



Quality Standards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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Montenegro - basic data





- ▶ Montenegro is situated in the southeast of Europe, with a surface area of 13,812 square kilometres, which represents 0.31% of the area of EU
- ▶ The total length of the land borders is 614 km. The Adriatic coast is 293.5 kilometers long
- ▶ Montenegro has a population of 620,029. The population density is on average 45 inhabitants per square kilometer.
- ▶ The capital Podgorica has 185,937 inhabitants, while the capital Cetinje has 16,657 inhabitants
- ▶ Montenegro is divided into three regions, coastal, central and northern





Agriculture: economic potential

- ▶ Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries sector in the structure of GDP amounted to 7.6% in 2020 - high contribution to GDP creation - compared to 2019 it is higher by 1.2%
- ▶ Gross value added in the sector amounted 316,2 MEUR in 2020 – compared to 2019. lower by 0,10 % or 0,3 MEUR
- ▶ Greater share of agriculture in the employment of the labour force, since approximately 25% of the total number of employed people in Montenegro are engaged in family farms and there are possibilities for strong contribution to the sustainable, innovation based development

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- Number of agricultural holdings 43.791
 - Used agricultural land 257.469,8
 - Agricultural land in Montenegro is 515.717ha (37.4% of the territory of Montenegro);
 - 89.075 ha is arable land;
 - 31.6% of the total agricultural land make the plot of 0.50 ha;
 - More than half of the households (54.1%) used 0.10 ha to 1 ha of agricultural land;
 - 0,83ha agricultural land per capita, or 0.31 ha of arable land per capita;

Areas in Montenegro

- ▶ Rural areas are classified further at the regional level as follows:
- ▶ 1. Predominantly rural region – more than 50% of the population lives in rural local communities,
- ▶ 2. Intermediate regions – between 15% and 50% of a region's population lives in rural local communities,
- ▶ 3. Predominantly urban regions – less than 15% of a region's population lives in rural local communities.





- ▶ a diversity hot-spot area of the European and global importance.
- ▶ The number of species per unit of area is 0.837, which is the highest recorded value in the whole of Europe
- ▶ Montenegro belongs to the 4% of the countries in the world with the highest average water outflow.







Fruit and vegetables





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- ▶ The Law on Regulation of the Market of Agricultural Products ("Official Gazette of Montenegro" No. 51/17) prescribes standards for placing agricultural products on the market that apply to all stages of sales.

Fruits and vegetables placed on the market must be fresh, healthy in appearance and have the country of origin indicated. The registration of companies and entrepreneurs, other legal and natural persons in the Register of Traders is envisaged, however, it has not been established yet (will be through the IPA).



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- ▶ Standards do not have to be met by fruit and vegetables intended for processing or animal consumption, delivered for personal use free of charge, peeled or sliced edible or ready-to-cook products, edible germs after seed germination products delivered/hardened from storage facilities to preparation and packaging facilities.

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- ▶ The Rulebook on General and Special Standards for Placing Fruits and Vegetables prescribes general and special standards according to the type of fruit and vegetables.
 - ▶ The following are described: product definition, quality provisions (minimum quality requirements, fruit ripeness requirements, grading, size), tolerances (tolerances on quality, size), exposure, uniformity, packaging and labeling.

- ▶ The control of compliance of fruits and vegetables with the standards is performed by the Ministry.
- ▶ The control of the compliance of fruits and vegetables with the standards may also be performed by a legal entity registered in the register of traders and authorized by the Ministry.



- ▶ The legislative framework is in line with Regulation 543/2011.





➤ Thank you!