

Mexican avocado exports rose by 26% year-on-year in the first two months of 2018 to hit 234,528 metric tons (MT), with solid growth in the United States along with an exponential jump in shipments to Singapore and China.

Volume was also 13% greater than the same period in 2016.

With 169,697 metric tons (MT), the United States imported 73% of the total volume and saw growth of 14%. Meanwhile, Canada was the second-leading destination with just 1% growth and a volume of 13,296MT.

Hot on Canada's heels was Singapore which saw a growth rate of 5507% to hit 13,010MT. Elsewhere in Asia, Japan's intake was up 21% at 12,078MT while China saw growth of 394% to reach 3,360MT.

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Europe has also increased its imports of Mexican avocados, especially in Spain, France and the Netherlands.

Netherlands was the main port of entry in Europe for the fruit, doubling its intake to 4,040MT, while France's purchases were up 37% at 3,882MT. Spain's imports grew a whopping 161% to just under 3,000MT, although there is still a way to go to match 2016's volume of 4,335MT.

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