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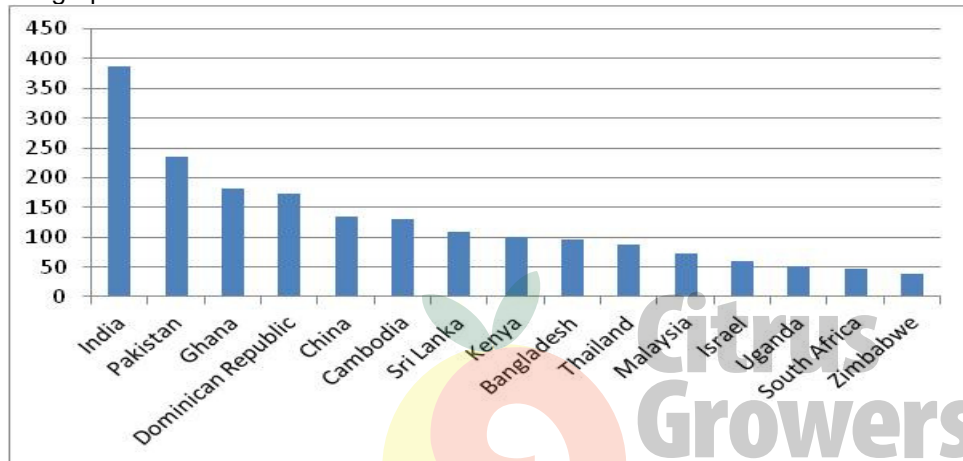
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Every time you feel yourself being pulled into other peoples drama, repeat these words – not my circus, not my monkeys" Polish Proverb

EUROPHYT REPORT

Europhyt is the notification and rapid alert system for the European Union (EU) plant health system. On a monthly basis the Europhyt website reports on interceptions in the EU; in the case of pests and diseases it includes the country of origin, product and pest/disease involved. The website was recently updated with the June 2014 interceptions – **for the 2014 year to date there have been no interceptions for CBS in the EU from any supplier country.**

Europhyt also recently released their analysis of the 2013 calendar year. In the case of harmful organisms there were 2 234 consignments notified – 74% involving fruit and vegetables (1 834 consignments). The worst offenders are as per the graph below:



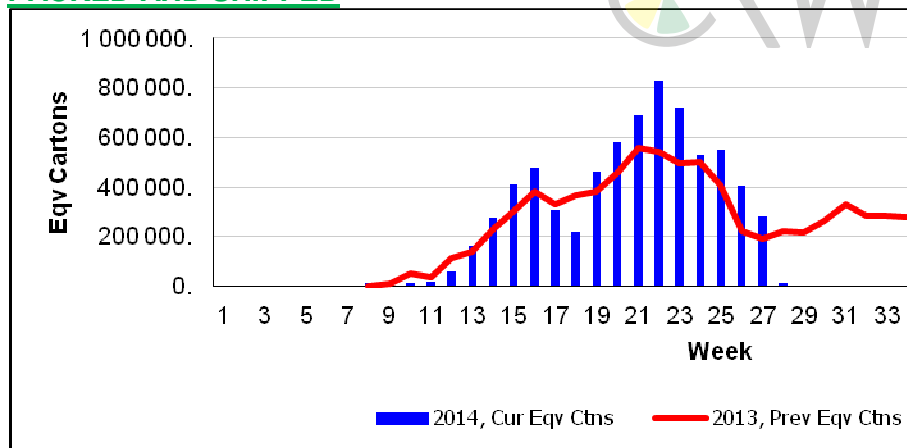
92% of notifications were due to insects, 3.6% fungi, 2.2% nematodes and 1.4% bacteria.

Fruit fly has always been the worst offender – in 2011 there were 576 notifications for fruit fly; 2012 683 notifications and 2013 751 notifications. This is followed by thrips (464) and leaf miner (156). Mango's were the worst offenders (426 notifications), followed by gourds (332), basil (163), eggplant (155), citrus (123) and guava (72).

Eurostat data indicates importation of 230 000 tons of mango's, guava and mangosteen into the EU in 2013. With 498 notifications recorded this means 539 tons per interception; 8 600 tons of eggplant (aubergine) were imported in 2013 with 144 notifications (55 tons per interception) and 1 788 000 tons of citrus imported resulting in 123 notifications (14 536 tons per interception).

Most interceptions were in the UK (149) followed by Netherlands (438), France (190), Germany (168) and Czech Republic (150).

PACKED AND SHIPPED



Soft citrus volumes are steaming ahead of last year's packed numbers; in 2014 Satsuma volumes were 1,778 m cartons – appreciably higher than 2013 (1,619 m) and ahead of the original estimate (1 729 m). This was followed by a big Clementine crop – 3,055 m packed exceeding 2013's 2,341 m and the original estimate of 2,684 m. This trend is likely to continue in the mandarin sector – presently 2,139 m of the estimated 4,656 m have been packed and passed for export. 2013 volumes to date were 1,635 m cartons

To Week 28 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2012	2013	2014	2013	2014	2014	2014	2013
Grapefruit	10.5 m	14.6 m	12.7 m	12.3 m	12.0 m	16.5 m	14.4 m	17.9 m
Soft Citrus	5.5 m	5.7 m	7.0 m	5.6 m	6.3 m	9.2 m	10.5 m	8.4 m
Lemons	6.4 m	7.9 m	9.6 m	7.2 m	8.4 m	12.1 m	12.3 m	10.6 m
Navels	17.4 m	17.5 m	15.6 m	14.7 m	12.5 m	25.8 m	25.8 m	25.4 m
Valencia	7.2 m	6.3 m	6.1 m	3.2 m	3.2 m	49.5 m	49.5 m	51.4 m
Total	47 m	52 m	51 m	43 m	42.4m	113.1 m	112.5 m	113.7 m

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