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## Fruit and Vegetables: Q2/2015

In the second quarter, the volume of fresh fruit and vegetables sold through official markets amounted to 11.7 million kilogrammes, yielding €6.5 million. This represented a drop of 7.4 per cent in weight and a 20.5 per cent growth in wholesale value over the corresponding period in 2014.

Fresh vegetable supply went down by 7.1 per cent to 10.8 million kilogrammes over 2014. Drops of 28.3, 18.5 and 16.3 per cent were registered in the supply of sugar melons, watermelons and potatoes. In contrast, the wholesale value of fresh vegetables increased by 26.0 per cent to €5.3 million.

The supply of fresh fruit declined by 11.5 per cent mainly on account of decreases of 46.7, 14.9 and 3.7 per cent in the availability of lemons, peaches and strawberries. However, the wholesale value of fresh fruit increased marginally by 0.8 per cent to €1.2 million (Table 1).

### Regional Statistics

The volume of fresh fruit and vegetables supplied by Maltese farmers decreased by 6.7 per cent over the corresponding quarter in 2014. Maltese farmers supplied 10.9 million kilogrammes of fresh fruit and vegetables, 93.7 per cent of the total supply. The wholesale value of such produce went up by 21.6 per cent, from €4.9 million to €6.0 million (Table 2).

Gozitan farmers contributed 0.7 million kilogrammes of fresh fruit and vegetables, 6.3 per cent of the total supply. In volume terms, this produce decreased by 16.9 per cent, while the wholesale value went up by 9.1 per cent over 2014 (Table 3).

### Indices

The quarterly All Items fresh fruit price index increased by 18.31 points (16.7 per cent) year on year, to 128.27 points. In contrast, the respective volume index declined by 16.17 points (11.5 per cent) to 124.93 points.

The quarterly All Items fresh vegetables price index went up by 32.85 points (38.0 per cent) year on year, to 119.40 points. On the other hand, the respective volume index decreased by 8.06 points (7.1 per cent) to 105.19 points (Table 5) ■

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Table 1. Total quantity and wholesale value of agricultural products sold through official markets

Item	April-June (Q2)					
	Quantity (Kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014
<b>Total vegetables</b>	<b>11,676,265</b>	<b>10,845,221</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>4,191,947</b>	<b>5,283,580</b>	<b>26.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
Bellpepper	146,343	162,242	10.9	137,738	142,751	3.6
Broad beans	481,360	405,661	-15.7	127,261	205,521	61.5
Cabbages	728,421	731,541	0.4	101,710	116,557	14.6
Carrots	429,365	410,679	-4.4	183,928	173,777	-5.5
Cauliflowers	874,901	907,194	3.7	183,943	210,376	14.4
Celery	96,849	95,848	-1.0	33,065	31,734	-4.0
Cucumber	252,562	311,460	23.3	128,280	135,855	5.9
Dry onions	776,203	618,466	-20.3	175,310	477,738	172.5
Eggplant	166,929	149,260	-10.6	92,054	114,295	24.2
Globe artichokes	35,313	93,123	163.7	6,399	17,997	181.3
Green onions	169,364	229,465	35.5	23,385	58,461	150.0
Kohlrabi	183,792	177,370	-3.5	34,929	38,775	11.0
Lettuce	1,068,343	947,090	-11.3	188,120	166,402	-11.5
Potatoes	1,217,934	1,018,829	-16.3	281,789	290,045	2.9
Pumpkins	118,312	80,764	-31.7	59,001	67,767	14.9
Sugar melons	852,532	611,578	-28.3	289,450	306,909	6.0
Tomatoes	1,227,829	1,137,365	-7.4	839,179	1,194,560	42.3
Vegetable marrows	940,142	852,717	-9.3	331,936	442,866	33.4
Watermelons	862,819	702,964	-18.5	337,885	320,257	-5.2
Other vegetables	1,046,953	1,201,606	14.8	636,586	770,935	21.1
<b>Total fruit</b>	<b>929,180</b>	<b>822,713</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>1,174,184</b>	<b>1,183,273</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bambinella</i>	44	105	138.6	103	182	77.5
Cherry plums	17,026	28,703	68.6	26,321	30,943	17.6
Dry figs	197	0	-	598	0	-
Early figs	43,000	59,800	39.1	129,386	121,586	-6.0
Grapes	51	0	-	12	0	-
Lemons	117,407	62,527	-46.7	37,152	52,756	42.0
Nectarines	29,803	12,622	-57.6	15,279	8,940	-41.5
Oranges	2,939	3,688	25.5	2,328	2,560	10.0
Peaches	155,186	132,086	-14.9	99,035	96,057	-3.0
Pomegranates	24	270	1,025.0	46	32	-30.4
Strawberries	506,190	487,655	-3.7	815,613	834,822	2.4
Sweet oranges	23,763	11,598	-51.2	12,054	5,972	-50.5
Other fruit	33,550	23,659	-29.5	36,259	29,423	-18.9
<b>Total vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>12,605,445</b>	<b>11,667,934</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>5,366,131</b>	<b>6,466,853</b>	<b>20.5</b>

Table 2. Quantity and wholesale value of agricultural products sold through official markets by Maltese farmers

Item	April-June (Q2)					
	Quantity (Kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014
<b>Total vegetables</b>	<b>10,883,695</b>	<b>10,162,532</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>3,784,604</b>	<b>4,836,525</b>	<b>27.8</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
Bellpepper	126,416	146,382	15.8	121,935	129,406	6.1
Broad beans	428,738	371,416	-13.4	112,361	185,279	64.9
Cabbages	692,874	723,906	4.5	95,249	114,424	20.1
Carrots	425,582	410,414	-3.6	183,003	173,726	-5.1
Cauliflowers	854,371	887,086	3.8	179,163	203,646	13.7
Celery	93,872	92,878	-1.1	31,960	30,366	-5.0
Cucumber	205,051	259,683	26.6	95,806	104,179	8.7
Dry onions	700,352	507,324	-27.6	156,339	437,999	180.2
Eggplant	106,783	102,174	-4.3	55,124	71,833	30.3
Globe artichokes	35,098	92,708	164.1	6,317	17,751	181.0
Green onions	163,482	211,259	29.2	21,237	51,342	141.8
Kohlrabi	172,536	169,885	-1.5	32,751	36,959	12.8
Lettuce	1,036,143	914,990	-11.7	181,314	159,445	-12.1
Potatoes	1,166,399	957,491	-17.9	268,108	272,279	1.6
Pumpkins	112,523	76,101	-32.4	56,262	65,056	15.6
Sugar melons	787,299	575,650	-26.9	258,406	289,259	11.9
Tomatoes	1,063,179	1,023,186	-3.8	714,911	1,051,845	47.1
Vegetable marrows	896,921	800,578	-10.7	316,559	414,471	30.9
Watermelons	844,359	697,731	-17.4	330,343	316,803	-4.1
Other vegetables	971,717	1,141,691	17.5	567,456	710,456	25.2
<b>Total fruit</b>	<b>832,937</b>	<b>766,376</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>1,120,687</b>	<b>1,127,467</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bambinella</i>	44	105	138.6	103	182	77.5
Cherry plums	16,864	28,474	68.8	26,125	30,783	17.8
Dry figs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Early figs	42,830	59,329	38.5	128,961	120,638	-6.5
Grapes	51	-	-	12	-	-
Lemons	56,249	28,400	-49.5	18,588	25,701	38.3
Nectarines	29,529	12,432	-57.9	15,172	8,767	-42.2
Oranges	2,209	1,810	-18.1	1,904	1,612	-15.4
Peaches	153,309	130,505	-14.9	97,253	95,309	-2.0
Pomegranates	24	270	1,025.0	46	32	-30.4
Strawberries	499,669	482,455	-3.4	796,483	816,218	2.5
Sweet oranges	891	740	-16.9	735	397	-46.1
Other fruit	31,268	21,856	-30.1	35,305	27,828	-21.2
<b>Total vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>11,716,631</b>	<b>10,928,908</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>4,905,292</b>	<b>5,963,992</b>	<b>21.6</b>

**Table 3. Quantity and wholesale value of agricultural products sold through official markets by Gozitan farmers**

Item	April-June (Q2)					
	Quantity (Kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014	2014	2015	% change 2015/2014
<b>Total vegetables</b>	<b>792,570</b>	<b>682,689</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>407,343</b>	<b>447,055</b>	<b>9.7</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
Bellpepper	19,927	15,860	-20.4	15,803	13,344	-15.6
Broad beans	52,622	34,245	-34.9	14,900	20,242	35.9
Cabbages	35,547	7,635	-78.5	6,461	2,133	-67.0
Carrots	3,783	265	-93.0	925	51	-94.5
Cauliflowers	20,530	20,108	-2.1	4,780	6,730	40.8
Celery	2,977	2,970	-0.2	1,105	1,368	23.8
Cucumber	47,511	51,777	9.0	32,473	31,677	-2.5
Dry onions	75,851	111,142	46.5	18,971	39,739	109.5
Eggplant	60,146	47,086	-21.7	36,930	42,462	15.0
Globe artichokes	215	415	93.0	83	246	198.2
Green onions	5,882	18,206	209.5	2,148	7,119	231.4
Kohlrabi	11,256	7,485	-33.5	2,178	1,816	-16.6
Lettuce	32,200	32,100	-0.3	6,806	6,958	2.2
Potatoes	51,535	61,338	19.0	13,680	17,765	29.9
Pumpkins	5,789	4,663	-19.4	2,739	2,712	-1.0
Sugar melons	65,233	35,928	-44.9	31,044	17,650	-43.1
Tomatoes	164,650	114,179	-30.7	124,268	142,715	14.8
Vegetable marrows	43,221	52,139	20.6	15,377	28,395	84.7
Watermelons	18,460	5,233	-71.7	7,542	3,454	-54.2
Other vegetables	75,236	59,915	-20.4	69,131	60,479	-12.5
<b>Total fruit</b>	<b>96,243</b>	<b>56,338</b>	<b>-41.5</b>	<b>53,496</b>	<b>55,807</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
<i>Bambinella</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cherry plums	162	229	41.4	196	160	-18.3
Dry figs	197	-	-	598	-	-
Early figs	170	471	177.1	425	948	123.3
Grapes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lemons	61,158	34,127	-44.2	18,564	27,055	45.7
Nectarines	274	190	-30.7	106	173	62.2
Oranges	730	1,878	157.3	424	948	123.9
Peaches	1,877	1,581	-15.8	1,782	748	-58.0
Pomegranates	-	-	-	-	-	-
Strawberries	6,521	5,201	-20.3	19,130	18,603	-2.8
Sweet oranges	22,872	10,858	-52.5	11,318	5,576	-50.7
Other fruit	2,282	1,803	-21.0	954	1,596	67.3
<b>Total vegetables and fruit</b>	<b>888,814</b>	<b>739,027</b>	<b>-16.9</b>	<b>460,839</b>	<b>502,861</b>	<b>9.1</b>

**Table 4. All Items fresh fruit and vegetables index by month and year**  
(2010=100)

Index	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Fresh fruit index</b>	<b>2014</b>												
	Price index	112.37	154.25	150.70	128.65	117.21	84.02	86.25	70.05	63.70	73.34	85.73	96.83
	Volume index	66.86	65.03	98.09	124.22	129.07	170.00	97.91	102.63	80.58	39.19	46.70	69.27
	<b>2015</b>												
	Price index	117.70	154.48	180.21	120.66	160.54	103.61	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Volume index	73.15	62.70	80.07	129.39	82.66	162.74	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Fresh vegetables index</b>	<b>2014</b>												
	Price index	84.56	84.12	108.55	91.78	92.80	75.08	76.92	80.23	90.46	112.71	125.94	112.55
	Volume index	99.39	90.48	95.52	96.56	107.76	135.44	137.47	101.95	94.02	84.89	71.41	80.84
	<b>2015</b>												
	Price index	160.43	154.92	157.83	149.71	118.68	89.80	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Volume index	78.73	78.36	86.82	91.50	95.88	128.20	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 5. All Items fresh fruit and vegetables index by quarter and year**  
(2010=100)

Index	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fresh fruit index	<b>2014</b>				
	Price index	139.11	109.96	73.33	85.30
	Volume index	76.66	141.10	93.71	51.72
	<b>2015</b>				
	Price index	150.80	128.27	-	-
	Volume index	71.97	124.93	-	-
Fresh vegetables index	<b>2014</b>				
	Price index	92.41	86.55	82.54	117.06
	Volume index	95.13	113.25	111.14	79.05
	<b>2015</b>				
	Price index	157.73	119.40	-	-
	Volume index	81.31	105.19	-	-

## Methodological Notes

1. The information included in this news release is collected from the four official markets (Pitkali Malta, Co-op Malta, Pitkali Gozo, and Co-op Gozo) where all farmers deposit their produce for sale to licensed hawkers, through private middlemen. The information is compiled on a daily basis and data is forwarded to the NSO on a monthly basis.
2. Data are recorded by crop where quantities and values are kept, together with average unit price.
3. Unit volume and prices are used in the compilation of monthly volume and price indices for each agricultural product. The indices are used to monitor developments in price and volume movements over a particular period. The price and volume indices have 2010 as the base year. Price indices are calculated using the Laspeyres method with variable monthly baskets. These indices are not comparable month by month, and can only be compared with values for the corresponding month in previous years.
4. Regional data are derived at source where every consignment at the official markets is classified by the residence of the farmer.
5. The main types of produce are shown in this release. A full list of items that pass through the official markets may be made available on request.
6. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:  
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