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Report Highlights:

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Fruit and Vegetable Market – Commission Working Document

As announced in its report on the simplification of the common market organization (CMO) of fruit and vegetables (ref GAIN report E34048), the European Commission recently published an analysis of the fruit and vegetable sector in a working document. The working document presents statistical data and analyzes budgetary issues related to the sector as well as the working of Producer Organizations (POs) and the related Operational Funds. The working document complements the report on the simplification of the CMO and aims to provide a background for the upcoming debate on the CMO in the European institutions and within the sector.

The EU fruit and vegetable sector represents an average of 16.4% of total agricultural production of the EU-15 in the period 2001-2003 and 16.8% in the EU-25. In 2000-2002, the EU-15 produced annually 55 million tons of vegetables of which 15 million tons tomatoes and 35 million tons of fruit of which 9.7 million tons citrus fruit. Around 40% of the EU fruit and vegetable production is marketed through PO's which handle the operational funds. In 2003 expenses for operational funds reached EUR 452 million, 1.1% of total fruit and vegetable production in value at the EU level.

Particularly interesting in the Working Document is the release of information on "Operational Funds and their utilization" (page 20). The Operational Funds are mainly used to fund technical measures linked to production (phytosanitary measures, irrigation, machinery, greenhouse, plants, and research and development) followed by those linked to marketing (land, real estate, storage, packaging, transport, and research and development).

The 28-pages working document can be downloaded from the Internet at http://europa.eu.int/comm/agriculture/publi/reports/fruitvegsimpl/workdoc_en.pdf.

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