

# *Mango Harvest Begins in Camagüey*

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Havana, May 12 (RHC) – Camagüey's mango harvest will begin during the second half of May. Some production centers, however, have already started the so-called trimming process to help the industry reach the 6,000 tons of fruit this year.

The producer's main commitment is to ensure there is the necessary fruit for the production of jams that will be delivered to the children as part of the social consumption basket and to substitute imports that cost the state excessively. More than half of the expected harvest will be for the industries located in the province and for that of Ceballos, in the municipality of Ciego de Ávila.

Although there is an abundance of fruit in the mango plantations, experts fear that the high temperatures, scarce rains and the non-availability of equipment for the collection and transportation of the fruit will affect the production.

In this regard, the situation at the Forestal production center, in the municipality of Santa Cruz del Sur, is particularly worrisome, as this year's production is expected to amount to nearly 350 tons of mango, less than half of what was produced last year, due to an infestation of Marabou and the lack of water and workforce in that area.

This year, as part of the fruit development in Camagüey, nearly two hundred new acres of fruit will be plant in the municipalities of Santa Cruz del Sur, Minas, and Sierra de Cubitas y Vertientes.



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