



Aragón:

a cornucopia of fruit
the year round





The landscape of Aragón features 50,000 ha of fruit orchard (apple, pear, peach, apricot, cherry and plum) clustered in the traditional irrigated farming areas of the rivers Jalón and the lower Cinca, the La Litera farmland and the modern heights above the lower Ebro river in the Caspe-Mequineza area.

Over the past fifteen years, 15% more land has been given over to fruit trees in Aragón. All fruit species have increased, but the increase in peach and cherry output has been particularly notable.

Aragón's annual fruit output is on the rise, chiefly because of increased yield and improved technology. Huesca province's main products are peach and nectarine. Teruel is known for peach, and Zaragoza for apple, peach and pear.

The Aragonese fruit harvest makes for a sizable proportion of the national total. The surface area given over to sweet fruit growing in Aragón accounts for one fifth of the total for Spain. The contribution to output is similar. Aragón grows 30% of all Spanish peaches and 23% of apples. It also concentrates 30% of the country's cherry crop.

Aragonese vegetable cropping extends over a combined area of 7000 ha, irrigated almost in its entirety, with output of over 225,000 tons annually. Most of the area under cultivation is occupied by pea, tomato, potato, onion, peppers, runner bean and other crops like asparagus and cauliflower.

Irrigated crops in Aragón start to be harvested in March to April (cherry, apricot, peach and nectarine); the picking season ends in October/November, with bagged Calanda peaches. Melocotón de Calanda peaches of the Amarillo Tardío variety are grown in the southeast area of the Ebro basin, straddling Teruel and Zaragoza provinces.

A very wide variety of fresh vegetables are also grown in the region, so Aragonese consumers have seasonal fruit and vegetables available all the year round.





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The river Cinca, a tributary of the Ebro, rushes down in waterfalls and torrents from the snowy peaks, and, when it reaches the plains, lends its name to the Cinca Medio district, in Huesca province in the region of Aragón. This is a rich agricultural area surrounded by stunning landscapes and a wide diversity of ecosystems; a number settlements line the riverbanks.

One such town is Binaced. The red soil contrasts with the bright green of the fruit orchards, and humankind has settled this place for millennia: the prehistoric caves at Pins have been dated to the Neolithic period.

It is in this natural and historic setting that we find the company Biofrutal, a cooperative whose members carry out organic farming in a favourable environment and a strategically suitable location.

Biofrutal grows and distributes high-quality organic fruit and manufactures organic fruit juices, mainly peach, nectarine and pear.

Recently, the company started to use organic methods to produce flat peach, popularly known in Spain as paraguayo. Its intense fragrance and delicious sweet taste is winning over an increasing number of consumers.

Biofrutal products offer the finest flavour and are good for your health.



