



## EURONION

20 Years of co-ordinating bulb onion production across Europe

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In the most important producing region Castilla La Mancha the cultivation season of onions started under good conditions. A winter abundant with rain and mild temperatures gave a good start to the early onions. However, also herbs developed well and there was an early pressure with weeds.

In May there were some hot periods followed by thunderstorms and in some cases hail has affected fields. But impact on the crops in general was very limited.



The early sown onions developed well and show normal caliber size between 60-90 mm. The early planted onions in the area of Ciudad Real are slightly smaller than usual with calibers mainly around 70-100 mm.



The photograph on the right shows onions of variety "Olimpic" taken at the 9<sup>th</sup> of June.



In June temperatures were extremely high and caused an accelerated maturity of early onions. The photographs further down, taken at the middle of June show the accelerated development of directly sown onions of variety “Valero”.



Besides, these conditions will have effects on caliber size and yields of onions getting harvested during the next weeks. But it is not only the absolute height of temperatures, but as well the long lasting period of this heat that is unusual for this time of the season.

Effects of this extreme heat on later onions are still not foreseeable. Concerning pests it is important to keep an eye on development of thrips, because they start to settle in the crops.

In the early producing regions, first in Andalusia followed by Valencia, yields were slightly higher than normal. Quality is estimated to be good and calibers are higher than usual, especially in the South.



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