

Especially in Seville, small containers (100-200g) of loose roes (without plastic) are sold for appetizers, packed in small boxes with net weight of 4-5kg. The current retail price is Pts 475-500/kg, although product normally sells at Pts 400-450.

Spanish refrigerator ships off South Africa stuff roe into sausage-like casings weighing 2kg (net) each. Roes separate without difficulty upon thawing.

Mullet roes - common grey mullet (Mugil cephalus L.) and lesser grey mullet (Mugil labrosus labrosus, Risso).

These roes are in great demand in southeast Spain. They come either IQF or in blocks (small blocks only). The lesser grey mullet is from temperate and tropical waters. The best roes come from the United States (Florida), ideally in the 4-6 ounce (114-170g) size. The price ranges from Pts 2000 to Pts 2800/kg.

Tuna roes:

The roes of yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares, Bonnaterre; Neothunnus macropterus) come in 1000-1500g sizes (the redder the better). Eggs must be whole and unbroken.

The most recent buying price quoted in Las Palmas (Grand Canary Islands) fluctuated between Pts 500 and Pts 600/kg.

The roes of blufin tuna (Thunnus thynnus) come in 2-3kg sizes, prices at Pts 800-1000.

Ling roes from Norway have been on offer recently, packed in 5kg boxes and priced at Kr 38 FOB. Shipping from AA-lusund to Murcia is around Kr 36 000.

Sizes are 200-300g, 300-400g and 400g and up.