Colombia

Colombia is the fourth exporter of Cavendish bananas. In August 2019, the Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA) confirmed the presence of tropical race 4 (TR4) in an area of 175 ha in Colombia's La Guajira department\(^4\). It is the first report of TR4 in Latin America\(^5\).

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### Banana-producing areas

The department of Antioquia in the northwestern part of the country has 70% of the area planted in bananas, in Urabá and Magdalena mainly. About 16% of the area planted in bananas is occupied with bananas for the domestic market.

### Production constraints

The so-called Race 1 of Fusarium wilt is present. Although it affects Gros Michel, the cultivar is still produced in highland areas and sold on the domestic market.

TR4 was confirmed to be present in the department of La Guajira in 2019. It is the first report of TR4 in Latin America\(^5\).

### Quarantine pests

The government of Colombia declared TR4 as a quarantine pest in 2011\(^6\).

### References

1. 2015 data from the World Bank
2. 2011 data from FAOSTAT - Resources/Land
3. 2013 data from FAOSTAT - Production/Crops
4. ICA amplía y refuerza las medidas, que ya venía implementando, para atender la presencia de Fusarium R4T en cultivos de banana en La Guajira, published 8 August 2019 on the website of the Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA).
6. Resolution 1444 forbidding the importation in Colombia of Musa plant material from a country where TR4 is present.

See also on this website

Other banana-producing countries:
Australia
Bangladesh
Brazil
Burundi
Cameroon
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of Congo
Ecuador
Federated States of Micronesia
Ghana
Honduras
India
Kenya
Nigeria
Papua New Guinea
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