding water availability with the level of the Occhito dam currently worrying low. In **Egypt**, where the winter crop is currently at its peak and planting for the summer crop already starting, a significant increase in volume is expected.

	2024 FINAL		2025 FORECAST		AVERAGE 2022-2024	VARIATION 2025 vs 2024
Bulgaria	60	Mem.	40	Mem.	46	-33,3%
Egypt	624	Mem.	780	Mem.	560	25,0%
France	168	Mem.	180	Mem.	157	7,1%
Greece	510	Mem.	450	Mem.	413	-11,8%
Hungary	120	Mem.	75	Mem.	103	-37,5%
Iran	1 400	Mem.	2 000	Mem.	1 733	42,9%
Israel	184	Mem.	180	Est.	177	-2,2%
Italy	5 272	Mem.	5 600	Mem.	5 384	6,2%
Malta	7	Est.	7	Est.	6	0,0%
Portugal	1 500	Mem.	1 400	Mem.	1 471	-6,7%
Spain	3 080	Mem.	2 400	Mem.	2 602	-22,1%
Syria	40	Est.	40	Est.	40	0,0%
Tunisia	999	Mem.	850	Est.	831	-14,9%
Turkey	2 700	Mem.	2 600	Mem.	2 583	-3,7%
Ukraine	550	Mem.	550	Est.	390	0,0%
Total AMITOM	17 214		17 152		16 497	-0,4%
of which members in EU	10 717		10 152		10 182	-5,3%

### SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES

#### **ARGENTINA**

Some hails storms particularly in San Juan have affected the crop so the forecast is reduced to **560,000 tonnes** (down from 580,000 tonnes). As of mid-January, about one-third of the crop has been harvested. Now the weather is dry and warm.

#### **AUSTRALIA**

The current forecast is **202,000 tonnes** with the harvest expected to start around Monday 27th January.

Planting took place as scheduled with few interruptions and all plants got away well. Mostly warm to hot conditions throughout the growing period with high humidity at times. Storms/rain mid-late November set back isolated areas due to water logging. Some soil health issues affecting isolated areas. A percentage of Blossom End Rot has appeared in many blocks in all areas which has been attributed to the hot, windy conditions on Boxing Day.

There is a generally good growth and fruit set, hopeful of achieving or maybe exceeding contracted tonnages.

#### **CHILE**

The crop estimate remains **1,39 million tonnes**, with a yield forecast of 100 t/ha. The weather is normal with fair temperatures and there are no problems with water availability. The harvest started on 16 January.

#### **PERU**

The forecast remains 150,000 tonnes.

