

### **Crop season 2016/2017 recorded historical highs in orchards and olive groves**

The Gross Value Added (GVA) of the agricultural industry increased by 6.5%, in nominal terms, in 2017, after a reduction of 1.5% in 2016. This variation mainly reflects the 4.4% growth in the output of the agricultural industry (-2.4% in 2016), resulted from the rise in volume (+3.8%) and the stabilisation in prices (+0.6%). The intermediate consumption increased by 3.1%.

In the crop year 2016/2017, orchard production was excellent, with highest records of apple, cherry, kiwi, orange and almond. Also notably was the olive oil production, which exceeded 1.47 million hectolitres, corresponding to the most productive season since systematic records were available.

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