

**Priority question for written answer P-005001/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Operation of Market Observatory for Citrus Fruit

In November 2019, the Commission launched the Market Observatory for Citrus Fruit to monitor price trends and obtain annual analyses by experts in the various production and marketing sectors.

Since then, it has published just two sets of indicators, the most recent in July 2020, accompanied by information on areas of production, varieties, prices, markets, etc. between 2018 and 2019. This makes it very difficult for the observatory to achieve its objective, which is the adoption of measures to prevent disruption of citrus fruit markets.

By contrast, other Commission observatories, such as the European Marketing Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA) produce weekly price reports for every species and for each of their markets.

1. Has the Commission considered producing weekly citrus fruit market price updates, accompanied by import/export figures?
2. Is it possible for observatory data to include EU citrus fruit consumption trends, thereby enabling producers to make the necessary adjustments to cultivation, variety selection and promotion campaigns?
3. Does the Commission consider the observatory to be effective and fit for purpose?