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WCO's Northern Hemisphere Citrus Production Forecast Points to a Stronger Season Amid Ongoing Challenges

The World Citrus Organisation (WCO) has released its annual Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast for the upcoming citrus season (2026-2027), which was presented on the occasion of the 2026-2027 Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast Outlook, organised on 23 November by WCO. The Forecast, based on data from Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, the United States, and Portugal, shows that citrus production is expected to increase by 10,72% compared to the 2025-2026 season, reaching a total of 29,25 million t. This represents a recovery from last season, although climatic uncertainties, evolving market conditions, and trade challenges continue to put pressure on the sector.

WCO, the World Citrus Organisation, released on 23 November its annual Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast for the upcoming season (2026-27). The preliminary Forecast is based on data from industry associations across the Mediterranean region and the United States. While the overall outlook points to a larger crop (29,25 million t, 10,72% above last season), the situation varies considerably between producing countries, reflecting differences in climatic conditions, growing potential and market developments.

Looking at the country-specific situation, Turkey is expected to record particularly strong production growth according to official government data, although industry estimates suggest a somewhat more moderate increase. This significant growth in availability, however, does not necessarily translate into higher exports, with uncertainties surrounding access to key markets and transport routes, notably the Black Sea corridor to Russia. Spain also expects a larger crop across all citrus categories. Nevertheless, production is still not reaching its full potential, as growers continue to face challenges adapting to changing climatic conditions.

In other Mediterranean producing countries, weather conditions remain a key factor shaping the season. Morocco faces a more challenging outlook, with production expected to decline following the impact of heat waves and flooding. Tunisia is also experiencing pressure from insufficient irrigation water, electricity interruptions and recent heatwaves, which have affected fruit development and yields, alongside increased disease pressure. By contrast, Greece reports generally favourable climatic conditions, with only limited and localised hail damage, while Portugal expects an average season, supported by more favourable weather conditions compared with last year's heavy rains and strong winds. Italy, meanwhile, anticipates a recovery in production, although volumes remain below the average of recent seasons.

Looking at the production by category, all major citrus groups are expected to record growth. Oranges remain the largest category, while soft citrus also continues to expand. Lemons are expected to register the strongest increase, reflecting particularly significant growth in Turkey and Spain. This overall positive production outlook is nevertheless accompanied by a more complex export picture, as higher availability does not necessarily translate into stronger international trade. Overall, the 2026-2027 season is expected to bring a welcome recovery in Northern Hemisphere citrus production. However, the outlook remains shaped by climatic uncertainties, evolving market conditions and trade challenges, highlighting the importance of continued cooperation across the global citrus sector.

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Northern Hemisphere Citrus Forecast 2026-2027*

* Based on data from Egypt, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Portugal, and the USA.

Production (t)	Oranges						
Country	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	YOY%	4Y AVG%
Spain	2.859.004	2.810.970	3.080.017	2.528.687	2.812.720	+11,23%	-0,25%
Italy	1.328.182	1.835.965	1.807.214	1.407.600	1.530.000	+8,70%	-4,06%
Greece	880.000	872.404	886.307	856.037	810.000	-5,38%	-7,29%
Portugal	278.706	329.006	282.075	283.141	294.087	+3,87%	+0,29%
Tot. EU	**5.345.892**	**5.848.345**	**6.055.613**	**5.075.465**	**5.446.807**	**+7,32%**	**-2,41%**
Turkey	1.164.000	2.051.000	1.514.670	1.312.490	2.180.000	+66,10%	+44,32%
Egypt	3.516.300	3.710.000	3.000.000	3.150.000	2.970.000	-5,71%	-11,19%
Morocco	783.200	878.700	904.500	926.850	820.000	-11,53%	-6,10%
Israel	105.000	90.000	90.000	94.000	93.000	-1,06%	-1,85%
Tunisia	185.400	226.000	232.400	225.428	202.885	-10,00%	-6,64%
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean	**5.753.900**	**6.955.700**	**5.741.570**	**5.708.768**	**6.265.885**	**+9,76%**	**+3,74%**
Tot. Mediterranean	**11.099.792**	**12.804.045**	**11.797.183**	**10.784.233**	**11.712.692**	**+8,61%**	**+0,79%**
California	1.618.418	1.647.447	1.553.100	1.796.226	1.832.513	+2,02%	+10,81%
Florida	645.825	737.269	501.310	528.662	408.233	-22,78%	-32,33%
Texas	43.568	45.495	32.772	42.025	46.266	+10,09%	+12,94%
Arizona							
Tot. USA	**2.307.810**	**2.430.212**	**2.087.183**	**2.366.913**	**2.287.013**	**-3,38%**	**-0,48%**
Tot. Northern Hemisphere	**13.407.602**	**15.234.257**	**13.884.366**	**13.151.146**	**13.999.705**	**+6,45%**	**+0,58%**

Production (t)	Soft citrus						
Country	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	YOY%	4Y AVG%
Spain	1.852.676	1.885.259	1.887.617	1.616.087	1.813.296	+12,20%	+0,16%
Italy	657.917	833.204	901.331	517.500	575.000	+11,11%	-20,96%
Greece	195.000	173.175	216.655	200.877	182.000	-9,40%	-7,34%
Portugal	36.652	31.792	24.254	24.347	25.286	+3,86%	-13,59%
Tot. EU	**2.742.245**	**2.923.430**	**3.029.857**	**2.358.811**	**2.595.582**	**+10,04%**	**-6,08%**
Turkey	1.860.000	2.133.900	1.627.792	2.184.036	3.080.000	+41,02%	+57,83%
Egypt	1.012.500	1.295.500	945.000	1.344.000	1.144.000	-14,88%	-0,46%
Morocco	927.000	988.000	1.157.000	1.129.850	920.000	-18,57%	-12,42%
Israel	194.000	133.000	124.000	155.000	135.000	-12,90%	-10,89%
Tunisia	52.600	70.400	85.750	83.178	74.860	-10,00%	+2,57%
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean	**4.046.100**	**4.620.800**	**3.939.542**	**4.896.064**	**5.353.860**	**+9,35%**	**+22,36%**
Tot. Mediterranean	**6.788.345**	**7.544.230**	**6.969.399**	**7.254.875**	**7.949.442**	**+9,57%**	**+11,35%**
California	852.754	987.017	1.103.137	1.124.909	1.161.196	+3,23%	+14,18%
Florida	20.684	19.391	17.237	19.822	19.391	-2,17%	+0,56%
Texas							
Arizona							
Tot. USA	**873.437**	**1.006.408**	**1.120.373**	**1.144.731**	**1.180.588**	**+3,13%**	**+13,93%**
Tot. Northern Hemisphere	**7.661.783**	**8.550.638**	**8.089.772**	**8.399.606**	**9.130.029**	**+8,70%**	**+11,68%**

Production (t)	Lemons						
Country	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	YOY%	4Y AVG%
Spain	1.027.826	1.246.507	1.111.467	1.035.323	1.214.600	+17,32%	+9,89%
Italy	431.413	472.962	475.396	479.712	500.000	+4,23%	+7,56%
Greece	113.167	94.079	144.695	133.319	119.000	-10,74%	-1,91%
Portugal	36.214	28.784	24.918	25.012	25.980	+3,87%	-9,58%
Tot. EU	**1.608.620**	**1.842.332**	**1.756.476**	**1.673.366**	**1.859.580**	**+11,13%**	**+8,10%**
Turkey	1.320.000	1.594.550	1.384.118	948.610	1.860.000	+96,08%	+41,79%
Egypt	316.000	340.000	340.000	340.000	335.000	-1,47%	+0,30%
Morocco	30.000	38.500	41.700	48.400	59.200	+22,31%	+49,31%
Israel	62.000	58.000	57.000	56.000	57.000	+1,79%	-2,15%
Tunisia	40.000	55.000	53.000	51.410	46.269	-10,00%	-7,19%
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean	**1.768.000**	**2.086.050**	**1.875.818**	**1.444.420**	**2.357.469**	**+63,21%**	**+31,44%**
Tot. Mediterranean	**3.376.620**	**3.928.382**	**3.632.294**	**3.117.786**	**4.217.049**	**+35,26%**	**+20,01%**
California	936.215	889.041	957.987	943.472	1.016.047	+7,69%	+9,06%
Florida	0						
Texas							
Arizona	50.802	34.473	40.642	26.127	30.844	+18,06%	-18,85%
Tot. USA	**987.017**	**923.514**	**998.629**	**969.599**	**1.046.891**	**+7,97%**	**+7,96%**
Tot. Northern Hemisphere	**4.363.637**	**4.851.896**	**4.630.923**	**4.087.385**	**5.263.940**	**+28,79%**	**+17,41%**

Production (t)	Grapefruits						
Country	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	YOY%	4Y AVG%
Spain	88.942	102.238	107.724	106.250	114.000	+7,29%	+12,55%
Italy	5.000	5.745	7.284	5.548	5.800	+4,54%	-1,60%
Greece	0	0	0	0	0		
Portugal	156	143	120	120	125	+4,17%	-7,24%
Tot. EU	**94.098**	**108.126**	**115.128**	**111.918**	**119.925**	**+7,15%**	**+11,75%**
Turkey	144.000	231.000	152.281	160.040	216.000	+34,97%	+25,71%
Egypt	52.200	58.000	62.000	65.000	66.000	+1,54%	+11,30%
Morocco	2.800	3.000	5.200	6.100	2.900	-52,46%	-32,16%
Israel	155.000	146.000	143.000	137.000	130.000	-5,11%	-10,50%
Tunisia	12.000	13.600	12.700	12.319	11.087	-10,00%	-12,39%
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean	**366.000**	**451.600**	**375.181**	**380.459**	**425.987**	**+11,97%**	**+8,31%**
Tot. Mediterranean	**460.098**	**559.726**	**490.309**	**492.377**	**545.912**	**+10,87%**	**+9,05%**
California	163.293	141.521	156.036	159.665	174.179	+9,09%	+12,28%
Florida	69.785	69.014	50.122	52.050	50.122	-3,70%	-16,80%
Texas	81.647	87.090	72.575	76.204	87.090	+14,29%	+9,71%
Arizona							
Tot. USA	**314.725**	**297.625**	**278.733**	**287.918**	**311.391**	**+8,15%**	**+5,65%**
Tot. Northern Hemisphere	**774.823**	**857.350**	**769.042**	**780.295**	**857.303**	**+9,87%**	**+7,79%**

Production (t)	All citrus fruits						
Country	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	YOY%	4Y AVG%
Spain	5.828.448	6.044.973	6.186.825	5.286.347	5.954.616	+12,64%	+2,02%
Italy	2.422.511	3.147.876	3.191.225	2.410.360	2.610.800	+8,32%	-6,52%
Greece	1.188.167	1.139.658	1.247.657	1.190.233	1.111.000	-6,66%	-6,75%
Portugal	351.728	389.725	332.238	333.494	346.386	+3,87%	-1,54%
Tot. EU	**9.790.854**	**10.722.232**	**10.957.074**	**9.219.560**	**10.021.894**	**+8,70%**	**-1,48%**
Turkey	4.488.000	6.010.450	4.678.861	4.605.176	7.336.000	+59,30%	+48,33%
Egypt	4.897.000	5.403.500	4.347.000	4.899.000	4.515.000	-7,84%	-7,60%
Morocco	1.743.000	1.908.200	2.108.400	2.111.200	1.802.100	-14,64%	-8,42%
Israel	516.000	427.000	414.000	442.000	415.000	-6,11%	-7,73%
Tunisia	290.000	365.000	383.850	372.334	335.101	-10,00%	-5,02%
Tot. non-EU Mediterranean	**11.934.000**	**14.114.150**	**11.932.111**	**12.429.711**	**14.403.201**	**+15,88%**	**+14,29%**
Tot. Mediterranean	**21.724.854**	**24.836.382**	**22.889.185**	**21.649.271**	**24.425.095**	**+12,82%**	**+7,25%**
California	3.570.679	3.665.026	3.770.260	4.024.272	4.183.936	+3,97%	+11,35%
Florida	736.294	825.674	568.669	600.534	477.746	-20,45%	-30,03%
Texas	125.214	132.585	105.347	118.229	133.356	+12,79%	+10,81%
Arizona	50.802	34.473	40.642	26.127	30.844	+18,06%	-18,85%
Tot. USA	**4.482.989**	**4.657.759**	**4.484.917**	**4.769.161**	**4.825.883**	**+1,19%**	**+4,94%**
Tot. Northern Hemisphere	**26.207.844**	**29.494.141**	**27.374.973**	**26.419.306**	**29.251.886**	**+10,72%**	**+6,86%**