

Blackcurrant in France

France is one of the most important producer of Blackcurrant in the world.

The Loire Valley basin produces 60% of the French production; Burgundy produces 20%, the rest being divided between Rhône valley and Picardie.

More than 200 producers and at least 30 companies (13 marketing fruit companies and 17 fruit processors and preparers) are grouped together from production to industry with 100 million of euros turnover estimated.

The French production comprises between 8.000 and 11.000 tons, according to the years, with an area of 2.800 ha.

National Producers' Organisations Association

French production is well organized. The association, created in June, 2009 includes 4 organisations of producers (representing 65 to 70% of the French production):

- Vergers d'Anjou – Sica Transfofruits,
- Socofruits Bourgogne,
- Côteaux Bourguignons,
- Sicoly.

Its duties are:

- Representing and defending its members towards authorities, professional and interprofessional organisations at national and international scales.
- Economical coordination within AFIDEM (French Association of Fruit and Vegetable Processors),
- Technical cooperation in order to define orientations, notably for experimentation and for Integrated Fruit Production (PFI),
- Regulatory and economical watch,
- Communication on Blackcurrant.

Association's committee:

- Chairman : Florent BAILLARD, President of the Producers' Organisation : Socofruits Bourgogne,
- Vice-Chairman : Philippe ALLAIS, representing the Producers' Organisation : Vergers d'Anjou – Sica Transfofruits (Val de Loire),
- Treasurer : Guy VERGUIN, representing the Producers' Organisation : Sicoly (Rhônes Alpes),
- Secretary: Olivier LENOIR, representing the Producers' Organisation : Côteaux Bourguignons.

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