

Update

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Beacon Commodities



We have spent the last month travelling and speaking to our Juniper suppliers across Europe. Reports on the crop are not good and it looks like 2016 will be a difficult year. Different countries have differing results but one common theme is that the unripe green berries are not ripening this year.



Unripe green berries

Juniper

The problem will cause a diminished yield in a time when Juniper demand is on the rise. An additional issue is that collectors are unwilling to go into the mountains to collect Juniper with such a shortage of ripe berries. This is because it involves a huge amount of effort for only a very limited return. A rise in prices is therefore inevitable to encourage collectors to pick.

High moisture levels have also affected this year's crop which will raise prices and highlight the importance of processing the berries correctly once harvested.

Beacon Commodities are working hard to secure their quantities. However, with any shortage in wild products, lots need to be carefully selected as price hikes tend to result in poor quality material finding their way to market, and it is imperative that these batches are identified.

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact us.



Tommy in search of Juniper



Some ripe berries



More green berries