

## World Paprika Report (Evesa)

### Spain

**Sowing period** – March to April

**Harvesting period** – September to November

**Estimated production in 2017** – 5.000 to 8.000 Tons

**Situation:** The quality of the product has been good since it has been a summer with few diseases, but due to the heat the color (ASTA) have not been as high as expected. The lack of rain in September and part of October is helping the with harvesting the peppers, without interruptions.

**Price trends** – same as in previous years.

### South Africa

**Sowing period** – September to December

**Harvesting period** – April to August

**Estimated production in 2018** – still unknown

**Situation:** The sowing of the fields has begun. There is still no concrete information as to whether more or less will be planted than in previous years. We will have more information in later reports.

**Price trends** – The Southern Cone of Africa is not a representative area and should not be taken into account as a relevant area in influencing paprika market prices.

### North America

There is no accurate information as this is not a representative paprika growing area and over 90% – 95% of the products are imported from other countries.

### South America

**Sowing period** – August to October

**Harvesting period** – March to July (In South America, paprika can be sown throughout the year (i.e.- Peru, both in the north and south of the country.)

**Estimated production in 2018** – still unknown

**Situation:** The 2017 campaign was very complicated in the whole of Peru, because the unusual rains caused much damage to the crop which has meant that the yields were not as expected. For the new campaign 2017- 2018 the situation by zones is as follows:

**South zone:** farmers are planting, but as already indicated, some are switching to more profitable crops such as

artichokes. Less hectares planted is what is expected.

**North zone:** due to the heavy rains in the north, the fields were flooded which prevented the farmers from sowing in time. A very considerable reduction in the number of hectares planted in the North is expected. Details will be given in the next report.

**Price trends** – during the months of July and August peppers reached very high prices, never seen previously in Peru, > \$3/kg. Currently there is little product available. It is not known what the trend will be until the new harvest.

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## China

**Sowing period** – April to May

**Harvesting period** – September to early November

**Estimated production in 2017** – 120.000 to 140.000 Tons

**Situation:** The harvesting campaign began at the end of September as planned. Summer has been good climatologically, with normal temperatures and rainfall within normal parameters. Planted area appears to be approximately 10% higher than in previous years. The yields are normal, although the pepper is smaller in size than usual. The color (ASTA) is at normal levels. The harvested peppers have been taken to the Gobi desert for drying and once dried transported to the processing plants. One of the fears is the humidity of the peppers and year after year the farmers are more reluctant to dry the pepper properly in hygienic conditions and would rather sell it with a high humidity, which is dangerous for the appearance of Aflatoxins and Ochratoxins.

## Prices

Prices have remained static throughout the year and will remain stable at that level, due to the current shortage of last year's production of peppers. Although the harvest is expected to be good in terms of total tonnage, at least at the same level as previous harvests (larger planted area, but smaller in size), the situation is of total uncertainty since, as in previous years speculators can and have caused an alteration in the normal evolution of the market and therefore of the prices and the availability of product.

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