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GOOD FRUIT AND OLIVE OIL CAMPAIGNS

Early estimates, on October 31, point to significant increases in production in most fruit crops and olive groves: in pome fruit, the vegetative growth took place in a positive way, with production forecast of 341 thousand tonnes in apple (the second highest since 1986) and 183 thousand tonnes in the pear (+40% compared to the previous campaign); in kiwi, despite the fruit size being smaller than usual, it is estimated that, for the first time, production will reach 50 thousand tonnes; in almonds, is clear the impact that the increase in area (especially with intensive almonds) has on production, which should reach 38 thousand tonnes (the highest production in the last 24 years); in wine production, although some regional heterogeneity, an increase of 5% is expected, vis-à-vis 2020 harvest; finally, in olive groves for oil, and after a less productive year, forecasts point to an unprecedented productivity of more than 3 tonnes per hectare. It should be noted that, in the opposite direction, especially due to the uncontrolled presence of *Mycosphaerella maculiformis* in many untreated chestnut groves, the chestnuts production should decrease 10%, in a year in which the fruit load could lead to a very productive campaign.

As for annual crops, the tomato for the industry stands out, which, as a result of a historically high unit yield, will once again exceed 1.5 million tonnes. Rice production is also expected to increase (+30%), due to the combination of the increase in area and productivity. In maize, global production (irrigated and rainfed) is expected to reach 716 thousand tonnes (+5% compared to 2020).