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ABSTRACT

Olive trees deeply root in the origins of our civilization. Olives and olive oil production was part of the daily life of the first societies that inhabited Iberian Peninsula. They were used not only as food, but also as medicinal and cosmetic products, lighting, fuel or elements of religious rituals. Soon in our history olive oil began to be highly demanded, and reached a very important role in the economy of the Roman Empire. Since then, alternating times of increase and contraction, olive trees have been present in Andalusian life.

Andalucía en la Historia magazine traces the history of olive trees and the people involved in their culture and uses, in a issue coordinated by José Francisco Zambrana Pineda, Professor of History and Economic Institutions of Malaga University.