With Europe hit by COVID-19, mango exports from Karnataka look uncertain

With most European countries in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic and many of them going through an extended lockdown period, **uncertainty looms over mango exports from Karnataka.** Growers producing export-quality fruits are keeping their fingers crossed with limited cargo flight operations. Even though it is an “off-year” for the mango crop, Karnataka was expecting a yield of about 8 lakh tonnes, with the first batch of fruits harvested from trees with “manipulated” flowering already hitting the markets and fetching a handsome price.

**The fruit varieties, mainly Alphonso, Badam, Saindoora, Mallika, Baganpalli and Kesar,** are also exported to the Middle East, especially the UAE market, and the United States, but Europe has been the major market and the largest importer of mangoes.