



GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (26/2009)

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Exchange Rate at 11:20 R/\$ 8.09 R/€ 11.42 R/£ 13.21

Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

Australia: Canker affected farmers finally celebrate harvest

Central Queensland citrus farmers are gearing up for their first harvest in four years.

Emerald producers had to plough in their entire crops in 2005 after the fungal disease citrus canker was found in the area.

[*abc.net.au* 14 July 2009]

Australia: Navel oranges best in years

Australian navel oranges have hit the shelves in the US in what is thought to be the best-quality fruit for years. And while Riverina growers find an export home for some of their 50,000-tonne crop, they are not making the returns of their fellow growers in the Sunraysia and Riverland. An outbreak of Queensland fruit fly earlier this year meant Riverina fruit must be cold sterilised to be eligible for the US, and this could cost up to \$200 a tonne in lost returns.

[*Weekly Times*, July 16 2009]

Australia to ship more citrus to the US

Despite higher costs and 'challenging' production circumstances, marketer Riversun is forecasting a significant rise in shipments to the US west coast this year.

[*Reefer Trends*, 8 July 2009]

Morocco concludes difficult citrus season 10 July 2009

Despite the dramatic reduction in exports, problems with fruit quality and weak export markets producers are planning for the 2009/10 season with confidence.

[*Reefer Trends*, 10 July 2009]

Mozambique's Citrum exports citrus fruits to Europe

Mozambican company Citrum exported 1,400 tonnes of oranges and grapefruit to the European market during the current campaign (2008-2009), according to the chairman of the Office to Support Small Investments (GAPI), António Souto. GAPI, which is the institution that "saved" Citrum from imminent bankruptcy, in 2007 drew up a citrus fruit production strategy and search for a technological partnership, which made it possible for the company to re-launch its project to produce and export oranges and grapefruit and also invested some US\$1.6 million in improving the company's citrus groves. Souto also aid that Citrum, a project that is being carried out in Boane district in Maputo province, expects to export approximately 2,500 tonnes of citrus fruit in the next agricultural campaign, after small investments made in the companies citrus groves. "The Asian market has shown it is open to our products, but we are still making contacts with a view to exporting to some of the countries," the GAP chairman said.

[*macauhub.com.mo*, 10 July 2009]

Uruguayan citrus crop disappoints

According to data published by the country's Agricultural Statistics Agency DIEA this year's harvest will rise only 4% on 2008 volumes.

[*Reefer Trends*, 13 July 2009]

Little Change in USA Total Citrus Production Estimate

The forecast of the 2008-09 U.S. grapefruit crop is 1.29 million tons, down 3% from the June forecast and 17% lower than the 2007-08 final utilization of 1.55 million tons. All four estimating States showed a decrease from the previous forecast.

[*AgReport*, 10 July 2009]

US: Oranges may help keep gout away

The March edition of the Archives of Internal Medicine followed a group of 46,994 men without gout over a period of 20 years. The men with the lowest intake of vitamin C (less than 250mg/day) were at a statically significant increased risk of the development of gout in comparison to men with higher intakes. [*examiner.com*, 14 July 2009]

Citrus prices on FreshPlaza.com and AGF.nl

Please click on the link below to display these prices which are average Free on Truck prices in Euros recorded in the Dutch fresh produce market and can be taken as an indication for the European situation.

http://www.freshplaza.com/price-watch/archief/2009/citrus_week29-09.pdf

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