



## **ITALY - FORECAST 2023**

### **PEACHES-NECTARINES**

**and some information about other stone fruit**



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## PEACHES-NECTARINES FOCUS ON MARKET TREND 2022

- ☐ Good productions 2022 that returned to normal levels after two scarce years for the frost damages; however extreme weather events have been present (sudden temperature changes, hail, “water bombs” ....) drought in particular that affected the regular fruit development until mid-August;
- ☐ Favourable product request on the foreign markets, from the end of June in particular thanks to less competition of Spain due to production shortages of spanish northern regions;
- ☐ Demand in any case always related to the price level, livelier during promotional activities, and concentrated in particular on the cheaper small sizes. Customers always prefer nectarines to peaches...
- ☐ Correct prices at the beginning of the campaign, good level during all summertime but without important price moving; price levels not always as high as the previous two years.  
Absent the usual rise of prices during the final phase of campaign, and tendentially declining despite stocks with reduced quantities for the lowering temperatures and some rains but also to consumption distracted by other references such as apples, pears, grapes, plums...
- ☐ Need to support prices due to the increasing costs of production (energy, row materials....) and difficulty of finding labor...also do not forget the economic situation, inflation, etc.



## APRICOTS

### FOCUS ON MARKET TREND 2022

- ❑ Climat conditions similar to peaches-nectarines one; productions returned to average levels after the lowest quantities for frost of the previous two years.  
Small sizes since end of June then rising
- ❑ In general good demand on the foreign markets, more or less in balance with offer depending on the period, but smoother from mid-July (decreasing harvest on italian south regions and increasing in north ones)
- ❑ Demand always mainly focused on the cheapest sizes,
- ❑ Good prices since beginning of campaign, but no so higher as the maximum levels joined during the previous two years. Prices rising since mid-August for the smaller sizes in particular, trend regular or less dynamic for the higher sizes
- ❑ As peaches-nectarines need to support prices due to the increasing costs of production (energy, row materials....) and difficulty of finding labor



## Weather conditions of spring 2023 – impact on peaches-nectarines (and on stone fruit in general)

Please note that the present forecasts 2023 are referred to the period preceding the flood, news forecast will be update as soon as possible

- Mild winter; good blossoming but not excellent fruit setting due to the good productions of the last year and the drought too
- Frost at the beginning of April that affected the Northern regions, good production on south areas.

Damaged by frost in particular Emilia Romagna, the same areas subsequently affected by the floods of mid May.



## PEACHES-NECTARINES –ITALY: forecast 2023 **but referred before the floods**

Tons

|                    | 2019             | 2020           | 2021           | 2022             | F. 2023        | var%<br>2023/2022 | var%<br>2023/2019 |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| PEACHES            | 534.200          | 379.600        | 353.298        | 438.189          | 422.601        | -4                | -21               |
| CLINGSTONE PEACHES | 92.400           | 48.100         | 60.767         | 70.583           | 63.822         | -10               | -31               |
| NECTARINES         | 608.700          | 371.700        | 350.235        | 505.464          | 446.594        | -12               | -27               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>1.235.300</b> | <b>799.400</b> | <b>764.301</b> | <b>1.014.237</b> | <b>933.018</b> | <b>-8</b>         | <b>-24</b>        |

Source: CSO ITALY

Expected production (before the mid-may floods) less than the good levels of 2022, similar to 2021, remaining in any case below potential. New forecast will be update as soon as possible

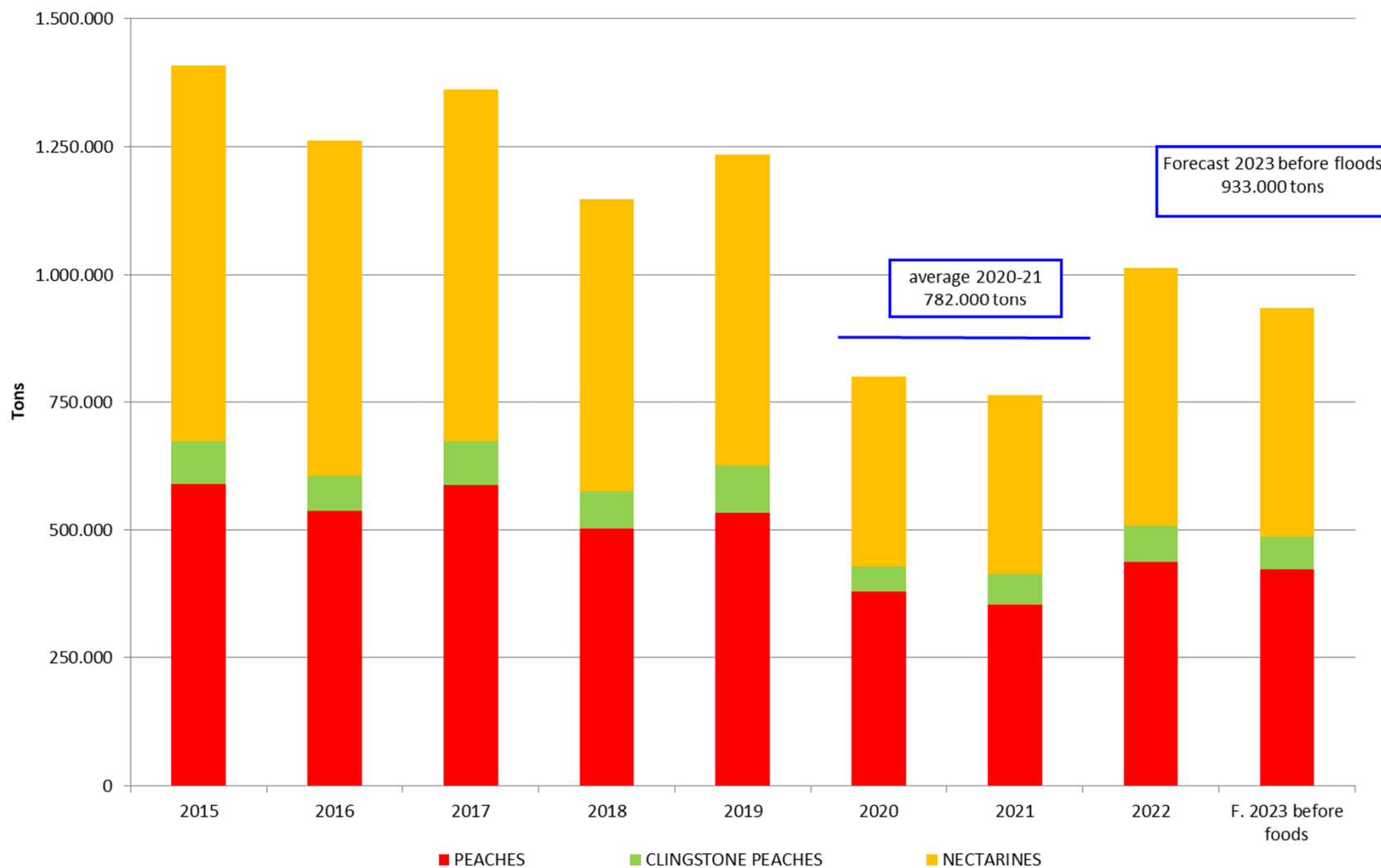
Surfaces 2023: decreasing trend, more pronounced decreases for peaches compared to nectarines, more important reduction in the Northern regions than the south almost stable or little decline



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PEACHES-NECTARINES – ITALY: forecast 2023  
(preceding floods of mid-may)



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## APRICOT – ITALY: forecast 2023



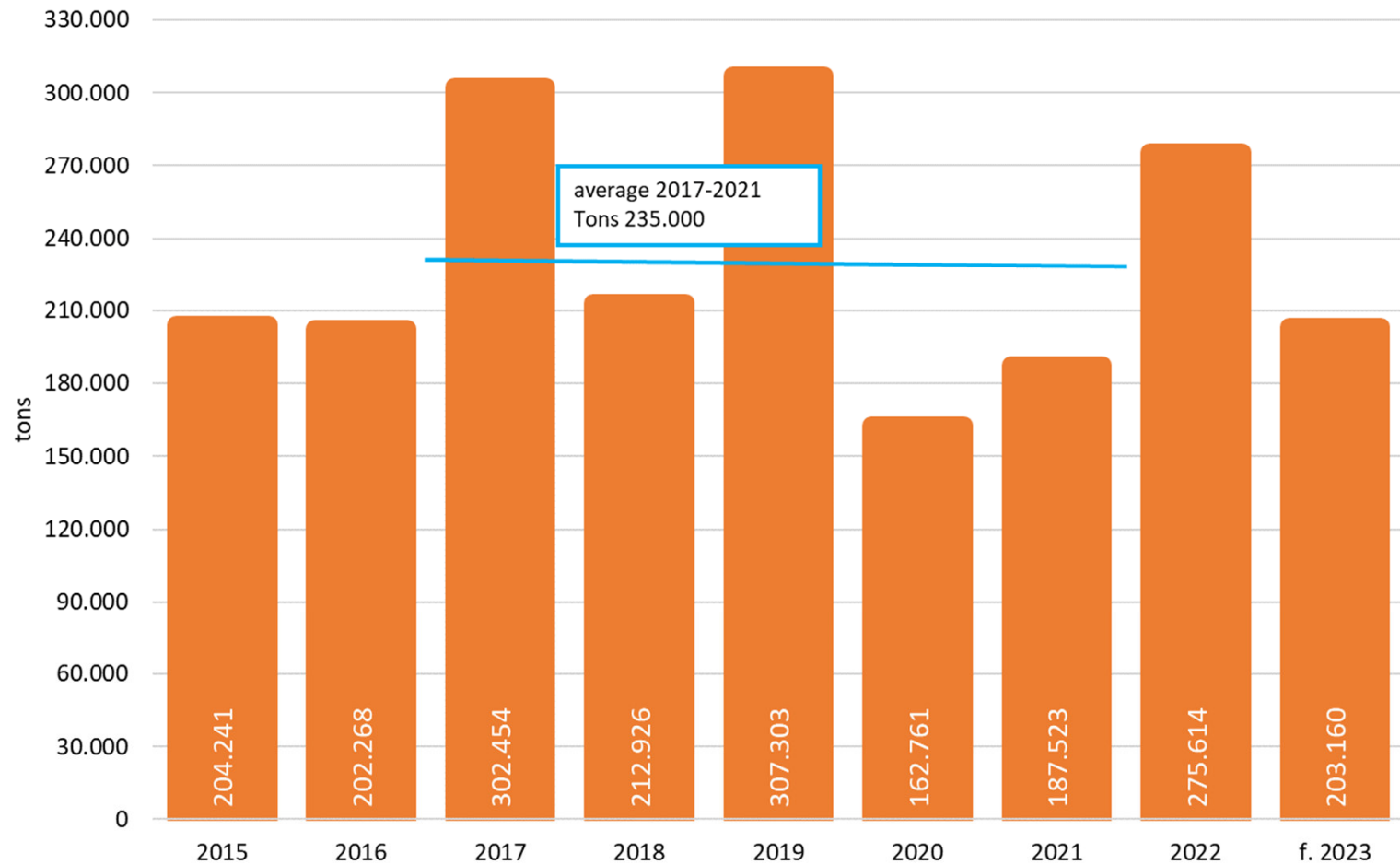
|                | Tons           |                |                |                |                |                     |                                   |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                | 2019           | 2020           | 2021           | 2022           | f. 2023        | var. %<br>2023/2022 | var. % 2023/<br>average 2017-2021 |
| Emilia-Romagna | 107.144        | 12.983         | 51.787         | 86.486         | 47.567         | -45                 | -28                               |
| South regions  | 169.475        | 136.316        | 124.891        | 165.548        | 135.557        | -18                 | -8                                |
| other regions  | 30.684         | 13.461         | 10.845         | 23.580         | 20.036         | -15                 | -9                                |
| <b>ITALY</b>   | <b>307.303</b> | <b>162.761</b> | <b>187.523</b> | <b>275.614</b> | <b>203.160</b> | <b>-26</b>          | <b>-13</b>                        |

This year expected smaller quantities than the good production 2022 due to frost damage.  
Little decreasing of surfaces also contribute to the production drop (-4% compared to 2022)

**As peches-nectarines the estimations are referred before floods of mid-may.  
Forecast information will be update as soon as possible**



## APRICOT – ITALY: forecast 2023 before loods



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## **ITALY: PLUMS and CHERRIES**

### **forecast 2023- early productive indications**

Plums and cherries showed good flowering but not excellent as 2022

Spring frosts damaged the north regions in particular, then floods in Emilia Romagna....

The product estimation is now not possible due to frequently changing weather conditions

**Thank you for your attention**

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