

Harvest in Olive Orchards

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Harvesting is the most important criteria of the olive production stage, because it can effect the quality of the olives. Olives are considered to be an important oil producing plant in Turkey. Inaccurate harvesting techniques endangers the loss of products of the following year.

Harvesting is an important stage for olive oil quality, beside its importance in obtaining green and black olives. Early harvesting improves olive oil quality as well as the oil composition. Oils obtained from late harvested olives is different than those from the early harvested ones.

Harvesting techniques are different from each other. The method which reduces injury to the trees is the one undertaken with machinery. Some circumstances are necessitated for mechanisation.

In order to obtain the best quality olives studies have concluded that, olives should be early harvested early, be harvested with mechanical means, be carried within plastic crates and be processed into olive oil with the minimum delay.

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