

The Province of Venice is characterized by valuable agricultural products, including some typical products strictly connected to the place of origin:

- **horticultural products:** asparagus (the famous “asparago bianco di Bibione, di Giare e del Sile”), beetroot, chard, artichoke (the renowned “carciofo violetto di Sant’Erasmus), carrot (“carota di Chioggia”), cauliflower, spring cabbage, savoy cabbage, cucumber, chicory, onion (“cipolla bianca di Chioggia”), green bean, bean, fennel, curly leaf endive, scarole, iceberg, cabbage and romaine lettuce, aubergine, potato, sweet potato, pepper, green pea, tomato (“pomodoro del Cavallino”), leek, radicchio (“radicchio di Treviso, radicchio rosso di Chioggia”), celery, spinach, pumpkin (“zucca tonda di Chioggia”), courgette;
- **cereals crops:** in particular corn, barley and soy;
- **fruits production:** apricot, persimmon, chestnut, cherry, watermelon, strawberry, kiwi (Veneto is the first Italian producer), apple, melon, peach, pear (“pera del Veneziano” is an ancient product), plum, grapes.

The typical products of the Lagoon Province also include “ miele di Barena” and “formaggio Montasio”.

The food and agriculture sector best known abroad is wine production, mostly concentrated in the oriental part of the Province, namely the Lison-Pramaggiore, nearby Portogruaro and the Piave, in the municipality of San Donà di Piave.

The production of D.O. wines (Designation of Origin) in the Province of Venice includes:

- one D.O.C.G. (Designation of origin controlled and guaranteed): Lison, whose product specification was introduced with the 2010 vintage and the Malanotte del Piave.
(<http://www.consorziovinivenezia.it/ita/vini/docg>)
- D.O.C. wines (Designation of origin controlled): Lison-Pramaggiore, Piave, Prosecco, Venezia, Corti Benedettine del Padovano, Riviera del Brenta.

As to the two DOCs granted in 2004, “ Riviera del Brenta” and “Corti Benedettine del Padovano”, they have their Venetian origin in the western part of the Province bordering with the Province of Padua.

The IGT wines (Typical geographic identification), instead, are represented by:

- **IGT Veneto wines:** White wine also in the sparkling and passito type, Red wine also sparkling, passito and new, Rosè wine also in the sparkling type;
- **IGT delle Venezie wines:** White wine also in the sparkling type, Red wine also sparkling and new, Rosè wine also sparkling;
- **IGT eastern Veneto wines:** White wine also sparkling, Red wine also sparkling and new, Rosè wine also sparkling.

Fisheries and aquaculture is traditionally one of the most significant sectors of venetian agri-food.

The lively fish-markets of Venice and Chioggia daily supply the fishmongers of Northern Italy and Europe, thanks to the variety of species that the rivers of the Province and the Adriatic Sea offer: anchovy, billfish, bogue, thicklip grey mullet, thinlip mullet, golden grey mullet, leapin mullet, grey mullet, spotted dogfish, goby, rock goby, four-spotted and LeSueur’s goby, conger eel, sand smelt, striped bream, hake, sea bream, bar, ghiozzi, smooth dogfish, sprat, plaice, pesce lucerna, tracine, monkfish, ray, turbot, boga, dory, white seabream, scorpion-fish, mackerel, sole, turkish sole, horse mackerel, tuna, red mullet, megrim.

The local characteristic products are represented by: eel, bass, cod, gilthead, sardine.

Molluscs fishery is of great importance; they are marine animals characterised by an internal shell (cuttlefishes and squids), or without a shell (octopus), or with an external protective shell mostly composed by calcium carbonate (mussels, clams), also called “seafood”.

The typical molluscs from local production are: razor fish, mussel, oyster, carpet-shell; others are represented by: squid, pilgrim scallop, scallop, cocks, whelk, curled octopus, murex, octopus, cuttlefish, smali squid, Venus clam, flying squid, clam, venus clam.

Last, but not least, there are shellfish, marine animals with a segmented armour, cephalothorax, 5 pairs of paws, a pair of claws, stalk-eyed, 2 feelers, 2 antennulae.

Among them: common shrimp (schia), crab (moeca), squill. Other shellfish are: lobster, shrimp, spidercrab, female shore crab and prawn.