



## ELIXENS GROUP & ITS PRODUCTIONS CROP REPORT

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### LAVENDER & LAVANDINS

Plants have resumed their vegetative cycle in the middle of spring. In the lavender and lavandin production areas, the fall season had been rather dry. Episodes of frost in January and April have been reported with some severe intensity. Pull out remains measured, indicating a stabilization of the withering effect, helped by globally favorable weather conditions for the past three seasons.

Thus, the areas under cultivation, which are now predominantly Lavandin Grosso, still increase by 4% and are rather young. On the other hand, the surfaces of Abrial and Super retreat and grow old forecasting a reduced production potential of these varieties.

The plots of lavender production show encouraging development for clonal lavender (+ 9%). Harvests are generally good. However, the impact of unfavorable weather phenomena on the affected areas (Sault zone, southern plateau Valensole, Haut Diois ...) is impossible to evaluate at this stage.

In Bulgaria the surfaces seem to have increased again this season. Episodes of freezing and / or withering are reported without being able to assess their impact other than the caution reported by some producers.

### NEROLI

The Neroli distillation cycle has just begun. there is a high level of tension due to poor harvests in Tunisia. **ELIXENS France** proposes a 100% natural Neroli Substitute, presenting high quality and affordable prices.

### ROSE

The dreaded spring frosts did not occur in Bulgaria. Production has therefore been very good, only limited by the scarcity of harvesting labor. The campaign ends with good yields and prices are announced to be in a downward trend.

### THYME

The harvests took place in good conditions. Surfaces are developing as a result of a continuing strong market demand. Some areas were affected by the spring frost on Simiane and Die. Thymol, Linalol and Thujanol organic thyme essential oil will soon be available from **ELIXENS France**.

### VANILLA

The tensions on the vanilla market is still present. A devastating cyclone hit the island of Madagascar in March destroying part of the plantations and fueling risks of theft and sabotage before the pods actually mature. Prices reach historical highs and qualities are heterogeneous.

### YLANG-YLANG

The situation in the Comoro Islands is still tense and unpredictable - it is a highly speculative market. It is very difficult to stabilize the production chains which are prey to permanent overbidding. **ELIXENS** focuses on a core of loyal producers. In the current context, the greatest vigilance is required on the different qualities being offered because adulterations are frequent; they are fueled by the historically high prices of the essential oils We will try to keep you posted.

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