

Canary Seed

The evolution of Canary Seed imports have experienced a variation amounting to 52.6% approximately in regards to CIF values (US\$) and to 56.5% in volume (Tons.)

Practically 100% of its origin is from Canada.

The main importers and sales volumes are described herein below:

IMPORTERS	1 9 9 2		1 9 9 3		±	
	US\$/TON (CIF)	TON.	US\$/TON (CIF)	TON.	US\$/TON	TON.
DEMARIA HRNOS.	102,576	297.3	120,781	355.6		
VELARDE HRNOS.	82,138	238.6	67,685	195.3		
IMP.CAPRILE S.A.	35,618	101.1	67,582	199,5		
JORGE GALLARDO	28,805	81.2	58,637	169.7		
CIA. MONTEVERDE	14,194	40.8	23,139	63.9		
IMP. & EXP. CAUPOL.	12,036	35.4	28,523	82.6		
OTHERS	7,208	21.2	64,963	209.7		
T O T A L	282,575	815.6	431,310	1,276.3	52.6%	56.5%

In this respect, the potato is a species that appears to be allocated a special status within the above scenario.

Starting the 1990 accounting period, the sowing surface of this field of activity has constantly increased until reaching 63,455 hectares during the 1992/1993 season, from then 25% has been planted in the Tenth Region, which continues to be the most important zone for this species; it is followed by the Ninth and Fourth Regions.

It is important to stress that the development of this crop has great importance in the phytosanitary aspect due to the presence of the golden nematode in a vast extension of the soils in the Northern Central-South Regions. In this sense there is a strict control by the Servicio Agrícola Ganadero (Agricultural and Cattle Service) of the cultivation and transfer of this root crop to the different regions of the country in order to stop entry of potatoes cultivated in the northern zone of the country to the zones which are free of this plague (Tenth Region in the south of the Country), where the greatest productions of the country and the source of national seeds are found.