Week 32 Fruit Wholesale Market Report

South African Cambria oranges arrive, South African mandarins enter peak supply

This week saw an increase in the arrival of South African Cambria oranges compared to the beginning of the month, though the overall volume remains low. Traders report that prices are higher than last year. The Cambria oranges currently available have green stems, are adequately hydrated, but are not yet fully sweet. Due to the limited supply, the price of South African oranges remains high, about 20% to 30% higher than last year.

Left: South African Cambria oranges; Right: New Zealand apples.

South African mandarins have now reached their peak arrival period, with a significant increase in volume this week and a noticeable drop in selling prices. Last week's high prices have now decreased by around 10%-25%, depending on the brand. The taste of South African mandarins remains consistent, but with the large volume now available, sales have slowed. Despite the decrease in selling prices, they are still higher compared to the same period last year, when prices were relatively low due to taste issues.

Regarding Australian oranges, traders noted that the taste of recent arrivals has been below expectations, remaining quite sour. As a result, selling prices have dropped, impacting sales.

Left: Xinjiang plums; Right: imported avocados.

Imported apple prices rose over the past two weeks due to limited supply but have now stabilized. Although arrivals are still limited, the recent price increase has affected sales, leading to stable prices in recent days.

The price of imported avocados has steadily risen over the past few weeks, now reaching ¥140 per box. According to traders, issues with ripening warehouse equipment and increased shipping costs, combined with high summer demand, have driven up prices. The price is expected to continue rising, particularly for ripe avocados, as further supply reductions are anticipated. Currently, sales are strong.

A large volume of air-freighted plums from Xinjiang has arrived, causing prices to drop from ¥85-¥90 per box last week to ¥55-¥65 per box for most of the current arrivals. Land-freighted plums are also expected soon, which will further impact the price of air-freighted plums.

Left: Yunnan blueberries; Right: Sichuan soft-seeded pomegranates.

Imported blueberries remain out of stock, with current sales relying on blueberries from Yunnan, Liaoning, Shandong, and other domestic regions. The Yunnan blueberry season has been extended this year, with late varieties gradually becoming available, though in limited quantities. The price of Yunnan blueberries is higher than those from other regions. Traders indicate that higher-quality Yunnan blueberries are selling for around ¥110-¥120 per box, while branded, top-quality batches over 18mm can reach ¥170-¥180 per box or more, although the supply of premium fruit remains limited.

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