

Production of fruit and vegetables

# Apples and tomatoes were the top fruit and vegetable produced in the EU in 2015

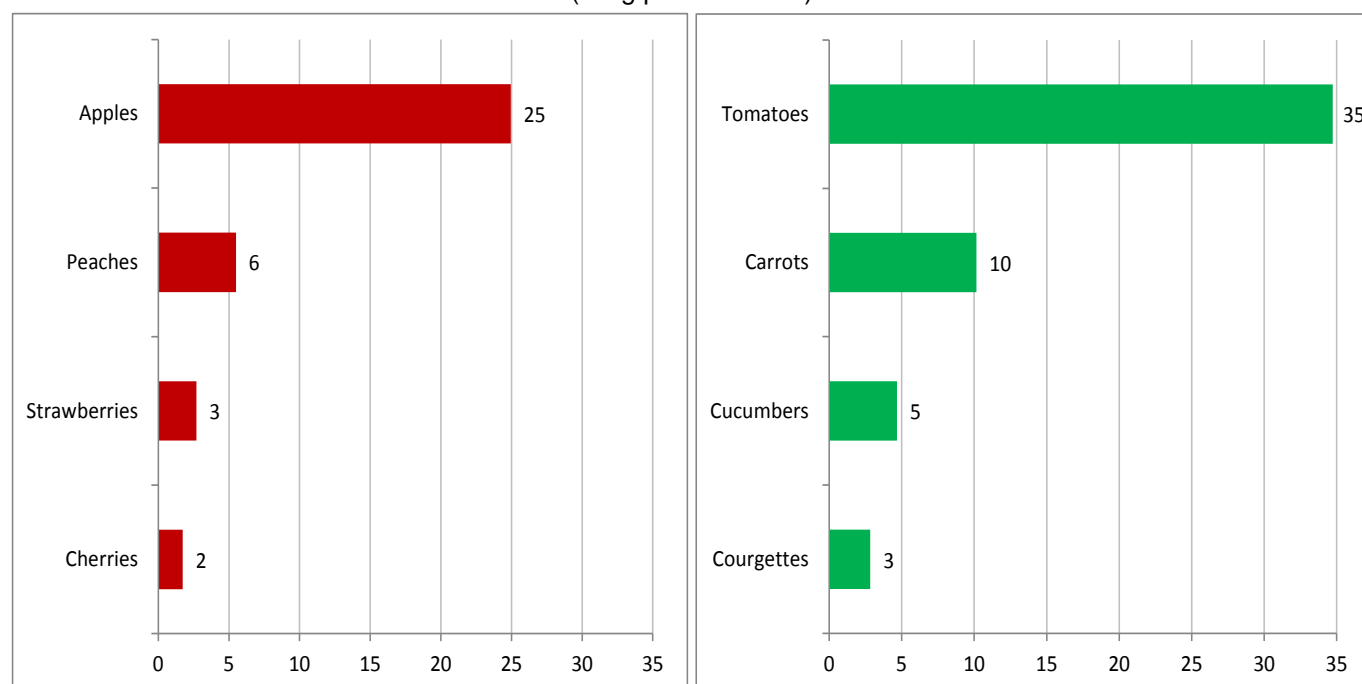
Spain, Italy and Poland: main producers

In the **European Union** (EU), just over 2.3 million hectares were devoted to the production of fruit and berries and a further 2.1 million hectares to the production of vegetables. With 636 000 hectares (or 27.1% of the EU total) devoted to the production of fruit, **Spain** was the leading EU Member State in terms of production area of fruit in 2015, while it was **Italy** (420 000 hectares, or 20.2%) for vegetables.

Apples were the most produced fruit in the **EU** in terms of quantity, with 12.7 million tonnes harvested in 2015 (or almost 25 kg per EU inhabitant), and tomatoes (17.7 million tons, or 35 kg per EU inhabitant) were the main vegetable.

This information is issued by **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**, and shows only a small selection of the wide range of data on production of crops available at Eurostat.












**Harvested production of a selection of fruit and vegetables in the EU, 2015**  
(in kg per inhabitant)



## Apples and cherries from Poland, peaches and strawberries from Spain

**Poland** harvested 1 in every 4 apples produced in the EU in 2015 (with 25.0% of total EU harvested production), ahead of **Italy** (19.2%) and **France** (15.5%). **Spain** (34.4%), **Italy** (32.9%) and **Greece** (23.2%) produced together almost all (90%) EU peaches. **Spain** (29.0%) was also the main EU producer of strawberries in 2015, followed by **Poland** (15.6%), **Germany** (12.5%) and **Italy** (10.4%). For cherries, **Poland** was the main EU producer (25.8%), followed by **Italy** (12.6%), **Spain** (10.7%) and **Greece** (10.0%).

### Top 3 EU producers for a selection of fruit, 2015

















Apples 	Peaches 	Strawberries 	Cherries 
1  POLAND	1  SPAIN	1  SPAIN	1  POLAND
2  ITALY	2  ITALY	2  POLAND	2  ITALY
3  FRANCE	3  GREECE	3  GERMANY	3  SPAIN

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## Tomatoes from Italy, cucumbers from Spain, carrots from the United Kingdom

Together, **Italy** (36.3% of total EU production) and **Spain** (27.4%) supplied in 2015 almost two thirds of tomatoes produced in the EU. They were followed by **Portugal** (8.0%), **Greece** (6.2%), the **Netherlands** (5.0%), **France** and **Poland** (both 4.5%). Three Member States accounted also for around two-thirds of the cucumbers harvested in the EU in 2015: **Spain** (29.1%), **Poland** (17.7%) and the **Netherlands** (17.1%). The production of carrots in the EU was more dispersed across Member States, with the top producers in 2015 being the **United Kingdom** (14.2%), **Poland** (13.1%), the **Netherlands** (10.9%), **France** (10.8%), **Italy** (10.3%) and **Germany** (10.2%). As for courgettes, they were principally harvested in two Member States: **Spain** (37.6%) and **Italy** (37.1%).

### Top 3 EU producers for a selection of vegetables, 2015

Tomatoes 	Cucumbers 	Carrots 	Courgettes 
1  ITALY	1  SPAIN	1  UNITED KINGDOM	1  SPAIN
2  SPAIN	2  POLAND	2  POLAND	2  ITALY
3  PORTUGAL	3  NETHERLANDS	3  NETHERLANDS	3  FRANCE

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## Production of a selection of fruit and berries in the EU Member States, 2015

	Total fruit and berries		Of which:							
			Apples		Peaches		Strawberries		Cherries	
	Area of production (in 1000 ha)	Share of EU total production area	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production
<b>EU</b>	<b>2 347.0</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>12 685.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2 800.2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1 376.4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>882.5</b>	<b>100%</b>
Belgium	19.6	0.8%	284.2	2.2%	0.0	0.0%	48.0	3.5%	8.0	0.9%
Bulgaria	32.3	1.4%	57.3	0.5%	32.5	1.2%	5.0	0.4%	49.9	5.7%
Czech Republic	16.5	0.7%	155.4	1.2%	1.6	0.1%	3.3	0.2%	8.3	0.9%
Denmark	5.5	0.2%	35.7	0.3%	0.0	0.0%	6.5	0.5%	4.0	0.5%
Germany	67.9	2.9%	973.5	7.7%	0.0	0.0%	172.6	12.5%	48.6	5.5%
Estonia	2.3	0.1%	1.6	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	1.3	0.1%	0.0	0.0%
Ireland	0.9	0.0%	15.7	0.1%	0.0	0.0%	7.3	0.5%	0.0	0.0%
Greece	168.0	7.2%	281.8	2.2%	648.3	23.2%	49.8	3.6%	88.4	10.0%
Spain	636.0	27.1%	593.6	4.7%	964.1	34.4%	399.3	29.0%	94.1	10.7%
France	133.0	5.7%	1 967.1	15.5%	114.7	4.1%	56.9	4.1%	41.8	4.7%
Croatia	18.3	0.8%	96.2	0.8%	3.7	0.1%	2.4	0.2%	6.8	0.8%
Italy	436.7	18.6%	2 441.6	19.2%	921.2	32.9%	143.2	10.4%	111.1	12.6%
Cyprus	7.2	0.3%	5.1	0.0%	1.8	0.1%	2.2	0.2%	0.4	0.0%
Latvia	4.6	0.2%	7.8	0.1%	0.0	0.0%	1.4	0.1%	0.1	0.0%
Lithuania	21.9	0.9%	65.0	0.5%	0.0	0.0%	3.2	0.2%	0.4	0.0%
Luxembourg	0.3	0.0%	2.6	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Hungary	78.5	3.3%	500.0	3.9%	40.0	1.4%	8.0	0.6%	80.0	9.1%
Malta	0.6	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	0.7	0.0%	0.8	0.1%	0.0	0.0%
Netherlands	21.4	0.9%	335.9	2.6%	0.0	0.0%	57.7	4.2%	13.2	1.5%
Austria	11.4	0.5%	287.6	2.3%	2.9	0.1%	13.4	1.0%	7.5	0.8%
Poland	383.8	16.4%	3 168.8	25.0%	9.9	0.4%	214.6	15.6%	227.5	25.8%
Portugal	84.7	3.6%	328.2	2.6%	32.8	1.2%	9.7	0.7%	17.0	1.9%
Romania	144.9	6.2%	459.6	3.6%	18.4	0.7%	21.4	1.6%	68.1	7.7%
Slovenia	9.7	0.4%	83.9	0.7%	5.6	0.2%	2.0	0.1%	1.5	0.2%
Slovakia	4.9	0.2%	46.3	0.4%	2.1	0.1%	1.4	0.1%	1.0	0.1%
Finland	5.7	0.2%	6.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	12.6	0.9%	0.0	0.0%
Sweden	4.0	0.2%	25.4	0.2%	0.0	0.0%	17.1	1.2%	0.1	0.0%
United Kingdom	26.7	1.1%	460.0	3.6%	0.0	0.0%	115.5	8.4%	5.0	0.6%

0.0 means less than 50 tons; 0.0% means less than 0.05%.  
The source dataset can be found [here](#).

## Production of a selection of vegetables in the EU Member States, 2015

	Total vegetables		Of which:							
			Tomatoes		Cucumbers		Carrots		Courgettes	
	Area of production (in 1000 ha)	Share of EU total production area	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production	Harvested production (in 1000 tons)	Share of EU total harvested production
<b>EU</b>	<b>2 075.5</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17 654.7</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2 374.9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5 163.9</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1 439.0</b>	<b>100%</b>
Belgium	58.9	2.8%	249.7	1.4%	17.2	0.7%	343.9	6.7%	43.1	3.0%
Bulgaria	25.6	1.2%	122.0	0.7%	46.5	2.0%	7.9	0.2%	4.4	0.3%
Czech Republic	9.2	0.4%	5.6	0.0%	3.6	0.2%	23.5	0.5%	0.0	0.0%
Denmark	10.4	0.5%	10.6	0.1%	19.5	0.8%	89.2	1.7%	0.4	0.0%
Germany	109.6	5.3%	80.9	0.5%	48.4	2.0%	526.9	10.2%	40.9	2.8%
Estonia	2.1	0.1%	0.9	0.0%	7.8	0.3%	18.1	0.4%	:	0.0%
Ireland	4.1	0.2%	4.5	0.0%	3.0	0.1%	38.6	0.7%	0.2	0.0%
Greece	92.7	4.5%	1 086.4	6.2%	162.2	6.8%	44.1	0.9%	62.0	4.3%
Spain	355.1	17.2%	4 838.7	27.4%	691.2	29.1%	410.9	8.0%	541.6	37.6%
France	235.5	11.4%	787.9	4.5%	134.7	5.7%	560.0	10.8%	123.0	8.6%
Croatia	8.6	0.4%	36.3	0.2%	6.6	0.3%	10.9	0.2%	1.6	0.1%
Italy	420.0	20.3%	6 410.3	36.3%	55.6	2.3%	533.0	10.3%	533.5	37.1%
Cyprus	2.9	0.1%	14.7	0.1%	14.7	0.6%	1.9	0.0%	3.9	0.3%
Latvia	2.8	0.1%	6.1	0.0%	6.8	0.3%	8.8	0.2%	0.7	0.0%
Lithuania	10.0	0.5%	7.7	0.0%	18.2	0.8%	38.0	0.7%	1.1	0.1%
Luxembourg	0.1	0.0%	0.1	0.0%	0.0	0.0%	1.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
Hungary	77.5	3.7%	200.0	1.1%	20.0	0.8%	50.0	1.0%	15.0	1.0%
Malta	2.0	0.1%	12.0	0.1%	0.8	0.0%	1.3	0.0%	3.2	0.2%
Netherlands	86.8	4.2%	890.0	5.0%	405.0	17.1%	563.4	10.9%	18.4	1.3%
Austria	15.7	0.8%	55.7	0.3%	29.6	1.2%	66.8	1.3%	5.0	0.3%
Poland	188.8	9.1%	789.6	4.5%	419.5	17.7%	677.7	13.1%	15.9	1.1%
Portugal	51.2	2.5%	1 407.0	8.0%	10.6	0.4%	97.5	1.9%	17.9	1.2%
Romania	151.6	7.3%	464.5	2.6%	127.7	5.4%	118.5	2.3%	2.0	0.1%
Slovenia	4.9	0.2%	5.7	0.0%	1.8	0.1%	3.4	0.1%	2.1	0.1%
Slovakia	7.9	0.4%	19.5	0.1%	3.4	0.1%	10.1	0.2%	0.6	0.0%
Finland	10.1	0.5%	36.5	0.2%	39.0	1.6%	72.0	1.4%	1.7	0.1%
Sweden	18.3	0.9%	14.8	0.1%	28.0	1.2%	115.6	2.2%	0.9	0.1%
United Kingdom	113.1	5.5%	97.2	0.6%	53.6	2.3%	731.0	14.2%	0.0	0.0%

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## Geographical information

The **European Union** (EU) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

## Methods and definitions

In this news release, production means the harvested production. **Harvested production** means the production which is harvested and transported away from the field. It includes losses and wastage which takes place on the farm after harvest, quantities consumed directly on the farm and marketed quantities.

For vegetables, the area refers to the harvested area. For many vegetables the growing time is short so the same area can be used several times per year. For this reason the harvested area can be much bigger than the physical area (main area).

For fruit and berries, the area generally refers to the production area. All non-productive areas are excluded (e.g. young non-productive plantations, abandoned areas, etc.). In the database, the area devoted to strawberries is included in the area for vegetables as they are cultivated on arable land. In this news release however, this area is allocated to the total area for fruit and berries.

## For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) dedicated to agricultural statistics.


Eurostat [database](#) on agriculture.

Eurostat [metadata](#) on crop statistics

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