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## Cold snap hits Spanish veg output



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**T**he cold snap gripping much of the Spanish peninsula is likely to reduce the availability of vegetables and salads on the European market during the coming weeks.

A lack of rainfall and cooler-than-average December have already delayed crop cycles and left vegetables more vulnerable to frost damage,

With temperatures as far south as Murcia and Almería predicted to dip below

freezing this week, it is inevitable that supplies will face disruption, producers say.

Fernando Gómez, general director of Proexport, told Fruitnet that salads and leafy vegetables have been particularly affected.

He noted that as Italy faces a similar weather situation, the impact on the market would be even more pronounced.

"Demand has also stalled in recent days so it's difficult to predict what the final effect on the market will be," Gómez said. "But a clearer picture will emerge over the coming days."