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GREECE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2023, Greece ranked 3th in the EU-27 in terms of aquaculture production while it only ranked 14th for fisheries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Greece	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	63	0,1%	2%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	141	0,1%	14%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**204**	**0,1%**	**4%**

FISHING FLEET

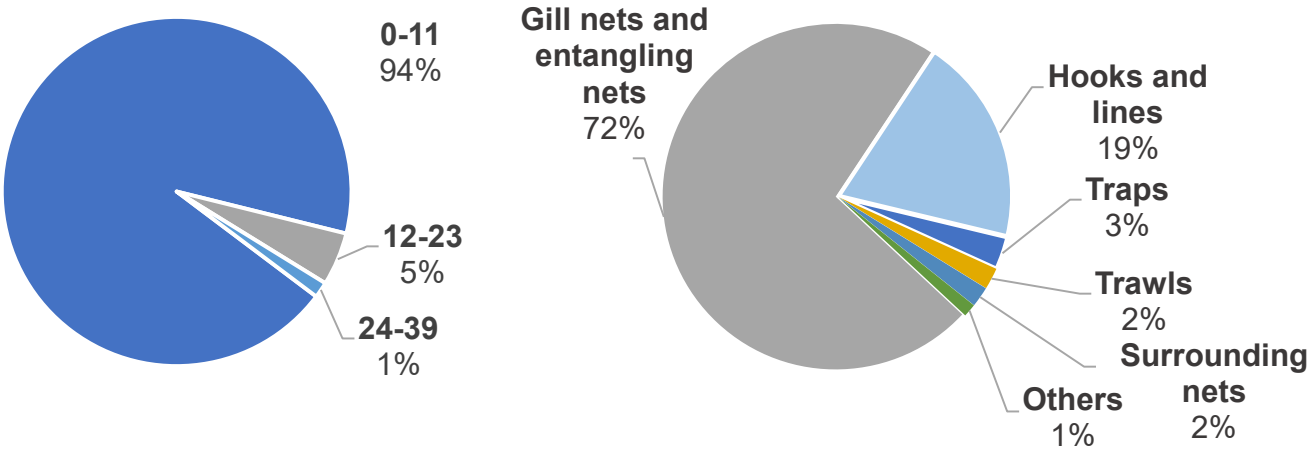
Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat **Employment: 2023, source: JRC**

Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)	
Number: 11.452	GT: 60.112	KW: 344.484	
TOTAL FTE: 11.916 (2023, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	**12-23 m**	**24-39 m**	**>40 m**
Jobs (FTE): 76%	Jobs (FTE): 14%	Jobs (FTE): 10%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

GT: Gross tonnage - KW: Kilowatt - FTE: Full Time Equivalent

The Greek fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



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LANDINGS

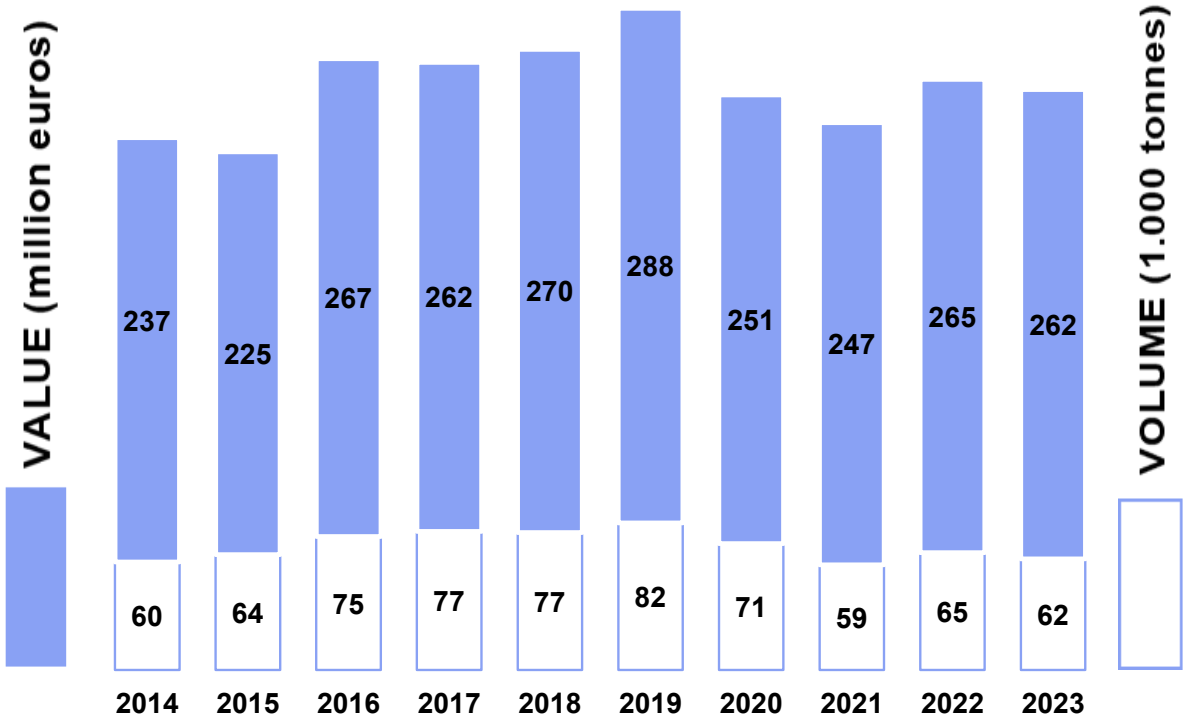
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given Member State. They include aquatic plants and species not destined for human consumption. Landings are recorded in net weight and value, and concern landings made by vessels from EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and the UK.

According to Eurostat, all landings in Greece in 2023 were fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 364 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 03 December 2025).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

RED MULLET	29	11%	12	19%	ANCHOVY
HAKE	28	11%	10	16%	SARDINE
OCTOPUS	21	8%	4	7%	HAKE
ANCHOVY	19	7%	3	5%	DEEP-WATER ROSE SHRIMPS
DEEP-WATER ROSE SHRIMPS	17	6%	3	6%	RED MULLET
OTHERS	149	57%	42	67%	OTHERS

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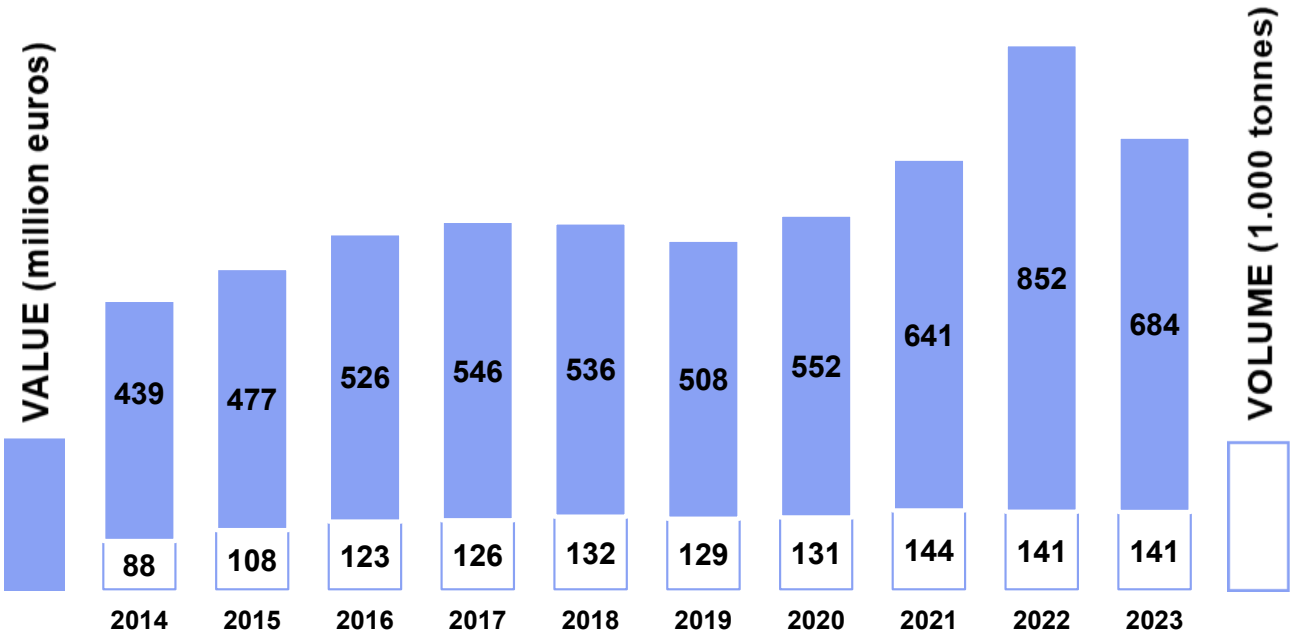
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data

Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (freshwater or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

According to Eurostat, in 2023, 98% of Greek production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and the rest in freshwater. The main production method used were cages, followed by other methods for which no detail is available.

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

GILTHEAD SEABREAM	318	47%	65	46%	GILTHEAD SEABREAM
EUROPEAN SEABASS	285	42%	44	31%	EUROPEAN SEABASS
MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.	12	2%	18	13%	MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.
TROUT	8	1%	2	1%	TROUT
OTHERS	61	9%	11	8%	OTHERS

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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Source: European Commission, List of the recognised producer organisations in the fishery and aquaculture sector

In Greece, **2 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, both operating in aquaculture. Their role is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and of the Common organisation of the markets (CMO) through the collective management of their members' activities.

FIRST SALES

2025, source: EUMOFA

First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

In 2025, total first sales in Greece amounted to 21.870 tonnes and 69 million euros.

Five main commercial species covered more than 67% and 64% of total first-sale, respectively in volume and value terms.

Top-5 main commercial species	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)
Anchovy	8.140	15,11
Sardine	4.732	11,99
Hake	854	8,41
Other marine fish	573	4,25
Red mullet	395	4,21

WHOLESALE

Wholesale is an intermediary stage in the distribution channel that buys in bulk and sells to resellers (e.g. retailers) rather than to consumers.

In Greece, the wholesale stage is mainly recorded in auction markets (source: Directorate for Fisheries Policy & Development of Fisheries Products). In 2022, sales at the Piraeus market totalled 10.410 tonnes and 29 million euros.

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PROCESSING

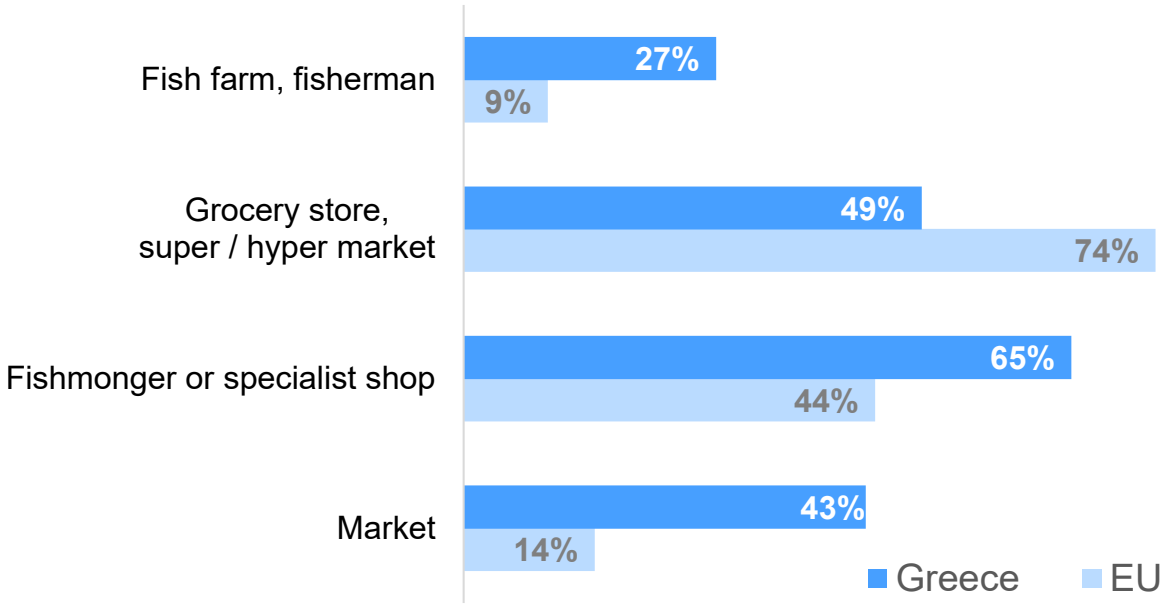
According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.502 persons were employed in the Greek fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 48 million euros, covering 1% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2024, the main products sold were “Fresh or chilled fish fillets and fish meat (including shark fins), whether or not minced” and “Prepared or preserved tuna, skipjack and Atlantic bonito, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

95 companies
Net turnover: 239 million euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2024):



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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

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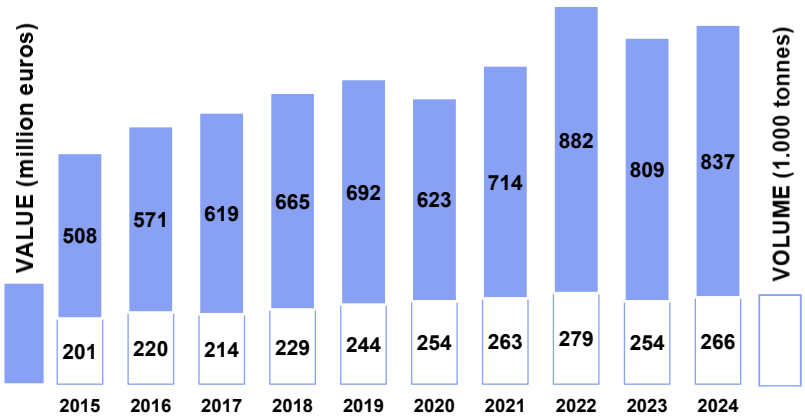
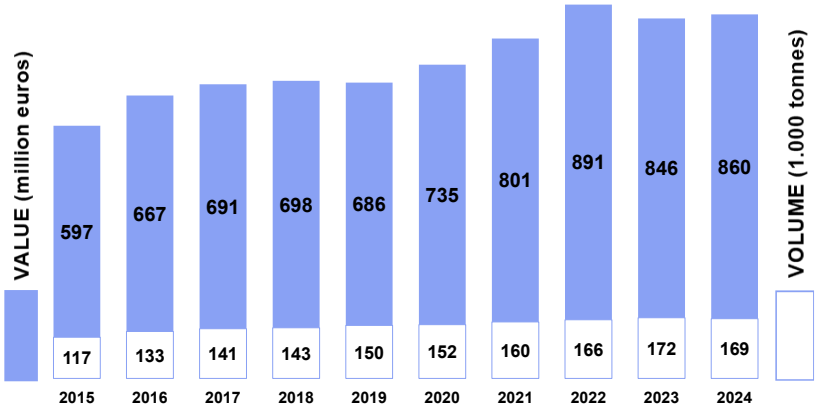


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

FISHMEAL	124	13%
SQUID	100	10%
SALMON	96	10%
FISH OIL	69	7%
OCTOPUS	59	6%
OTHERS	538	55%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

GILTHEAD SEABREAM	345	34%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	332	33%
SALMON	60	6%
SQUID	18	2%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	12	1%
OTHERS	248	24%

Main countries of **ORIGIN** (in value, 2024)

- Turkey 16%
- Spain 14%
- Netherlands 7%
- Morocco 5%

Main countries of **DESTINATION** (in value, 2024)

- Italy 30%
- Spain 21%
- France 9%
- Netherlands 8%

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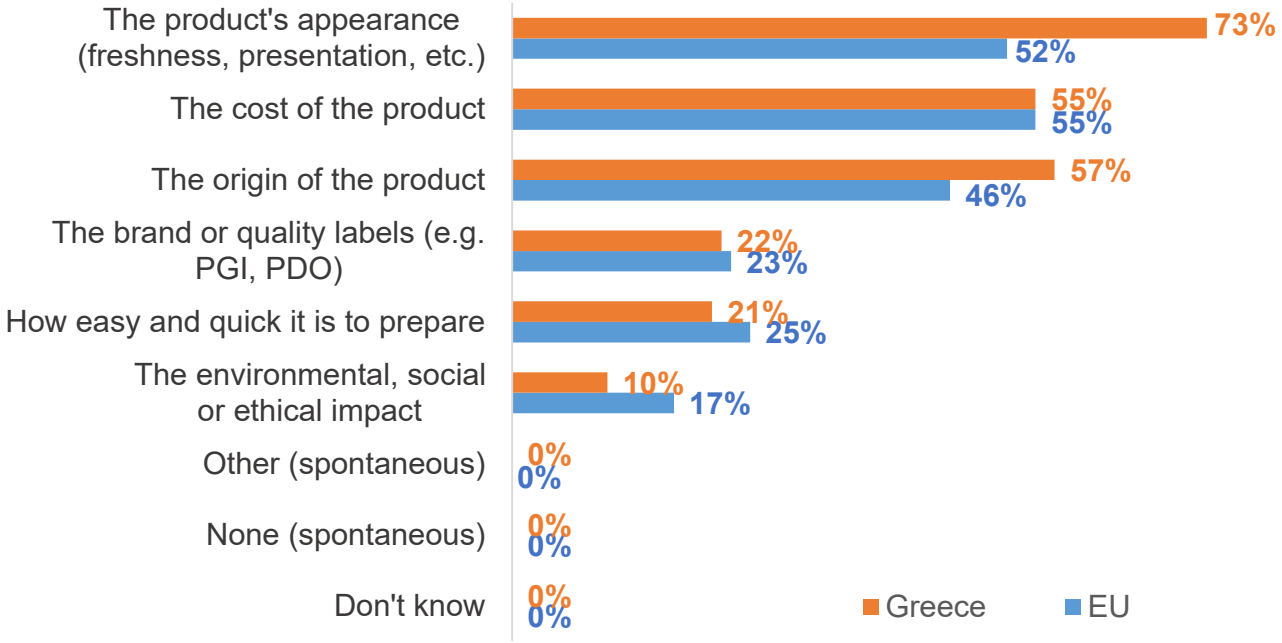
CONSUMPTION

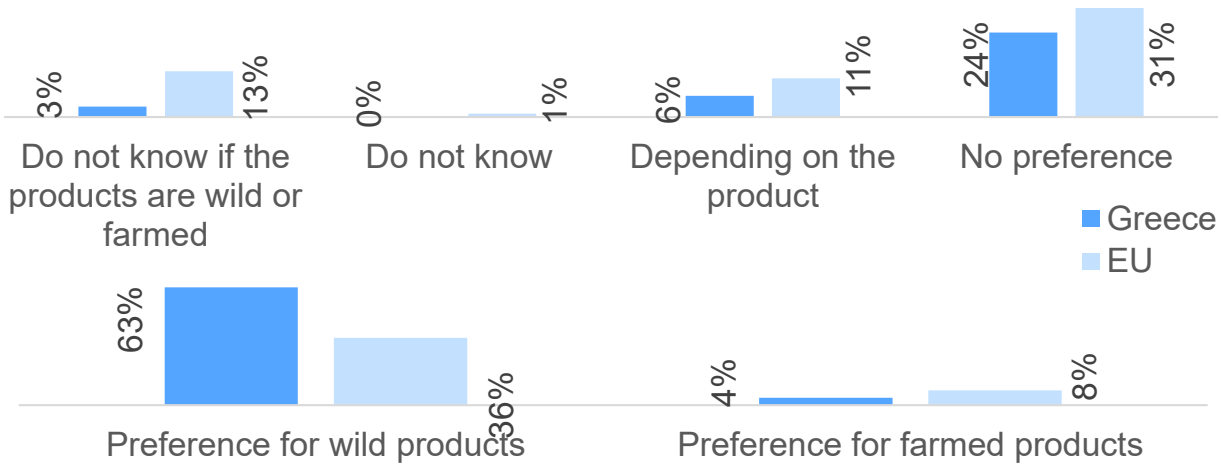
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 20,33 kg per capita, a 3% increase compared with 2022. The most consumed species are squid, sardine, salmon and anchovy (source: EUMOFA).

20,33 kg
per capita in live weight equivalent
(2023, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



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THE COUNTRY IN EUMOFA

LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with FAO data.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece. Data cover all species sold in Greece.

They are accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

Data are collected from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece and refer to sales in the port of Piraeus.

On a weekly basis, volumes and values of a selection of 17 main commercial species are collected. On a monthly basis, volumes and values are collected and cover all species sold.

IMPORT - EXPORT

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – COMEXT. Data concern trade flows of all fisheries and aquaculture products as recorded by national customs.

They are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

PROCESSING

Data are collected from Eurostat – PRODCOM. They concern ex-farm quantities and values of fisheries and aquaculture products sold in the country after being transformed from raw material into final products.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

CONSUMPTION

Retail prices from online shops are available, as collected via price-scraper.