

# Spain: melon exports from Murcia increase by 11.37% in 2007

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Melon exports from Murcia totalled 186,679 tonnes last year, an increase of 11.37% in comparison with the same period in 2006. Their value decreased by 4.84% to EUR 90,817, according to Proexport, the Murcian Association of Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Exporters.

Despite the increase shown by melons, **export** figures for all fruit and vegetables from Spain dropped 6.58% to a total of 1,054,224 tonnes in January 2008. In terms of their value, exports fell 3.04% to a total of EUR 850,913,608, according to FEPEX, the Spanish Federation of Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Exporters. **Fruit** figures were particularly discouraging, with exports down 19.76% in volume to a total of 541,686 tonnes.

Fruit and vegetable **imports** totalled 229,373 tonnes in January 2008, an increase of 20.24% in comparison with January 2007. Their value increased by 4.87% to a total of EUR 117,615,850.

Murcia accounts for 49% of all Spanish melon exports and is one of the most important melon producing regions in Spain, together with Ciudad Real and Almería.