



Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (36/2009)

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Exchange Rate at 16:50 R/\$ 7.45 R/€ 11.00 R/£ 12.22

Mexico – Losses Due To Drought

29 August 2009 – The draught lasting for more than 8 months has made the region of Nuevo Leon to lose 80% of its crops. This affects in particular at the production of 400.000 tons of citrus fruit.

[Freshfel; 29 August 2009]

Cuba – Citrus Production Still Going Down

The decrease for already a decade on production of citrus fruit has continued and the Cuban government has informed that up to July, the decrease reaches 45% compared to the same period in 2008. The local authorities declare that this is due to the ageing of trees, hurricanes, plagues and illnesses.

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Mexico – Cut Of Citrus Trees Due to the “Yellow Dragon” Plague

3 September 2009 – Hundreds of trees infected with the “yellow dragon” and leprosy plagues have been cut in Chiapas and Yucatan, as an emergency measure to prevent the dissemination of these illnesses. The Mexican Secretariat for Agriculture (Sagarpa) has indicated that surveillance is being increased. Citrus production is big in Mexico where it represents 530.000 ha, with around 6 700 000 tons yearly and a value of 8.050 million pesos, situating the country as the 5th world producer.

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Spain – Valencia Drop By 20% in Citrus Production but Extraordinary Quality

The Valencian Association of Farmers (AVA-Asaja) has confirmed a drop by 20 to 25% on citrus production in Valencia compared to the previous season, with around 3 million tons (around 5 million tons expected nationally in Spain). The association has declared that however, there will be an extraordinary quality of the fruit with no phytosanitary problems to mention.

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Spain – The Lemon Sector Agrees on a Minimum Price

The lemon sector in Spain has reached a historical agreement to guarantee a minimum income to the producers. The interprofessional organisation Ailimpo, has agreed on baseline indicators to make sure the farmer receives at least a price that guarantees production costs. The agreement has been backed up by the farmer's organizations, cooperatives, the private sector and the industry, and has been transmitted to the Ministry of Agriculture for the final legal approval.

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Current Year Iran's Citrus Production Will Increase to 400,000 Tons

Vice president of Iranian Farmer in an interview with IANA: Currently there are about 256 hectares of citrus lands in Iran of which 87.48% are productive trees and 12.52% are young trees or graftings. From 224,026 hectares bearing citrus fruits 81.86% are agricultural and 18.14% are dry farms which belong to Northern provinces. Productive citrus year plus adequate rain falls will increase Iran's export between 200,000 to 400,000 tons. Production volume would be 4,000,000 to 4,200,000 tons.

[www.flgrp.com; 22 September 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_week38-09.pdf

If you need more information on any of these issues, or if there is anything else that CGA can assist with, please contact us at 031 7652514, or johne@cga.co.za
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