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## Greece

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**Report Highlights:**

Greece's MY 2013/14 orange production is expected to increase by 4.3 percent compared to the previous year thanks to favorable weather. Fruit size is forecast to be on average. Greece's MY 2013/14 lemon production is forecast to remain steady. Greece is a large importer of lemons. In MY 2012/13, Greece imported 24,343 MT of lemons, mainly from Argentina (16,241 MT), Turkey (3,154 MT), and Italy (1,769 MT).

## Oranges

Oranges	2011	2012	2013
	Estimates 2011/2012	Estimates 2012/2013	Forecast 2013/2014
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	36,384	35,261	36,500
Area Harvested	34,564	33,463	34,638
Production	910,000	930,000	970,000
For Processing	110,000	130,000	135,000

Source: Greek industry

## **PRODUCTION**

Greece's MY 2013/14 orange production is expected to increase by 4.3 percent compared to the previous year thanks to favorable weather. Fruit size is forecast to be on average. Peloponnese and Aitolokarnaia (western Greece) are the main orange-producing areas. *Washington Navel*, *Commons*, *Valencia*, *Navelina*, and *Newhall* are the major orange varieties grown in Greece.

## **CONSUMPTION**

Most oranges are consumed fresh (channeled to open markets and grocery stores).

## **TRADE**

In MY 2012/13, Greece exported 350,654 MT of oranges mainly to Romania (67,935 MT), Serbia (38,703 MT), Poland (32,707 MT), Germany (31,605 MT), Bulgaria (28,855 MT), and Hungary (26,576 MT). Navels and Tardives are marketed mostly from November through March. In MY 2012/13, Greece imported 4,931 MT of fresh oranges mainly from South Africa (1,728 MT), Bulgaria (970 MT), and The Netherlands (522 MT).

## Orange Juice

Orange Juice	2011	2012	2013
	Estimates 2011/2012	Estimates 2012/2013	Forecast 2013/2014
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Deliv. to Processors	110,000	130,000	135,000
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0
Production	6,754	7,982	8,105

Source: Greek industry

Greece is expected to process approximately 135,000 MT of oranges in MY 2013/14 to produce 8,105 MT of concentrate. The total volume of oranges channeled to processing depends on crop quality and the quantity of oranges destined for the fresh market, both domestic and foreign.

*Commons* variety is used predominantly in processing.

## Tangerines

Tangerines	2011	2012	2013
	Estimates 2011/2012	Estimates 2012/2013	Forecast 2013/2014
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	7,042	6,818	7,100
Area Harvested	6,690	6,477	6,745
Production	115,000	134,000	130,000
For Processing	100	1,500	1,500

Source: Greek industry

## **PRODUCTION**

Greece's MY 2013/14 tangerine production is expected to decrease by 3 percent. The main producing areas include the prefectures of Igoumenitsa, Arta, Mosologgi, and Thesprotia, located in northern Greece. *Clementine* is the major tangerine variety grown in Greece.

## **CONSUMPTION**

Most tangerines are consumed fresh. *Clementines* are consumed mainly along the west coast and cover early and late season demand, both domestically and abroad.

## TRADE

In MY 2012/13, Greece exported 93,970 MT of tangerines, mainly to Romania (20,624 MT), Bulgaria (15,019 MT), and Russia (12,257 MT). Clementines are marketed from January to May. In MY 2012/13, Greece imported 3,807 MT of fresh tangerines mostly from Italy (1,171 MT) and Cyprus (1,162 MT).

### Lemons

Lemons	2011	2012	2013
	Estimates 2011/2012	Estimates 2012/2013	Forecast 2013/2014
	Post Data	Post Data	Post Data
Area Planted	7,451	7,233	7,400
Area Harvested	7,078	6,864	7,022
Production	45,000	55,500	55,000
For Processing	300	500	500

Source: Greek industry

## PRODUCTION

Greece's MY 2013/14 lemon production is forecast to remain steady. The main lemon-producing areas include the prefectures of Korinthos, Achaia, Piraeus, and Ilias, located in northern Greece. The major lemon variety grown in Greece is *Maglini*, whose fruit is strongly aromatic, with a quite sour juice. It has a thin, shiny peel and when fully ripe has a yellow color.

## CONSUMPTION

Greek lemon production is all destined for the fresh market. Greece has become increasingly reliant on imported lemon juice to meet consumer demand for soft drinks. The yield for lemon juice is 15-17 Kg of fresh lemons to produce 1 Kg of lemon juice, depending on the quality of the fruit.

## TRADE

Greece is a large importer of lemons. In MY 2012/13, Greece imported 24,343 MT of lemons, mainly from Argentina (16,241 MT), Turkey (3,154 MT), and Italy (1,769 MT). In MY 2012/13, Greece exported 6,653 MT of lemons mainly to Bulgaria (2,314 MT) and Romania (2,183 MT). The *Maglini* lemon variety is marketed from December to May and from September to November after artificial ripening.

### Grapefruits

Grapefruits	2011	2012	2013
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	<b>Estimates 2011/2012</b>	<b>Estimates 2012/2013</b>	<b>Forecast 2013/2014</b>
	<b>Post Data</b>	<b>Post Data</b>	<b>Post Data</b>
Area Planted	363	563	600
Area Harvested	345	535	570
Production	5,500	6,000	6,000
For Processing	200	800	800

Source: Greek industry contacts

## **PRODUCTION**

Greece's MY 2013/14 grapefruit production is forecast to stay flat. The prefectures of Corinth and Kavala, the region of Thessaly, and the island of Crete are the major grapefruit-producing areas.

## **CONSUMPTION**

Most grapefruits are consumed fresh.

## **TRADE**

In MY 2012/13, Greece exported 1,573 MT of grapefruits mainly to Bulgaria (760 MT) and Macedonia (180 MT). In MY 2012/13, Greece imported 3,682 MT of grapefruits mainly from South Africa (1,960 MT), Cyprus (490 MT), and The Netherlands (414 MT).

## **Abbreviations and definitions used in this report**

**MY** Marketing year

Oranges, Tangerines, Lemons, Grapefruit, Orange Juice: November/October

**HS Codes**

Oranges: 080510

Tangerines: 080520

Lemons: 080550

Grapefruit: 080540

Orange juice: 200911; 200912; 200919

MT Metric ton = 1000 kg

Ha hectare; 1 ha = 2.471 acres

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