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Consumption rebounds in Spain

Fepex sees slight increase for month of July, although yearly figures are down for the opening seven months of 2013



Fresh fruit and vegetable consumption in Spain has rebounded in July after year-on-year declines in both May and June this year.

According to Fepex, July consumption grew 3 per cent on the same month of 2012, coming in at some 827,600 tonnes.

By category, vegetable consumption climbed 6 per cent, fruit by 2 per cent, and potato consumption actually fell 1 per cent.

July's fruit and vegetable expenditure rose 20 per cent year-on-year, up to €1.2bn, with increases across the board for fruits (+25 per cent), vegetables (+8 per cent) and potatoes (+50 per cent).

However, for the seven months between January and July this year, consumption has actually fallen by 1 per cent, according to Fepex, although expenditure is up 6 per cent to €7.1m.