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## AGRICULTURE STATISTICS

### Fruit and Vegetables - December Quarter 2003

#### December Quarter

During the fourth quarter of 2003, 6,469 tonnes of fresh vegetables passed through the organised markets. When compared to the same quarter of 2002, the volume of fresh vegetables dropped by 1,557 tonnes (-19.4%) from 8,026 tonnes. The vegetables which were mainly responsible for the drop were cauliflowers (-33.6%), kholrabi (-56.9%), vegetable marrows (-11.1%), potatoes (-27.8%) and tomatoes (-51.5%). The decline in the volume of vegetable crops passing through the organised markets pushed up the wholesale value by 8.1 per cent or Lm0.1 million from Lm1.5 million in the fourth quarter of 2002 to Lm1.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2003.

On the other hand, the volume of fresh fruit passing through the organised markets increased by 36 tonnes (+9.8 %) from 372 tonnes in the fourth quarter of 2002 to 408 tonnes in the fourth quarter of 2003. The wholesale value of fresh fruit also registered an increase of Lm0.02 million (+14.6%) from Lm0.13 million in the fourth quarter of 2002 to Lm0.15 million in the fourth quarter of 2003.

#### Annual Statistics

The annual volume of fresh vegetables passing through the organised markets dropped by 1,742 tonnes (- 4.4%) from 39,800 tonnes in 2002 to 38,058 tonnes in 2003. Although increases in the volume of sugar melons (+13.1%), water melons (+34.7%), dry onions (+23.3%) and potatoes (+7.6%) were registered, the overall annual volume declined due to drops in the annual volume of cabbages (-5.0%), cauliflowers (-42.0%), tomatoes (-20.7%) and vegetable marrows (-9.9%). On the other hand, the annual volume of fresh fruit increased marginally by 43.6 tonnes (+ 2.1%) from 2,069 in 2002 to 2,113 tonnes in 2003. Although sweet oranges and peaches registered declines by 11.9 per cent and 10.2 per cent respectively, these declines were offset by increases in grapes (+15.1%), lemons (+12.1%) and strawberries (+17.3%).

The wholesale value of fresh vegetables in 2003 fell marginally by Lm0.1 million (- 1.2%) from Lm6.8 million in 2002 to Lm6.7 million in 2003. While the unit value of tomatoes, potatoes, vegetables marrows, lettuce, cauliflowers, and cabbages fetched better prices, abundant supplies of sugar melons, water melons and dry onions brought about a drop in the unit value of this produce. The wholesale value of fresh fruit increased by Lm0.1 million (+12.9%) from Lm1.0 million in 2002 to Lm1.1 million in 2003. The wholesale value of grapes (+18.8%), peaches (+12.6%) and lemons (+35.3%) mainly contributed to the increase in the wholesale value of fresh fruit.

#### Regional Statistics

While, in 2003, Maltese farmers supplied 30,628 tonnes ( 80.5%) of all the fresh vegetables passing through the organised markets, Gozitan farmers produced 51.8 per cent of all water melons. In the year 2003, 68.8 per cent of all fresh fruit passing through the organised markets were produced by Maltese farmers. Whereas, the popular fruit for Maltese farmers is the production of strawberries, peaches and grapes, the Gozitan counterparts grow citrus fruits.

On a regional level, potatoes and tomatoes account for 14.6 per cent and 11.4 per cent of all the produce taken to the organised markets by Maltese farmers. On the other hand, water melons and sugar melons account to 29.9 per cent and 10.1 per cent respectively, of the total produce by Gozitan farmers.

Fruit production differs considerably by region. Out of the total fruit production by Maltese farmers, the main species are peaches, strawberries and grapes which account for 23.6 per cent, 16.4 per cent and 15.5 per cent respectively. On the other hand, sweet oranges and lemons accounted for 34.6 per cent and 29.7 per cent of all the fruit taken to the organised markets by Gozitan farmers.

#### Indices

In December, the 'All Items' fresh vegetable volume index stood at 78.77, down by 11.69 points or 13.88 per cent when compared to December 2002. During the same period, the 'All items' Fruit volume index stood at 82.23, down by 11.40 points or 12.18 per cent. The 'All Items' vegetable price index increased by 42.6 points (+38.1% ) from 112.69 in December 2002 to 155.59 in December 2003. During the same period, the 'All Items' fresh fruit price index dropped by 5.77 points or 2.8 per cent from 203.33 in December 2002 to 197.56 in December 2003. The 'All Items' fresh fruit index fell mainly due to the drop in the average price per kilogram of strawberries from Lm2.48 per kilogram in December 2002 to Lm2.34 per kilogram in December 2003.

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Table 1. Wholesale value and quantity of agricultural products sold through organised markets ...

Item	2002						2003					
	January/December		October		November		December		October/December		January/December	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm
<b>Vegetables</b>												
Artichokes Globe	183,827	90,249	60	15	180	200	4,550	4,021	4,790	4,237	391,993	117,795
Artichokes Jerusalem	80,060	20,273	14,581	4,715	36,309	8,544	10,713	1,924	61,603	15,183	75,438	17,477
Beans Broad	653,401	158,391	1,119	291	984	232	674	196	2,777	719	562,828	103,392
Beans French	58,686	34,490	9,608	5,746	6,167	4,015	4,164	3,265	19,939	13,026	61,191	30,152
Beetroot	225,905	12,640	22,001	1,491	22,036	1,223	14,895	860	58,932	3,573	161,462	10,542
Bellpepper	706,178	221,893	55,166	27,345	33,716	20,518	29,863	22,700	118,745	70,563	688,796	255,394
Broccoli	336,134	53,325	4,705	1,528	25,667	7,713	32,336	9,817	62,708	19,057	253,227	60,340
Cabbages	2,461,863	164,141	190,925	36,097	203,660	23,244	217,545	20,640	612,130	79,980	2,339,289	249,598
Cabbages - Red	110,652	9,265	7,425	1,195	5,532	936	5,599	1,464	18,556	3,594	96,541	13,395
Carrots	1,811,168	405,170	73,527	15,691	92,208	20,639	135,405	35,510	301,140	71,840	1,542,258	292,659
Caulliflowers	4,217,709	309,322	325,784	34,340	248,771	45,538	216,201	56,559	790,756	136,438	2,446,121	396,215
Celery	463,058	44,123	29,466	5,344	30,084	6,526	30,358	6,544	89,908	18,414	409,818	50,561
Chickpeas	14,032	859	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,149	977
Cucumber	657,229	184,498	77,607	8,390	48,567	7,139	32,200	19,177	158,374	34,706	693,292	212,712
Eggplant	659,432	146,067	73,470	13,116	52,723	11,321	34,021	9,783	160,214	34,220	671,501	136,016
Endive	113,462	7,574	7,158	649	16,657	1,190	21,770	1,148	45,585	2,987	125,525	10,633
Garlic Dry	36,590	21,867	6,183	1,200	3,811	597	2,058	322	12,052	2,119	59,360	12,961
Garlic Green	222,187	151,715	1,292	314	7,600	3,333	28,386	8,330	37,278	11,977	352,159	56,598
Gourds	166,834	29,162	17,764	1,488	14,485	1,452	11,986	1,183	44,235	4,123	141,771	23,005
Kohlrabi	949,897	80,903	28,738	5,883	40,536	8,796	58,319	12,254	127,593	26,933	596,172	93,266
Leeks	208,275	13,843	11,681	863	17,013	1,160	21,789	1,484	50,483	3,507	174,839	11,727
Lettuce	2,092,919	293,185	206,170	31,923	172,833	24,266	171,127	17,894	550,130	74,082	2,128,979	327,861
Marrows Long	279,548	40,430	52,749	11,349	18,545	5,814	3,524	1,061	74,818	18,224	308,649	37,602
Marrows Vegetable	2,610,062	712,096	203,487	90,755	221,105	77,178	144,309	96,574	568,900	264,506	2,351,286	853,870
Melons Sugar	2,842,260	521,748	75,580	11,539	7,433	1,841	1,062	175	84,075	13,555	3,213,861	343,602
Melons Water	3,185,483	464,155	46,832	2,710	4,053	1,021	-	-	50,885	3,731	4,289,986	351,155
Melons Winter	92,317	14,899	53,076	7,010	5,668	1,269	1,000	162	59,744	8,441	251,135	32,034
Mushrooms	153,649	233,270	6,714	11,352	4,820	8,141	7,669	12,739	19,203	32,232	82,459	136,818
Onions Dry	1,589,818	357,688	229,034	29,854	182,822	35,693	183,808	49,903	595,664	115,450	1,959,674	262,699
Onions Green	789,272	114,016	1,685	90	3,512	219	2,885	171	8,082	480	647,906	58,697
Onions Pickles	27,374	2,877	676	66	216	24	359	44	1,251	134	19,143	2,137
Parsley	396,593	55,073	34,067	5,538	33,907	3,819	30,882	3,677	98,856	13,034	375,906	58,668
Peas	31,021	13,529	-	-	20	20	27	24	47	44	33,661	11,115
Potatoes	4,660,891	598,894	140,329	27,222	104,936	19,112	409,718	56,928	654,983	103,261	5,017,275	630,782
Pumpkins	567,610	90,116	49,276	4,236	44,912	3,879	39,106	3,105	133,294	11,220	517,528	90,029
Radishes	12,587	722	2,697	106	2,974	119	564	24	6,235	249	17,045	1,126
Spinach	289,292	41,303	18,850	4,967	40,852	6,496	30,694	3,874	90,396	15,337	233,444	38,514

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<b>Vegetables (... cont)</b>												
Sprouts Brussels	20,768	6,820	-	-	202	53	1,141	649	1,343	702	18,214	7,381
Tomatoes	5,339,080	987,092	121,800	87,644	194,591	112,767	219,065	111,196	535,456	311,608	4,234,834	1,221,653
Turnips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Vegetables	483,078	115,827	42,843	7,862	66,111	10,338	49,294	11,319	158,248	29,519	502,255	122,937
<b>Total Vegetables</b>	<b>39,800,198</b>	<b>6,823,510</b>	<b>2,244,124</b>	<b>499,922</b>	<b>2,016,217</b>	<b>486,383</b>	<b>2,209,064</b>	<b>586,701</b>	<b>6,469,405</b>	<b>1,573,007</b>	<b>38,057,966</b>	<b>6,744,091</b>
<b>Fruits</b>												
Apples	16,267	2,928	45	2	-	-	-	-	45	2	5,831	1,232
Apricots	15,916	7,562	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,629	6,690
Bambinella	24,189	24,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,110	23,029
Banana	4,200	2,536	69	21	27	10	-	-	96	31	113	35
Blackberries	677	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	49
Figs Dry	7,841	4,422	20	10	196	143	212	154	428	307	31,125	11,372
Figs Early	95,254	32,668	-	-	41	15	-	-	41	15	124,441	46,193
Figs Late	17,636	11,651	66	24	-	-	-	-	66	24	7,901	3,863
Grapefruit	8,197	639	575	66	3,815	231	2,490	208	6,880	505	7,719	590
Grapes	222,904	93,082	15,314	6,808	32	5	-	-	15,346	6,812	256,479	110,529
Lemons	272,767	68,165	25,159	7,933	22,573	6,248	32,073	6,643	79,805	20,824	305,826	92,249
Lemons Sweet	106	37	15	3	54	15	82	14	151	32	320	75
Medlars	9,544	1,891	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,619	1,043
Mulberries	4,254	1,829	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,640	1,199
Nectarines	104,856	43,611	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	105,157	56,054
Oranges	146,076	30,896	6,946	1,612	25,054	7,283	32,873	12,104	64,873	21,000	90,331	26,211
Oranges Sweet	287,408	82,413	15,256	3,946	56,383	18,444	81,528	30,681	153,167	53,071	253,154	83,017
Peaches	423,345	219,844	3,318	1,616	-	-	-	-	3,318	1,616	380,117	247,529
Pears	21,296	12,392	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,894	8,353
Pears Prickly	12,544	1,593	35	4	-	-	-	-	35	4	10,840	1,262
Plums	4,189	2,965	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,547	11,724
Plums Cherry	60,171	20,500	12	8	-	-	-	-	12	8	45,898	22,931
Pomegranates	34,311	10,340	39,828	10,638	6,761	2,450	203	116	46,792	13,204	51,941	14,640
Prunes	2,544	1,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,928	1,415
Strawberries	222,617	253,023	823	1,540	6,964	10,750	3,299	7,734	11,086	20,024	261,177	262,978
Tangerines	23,190	9,411	207	70	4,579	2,031	15,965	8,402	20,751	10,502	22,331	11,086
Olives	2,723	1,454	3,337	1,459	787	280	154	51	4,278	1,789	6,993	3,241
Other Fruits	24,354	14,465	600	179	28	7	498	22	1,126	207	61,864	30,848
<b>Total Fruits</b>	<b>2,069,371</b>	<b>956,288</b>	<b>111,625</b>	<b>35,937</b>	<b>127,294</b>	<b>47,912</b>	<b>169,377</b>	<b>66,129</b>	<b>408,296</b>	<b>149,978</b>	<b>2,113,016</b>	<b>1,079,436</b>
<b>Total Fruit &amp; Veg</b>	<b>41,869,569</b>	<b>7,779,798</b>	<b>2,355,749</b>	<b>535,859</b>	<b>2,143,511</b>	<b>534,295</b>	<b>2,378,441</b>	<b>652,830</b>	<b>6,877,701</b>	<b>1,722,985</b>	<b>40,170,982</b>	<b>7,823,527</b>

Table 2. Wholesale value and quantity of agricultural products sold through organised markets ...

Item	2003											
	October		November		December		October/December		January/December			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm		
<b>Vegetables</b>												
Artichokes Globe	60	15	112	8,314	4,051	3,279	4,223	3,391	356,227	103,686		
Artichokes Jerusalem	13,155	4,235	35,431	8,314	10,278	1,827	58,864	14,376	72,353	16,599		
Beans Broad	838	100	549	65	504	165	1,891	330	451,261	81,848		
Beans French	8,971	5,236	5,643	3,610	2,654	2,008	17,268	10,854	53,688	25,496		
Beetroot	21,796	1,471	21,726	1,196	14,464	817	57,986	3,483	157,534	10,192		
Bellpepper	44,879	22,251	27,644	16,658	22,045	16,634	94,568	55,543	576,068	197,743		
Broccoli	3,181	998	20,347	5,980	27,165	8,264	50,693	15,242	220,772	52,462		
Cabbages	166,670	31,364	182,780	19,955	195,255	17,825	544,705	69,144	2,071,999	214,710		
Cabbages - Red	6,705	1,066	5,502	929	5,044	1,367	17,251	3,362	92,218	12,790		
Carrots	68,032	14,179	84,142	18,059	122,393	30,824	274,567	63,063	1,421,104	264,597		
Cauliflowers	261,316	25,119	217,545	38,922	180,048	45,867	658,909	109,908	2,156,884	332,605		
Celery	23,984	4,207	24,434	5,153	23,672	4,962	72,090	14,323	341,210	39,282		
Chickpeas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,119	975		
Cucumber	53,774	4,959	23,866	3,560	20,324	12,447	97,964	20,966	484,149	122,612		
Eggplant	48,157	8,971	35,795	7,418	20,547	4,814	104,499	21,203	490,074	84,306		
Endive	6,578	609	16,177	1,162	21,178	1,117	43,933	2,888	116,431	9,614		
Garlic Dry	4,832	951	2,814	513	1,796	291	9,442	1,754	43,770	9,548		
Garlic Green	484	182	4,535	2,816	21,187	7,251	26,206	10,250	296,236	48,366		
Gourds	16,402	1,367	12,802	1,207	10,844	988	40,048	3,563	127,749	20,220		
Kohlrabi	25,900	5,060	35,250	7,422	52,580	10,618	113,730	23,100	525,040	79,701		
Leeks	11,125	790	16,292	1,072	20,682	1,394	48,099	3,256	165,119	11,055		
Lettuce	179,090	26,503	158,353	21,829	151,067	14,888	488,510	63,220	1,890,155	283,807		
Marrow Long	45,834	9,486	15,592	4,674	2,765	803	64,191	14,963	269,128	30,858		
Marrow Vegetable	177,013	78,645	187,113	64,193	118,450	77,104	482,576	219,942	2,038,643	709,127		
Melons Sugar	27,399	5,320	3,062	912	149	26	30,610	6,257	2,460,652	260,484		
Melons Water	17,846	1,102	3,618	892	-	-	21,464	1,994	2,068,694	231,900		
Melons Winter	15,333	2,696	2,751	617	341	32	18,425	3,345	55,413	8,439		
Mushrooms	5,700	9,582	3,630	6,061	6,065	9,969	15,395	25,612	61,894	103,887		
Onions Dry	200,501	26,605	161,184	31,658	166,308	44,962	527,993	103,224	1,555,024	221,053		
Onions Green	1,530	83	2,432	129	2,865	170	6,827	381	576,051	53,047		
Onions Pickles	615	62	168	21	359	44	1,142	127	15,469	1,631		
Parsley	27,249	4,167	28,683	2,907	25,668	2,764	81,600	9,839	312,797	45,348		
Peas	-	-	20	20	27	24	47	44	29,294	9,480		
Potatoes	127,059	24,861	88,745	15,907	359,916	49,658	575,720	90,426	4,482,602	559,420		
Pumpkins	35,829	3,148	34,441	3,025	30,712	2,426	100,982	8,599	410,205	73,339		
Radishes	2,697	106	2,974	119	552	23	6,223	247	16,297	1,088		
Spinach	17,979	4,654	39,795	6,336	29,996	3,731	87,770	14,721	224,670	36,420		

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Item	2003											
	October		November		December		October/December		January/December			
	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm		
<b>Vegetables (... cont)</b>												
Sprouts Brussels	-	-	-	-	81	26	81	26	1,999	710		
Tomatoes	97,739	71,819	174,926	100,217	190,318	95,970	462,983	268,006	3,504,198	995,649		
Turnips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other Vegetables	38,675	6,928	61,100	9,101	42,339	8,962	142,114	24,991	423,942	97,625		
<b>Total Vegetables</b>	<b>1,804,927</b>	<b>408,895</b>	<b>1,741,972</b>	<b>412,726</b>	<b>1,904,687</b>	<b>484,342</b>	<b>5,451,586</b>	<b>1,305,962</b>	<b>30,628,131</b>	<b>5,461,717</b>		
<b>Fruits</b>												
Apples	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,831	612		
Apricots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,781	6,178		
Bambinella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21,688	19,960		
Banana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Blackberries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	49		
Figs Dry	20	10	70	49	32	19	122	77	28,057	9,688		
Figs Early	-	-	41	15	-	-	41	15	115,123	42,043		
Figs Late	66	24	-	-	-	-	66	24	7,591	3,665		
Grapefruit	340	44	1,145	115	2,131	173	3,616	332	4,078	383		
Grapes	15,097	6,690	32	5	-	-	15,129	6,695	227,176	96,901		
Lemons	11,664	3,585	10,616	2,923	18,153	3,777	40,433	10,285	109,053	30,412		
Lemons Sweet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	38		
Medlars	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,230	914		
Mulberries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,627	1,169		
Nectarines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,992	53,940		
Oranges	1,555	380	10,277	3,011	12,662	4,570	24,494	7,961	38,551	10,691		
Oranges Sweet	434	139	5,141	1,800	9,351	3,575	14,926	5,514	23,680	7,993		
Peaches	3,194	1,548	-	-	-	-	3,194	1,548	345,113	227,438		
Pears	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,300	6,975		
Pears Prickly	15	2	-	-	-	-	15	2	9,990	1,156		
Plums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,455	7,973		
Plums Cherry	12	8	-	-	-	-	12	8	39,410	19,505		
Pomegranates	23,693	6,099	3,748	1,195	30	2	27,471	7,295	30,968	8,187		
Prunes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	488	444		
Strawberries	753	1,362	6,214	9,870	2,998	7,016	9,965	18,249	238,292	238,096		
Tangerines	47	18	2,543	1,267	8,862	4,638	11,452	5,922	12,463	6,283		
Olives	3,050	1,362	767	273	154	51	3,971	1,685	6,428	2,951		
Other Fruits	600	179	28	7	498	22	1,126	207	44,476	21,439		
<b>Total Fruits</b>	<b>60,540</b>	<b>21,449</b>	<b>40,622</b>	<b>20,529</b>	<b>54,871</b>	<b>23,843</b>	<b>156,033</b>	<b>65,821</b>	<b>1,450,071</b>	<b>825,032</b>		
<b>Total Fruit &amp; Veg</b>	<b>1,865,466</b>	<b>430,344</b>	<b>1,782,594</b>	<b>433,254</b>	<b>1,959,558</b>	<b>508,185</b>	<b>5,607,618</b>	<b>1,371,783</b>	<b>32,078,202</b>	<b>6,286,799</b>		

Table 3. Wholesale value and quantity of agricultural products sold through organised markets ...

Item	GOZO											
	2003						2003					
	October		November		December		October/December		January/December			
	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
<b>Vegetables</b>												
Artichokes Globe	-	-	68	104	499	743	567	846	35,766	14,109		
Artichokes Jerusalem	1,426	481	878	230	435	97	2,739	807	3,085	878		
Beans Broad	281	191	435	166	170	31	886	389	111,567	21,544		
Beans French	637	510	524	405	1,510	1,257	2,671	2,172	7,504	4,655		
Beetroot	205	20	310	27	431	43	946	90	3,928	349		
Bellpepper	10,287	5,094	6,072	3,859	7,818	6,066	24,177	15,019	112,727	57,651		
Broccoli	1,524	530	5,320	1,732	5,171	1,552	12,015	3,815	32,454	7,878		
Cabbages	24,255	4,733	20,880	3,289	22,290	2,814	67,425	10,836	267,290	34,888		
Cabbages - Red	720	129	30	7	555	97	1,305	233	4,323	605		
Carrots	5,495	1,511	8,066	2,580	13,012	4,686	26,573	8,777	121,154	28,062		
Cauliflowers	64,468	9,221	31,226	6,616	36,153	10,692	131,847	26,530	289,237	63,610		
Celery	5,482	1,136	5,650	1,373	6,686	1,582	17,818	4,091	68,608	11,279		
Chickpeas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	2		
Cucumber	23,833	3,431	24,701	3,579	11,876	6,731	60,410	13,741	209,143	90,100		
Eggplant	25,313	4,145	16,928	3,903	13,474	4,969	55,715	13,017	181,427	51,710		
Endive	580	40	480	28	592	31	1,652	99	9,094	1,019		
Garlic Dry	1,351	249	997	84	262	31	2,610	364	15,590	3,414		
Garlic Green	808	132	3,065	517	7,199	1,079	11,072	1,728	55,923	8,232		
Gourds	1,362	121	1,683	244	1,142	195	4,187	561	14,022	2,785		
Kohlrabi	2,838	823	5,286	1,374	5,739	1,636	13,863	3,833	71,132	13,565		
Leeks	556	73	721	89	1,107	90	2,384	251	9,720	672		
Lettuce	27,080	5,419	14,480	2,437	20,060	3,006	61,620	10,862	238,823	44,054		
Marrows Long	6,915	1,863	2,953	1,140	759	258	10,627	3,260	39,521	6,744		
Marrows Vegetable	26,474	12,110	33,992	12,985	25,859	19,470	86,325	44,564	312,642	144,743		
Melons Sugar	48,181	6,219	4,371	930	913	149	53,465	7,298	753,209	83,119		
Melons Water	28,986	1,608	435	129	-	-	29,421	1,737	2,221,292	119,254		
Melons Winter	37,743	4,314	2,917	651	659	130	41,319	5,095	195,722	23,595		
Mushrooms	1,014	1,771	1,190	2,080	1,604	2,770	3,808	6,621	20,565	32,931		
Onions Dry	28,533	3,249	21,638	4,035	17,500	4,941	67,671	12,225	404,649	41,646		
Onions Green	155	7	1,080	90	20	1	1,255	98	71,855	5,649		
Onions Pickles	61	4	48	3	-	-	109	7	3,674	506		
Parsley	6,818	1,371	5,224	912	5,214	913	17,256	3,196	63,109	13,320		
Peas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,367	1,636		
Potatoes	13,270	2,361	16,191	3,205	49,802	7,269	79,263	12,835	534,673	71,362		
Pumpkins	13,447	1,088	10,471	854	8,394	679	32,312	2,621	107,323	16,690		
Radishes	-	-	-	-	12	2	12	2	748	39		
Spinach	871	313	1,057	160	698	143	2,626	617	8,774	2,094		

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Item	GOZO											
	2003											
	October		November		December		October/December		January/December			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm			
<b>Vegetables (... cont)</b>												
Sprouts Brussels	-	-	202	53	1,060	624	1,262	676	16,215	6,671		
Tomatoes	24,061	15,824	19,665	12,550	28,747	15,227	72,473	43,601	730,636	226,004		
Turnips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other Vegetables	4,168	934	5,011	1,238	6,955	2,356	16,134	4,528	78,313	25,312		
<b>Total Vegetables</b>	<b>439,198</b>	<b>91,027</b>	<b>274,245</b>	<b>73,657</b>	<b>304,377</b>	<b>102,360</b>	<b>1,017,820</b>	<b>267,044</b>	<b>7,429,835</b>	<b>1,282,375</b>		
<b>Fruits</b>												
Apples	45	2	-	-	-	-	45	2	3,000	620		
Apricots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	848	512		
Bambinella	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,422	3,069		
Banana	69	21	27	10	-	-	96	31	113	35		
Blackberries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Figs Dry	-	-	126	95	180	135	306	230	3,068	1,684		
Figs Early	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,318	4,150		
Figs Late	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	310	199		
Grapefruit	235	22	2,670	116	359	35	3,264	173	3,641	208		
Grapes	217	118	-	-	-	-	217	118	29,303	13,628		
Lemons	13,495	4,348	11,957	3,325	13,920	2,866	39,372	10,539	196,773	61,836		
Lemons Sweet	15	3	54	15	82	14	151	32	181	37		
Medlars	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	389	129		
Mulberries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	29		
Nectarines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,165	2,114		
Oranges	5,391	1,233	14,777	4,272	20,211	7,534	40,379	13,039	51,780	15,520		
Oranges Sweet	14,822	3,807	51,242	16,645	72,177	27,105	138,241	47,557	229,474	75,024		
Peaches	124	68	-	-	-	-	124	68	35,004	20,090		
Pears	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,595	1,378		
Pears Prickly	20	2	-	-	-	-	20	2	850	106		
Plums	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,092	3,751		
Plums Cherry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,488	3,426		
Pomegranates	16,135	4,539	3,013	1,255	173	114	19,321	5,909	20,973	6,453		
Prunes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,440	971		
Strawberries	70	177	749	880	301	718	1,120	1,775	22,885	24,883		
Tangerines	160	52	2,036	764	7,103	3,764	9,299	4,580	9,868	4,802		
Olives	287	97	20	7	-	-	307	104	565	290		
Other Fruits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,388	9,409		
<b>Total Fruits</b>	<b>51,085</b>	<b>14,488</b>	<b>86,671</b>	<b>27,383</b>	<b>114,506</b>	<b>42,286</b>	<b>252,262</b>	<b>84,157</b>	<b>662,945</b>	<b>254,354</b>		
<b>Total Fruit &amp; Veg</b>	<b>490,283</b>	<b>105,515</b>	<b>360,916</b>	<b>101,041</b>	<b>418,883</b>	<b>144,646</b>	<b>1,270,082</b>	<b>351,201</b>	<b>8,092,780</b>	<b>1,536,728</b>		

**Table 4. All Items Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Index**

Year		Fresh Fruit Index		Fresh Vegetables Index	
		Price Index	Volume Index	Price Index	Volume Index
Year	<b>1999</b>	111.22	107.46	89.21	118.77
	<b>2000</b>	123.08	98.01	81.77	117.41
	<b>2001</b>	148.28	78.40	98.96	108.91
	<b>2002</b>	139.78	83.73	98.56	118.27
	<b>2003</b>	151.57	85.49	101.40	113.09
<b>2001</b>					
2001	January	183.78	82.44	93.41	119.80
	February	151.23	52.24	100.72	101.19
	March	117.80	49.55	106.53	123.46
	April	123.70	53.42	152.40	103.98
	May	125.32	66.39	98.21	126.34
	June	152.98	105.59	89.51	121.70
	July	169.40	112.72	87.43	161.36
	August	161.73	151.51	109.61	145.56
	September	151.46	89.11	128.70	97.23
	October	184.69	41.89	125.20	94.09
	November	171.72	58.79	151.00	82.27
	December	241.15	77.18	204.87	66.41
<b>2002</b>					
2002	January	208.25	67.26	205.62	91.21
	February	205.46	36.04	142.93	106.87
	March	114.00	34.61	125.27	106.80
	April	97.73	62.20	166.34	122.98
	May	127.63	88.39	97.85	128.44
	June	113.10	179.69	88.51	132.71
	July	150.88	120.83	79.08	168.66
	August	131.35	158.04	93.00	151.85
	September	176.25	77.10	101.40	126.40
	October	143.02	32.85	115.67	103.20
	November	122.84	54.08	110.82	87.89
	December	203.33	93.63	112.69	90.46
<b>2003</b>					
2003	January	180.85	50.31	121.97	95.76
	February	189.96	27.31	179.54	76.90
	March	169.43	26.38	183.09	82.44
	April	110.41	54.34	170.93	108.73
	May	176.10	74.29	175.25	118.06
	June	137.80	160.14	73.94	174.42
	July	158.81	122.89	69.38	193.61
	August	135.94	169.58	78.10	153.74
	September	166.47	142.37	105.60	122.77
	October	163.30	54.19	139.07	80.02
	November	127.85	61.80	149.24	71.90
	December	197.56	82.23	155.29	78.77



Chart 1. Monthly 'All Items' fresh fruit index

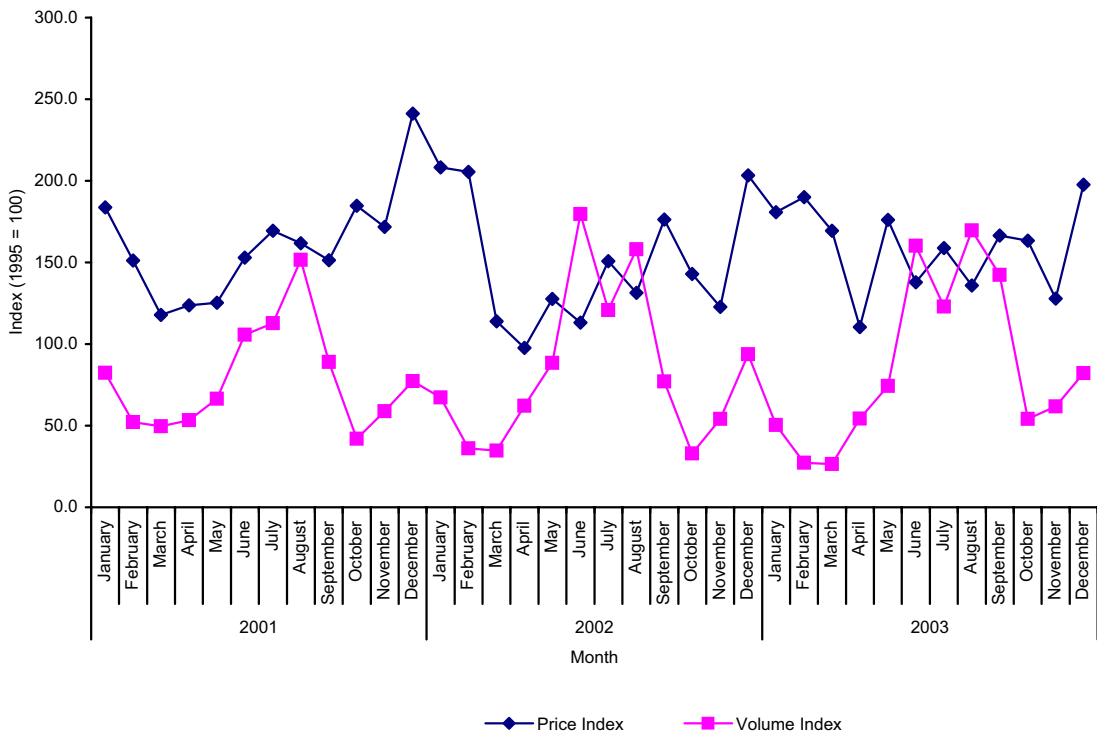
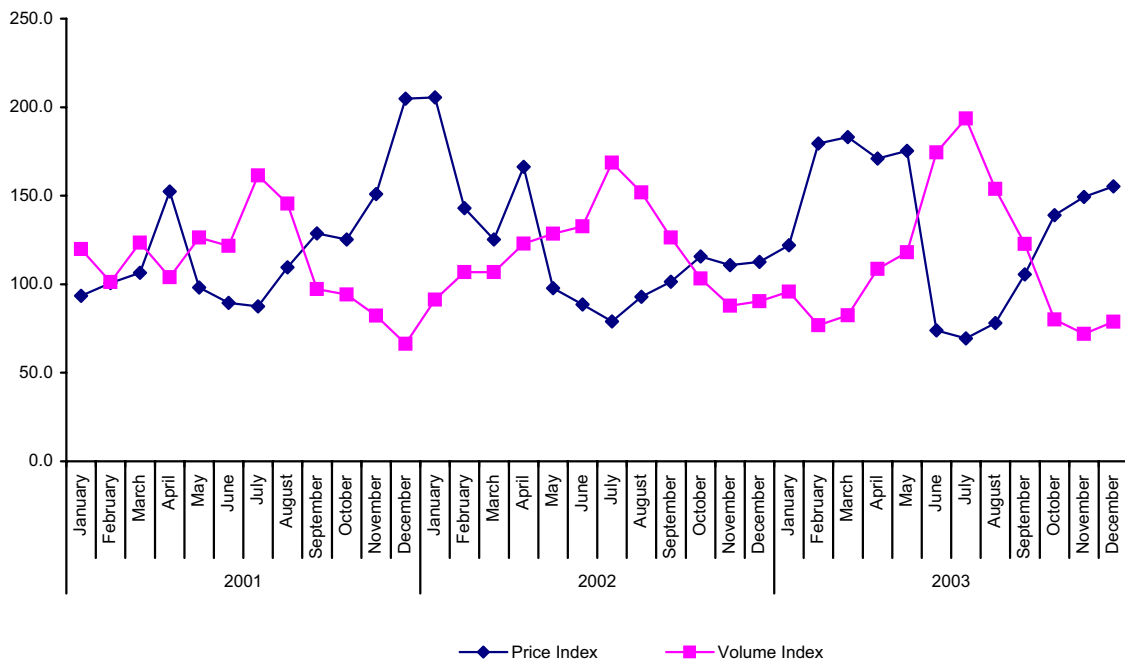
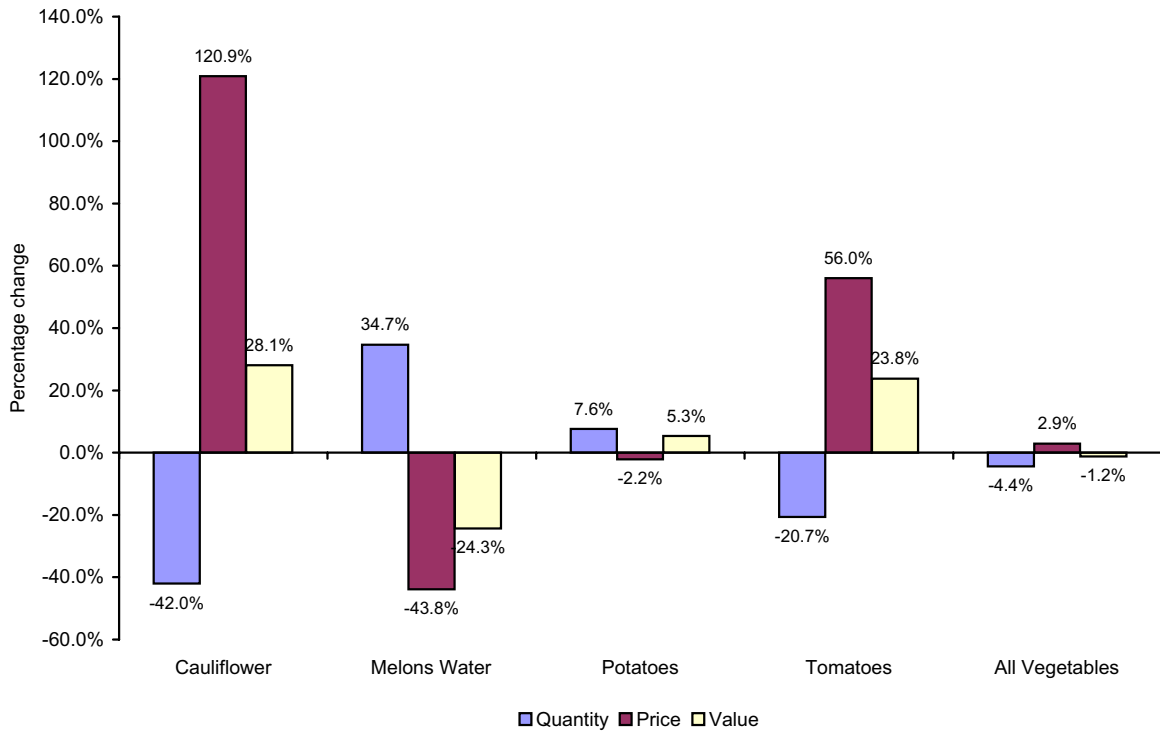


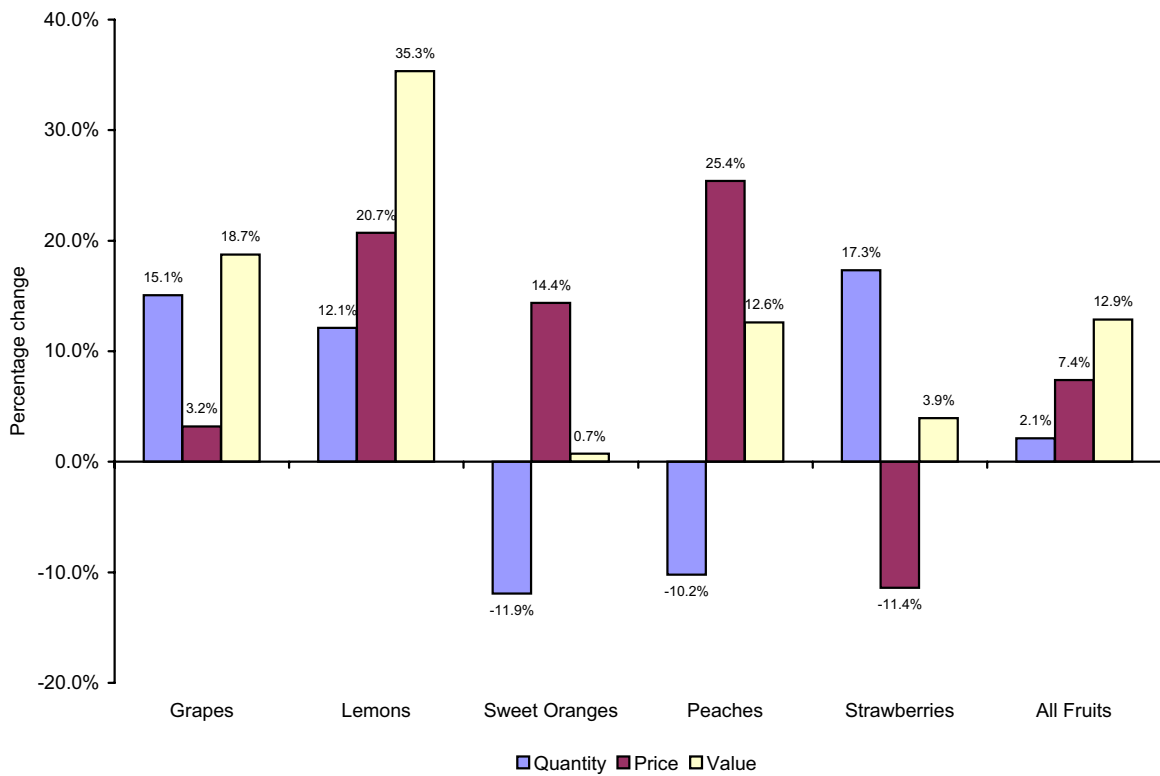
Chart 2. Monthly 'All Items' fresh vegetables index



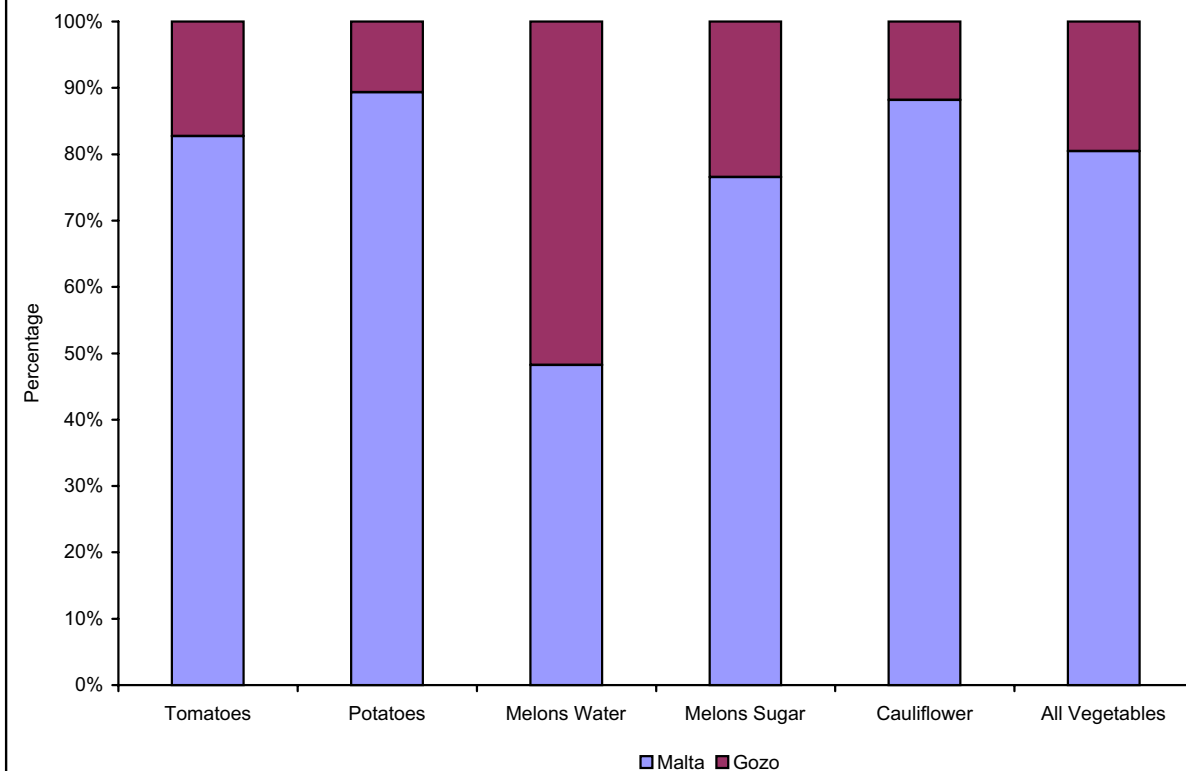
**Chart 3. Percentage changes of the most important vegetables - 2003/2002**



**Chart 4. Percentage changes of the most important fruit - 2003/2002**



**Chart 5. Percentage distribution of the main vegetable crops by weight - 2003**



**Chart 6. Percentage distribution of the main fruit by weight - 2003**

