



GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (18/2010)

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Exchange Rate at 12:30 R/\$ 7.71 R/€ 9.35 R/£ 11.30

Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

EU / USA – Authorities launch investigation into alleged illegal price cooperation in container shipping sector

It is reported that the US Federal Maritime Commission and the European Commission have launched an investigation into alleged illegal price cooperation within the global container shipping sector. While the number of ships has been rising in the past, also container shipping rates have been rising at a steady rate.

[Esmerk.com; 2 June 2010]

US: Orange, grapefruit juice may build stronger bone

Regular consumption of orange and grapefruit juice could build stronger bones at least in mice, says a study. Farzad Deyhim and other researchers at Texas A&M University's vegetable and fruit improvement centre studied 36 male rats in the laboratory for two months. They gave half of these rats orange and grapefruit juice regularly and found that it prevented osteoporosis, long considered an unavoidable aging disease in which bones become more likely to break, said a university release posted on its website www.vic.tamu.edu.

[onlinenews.com.pk; 9 June 2010]

USA: South African summer citrus program not impacted by labor dispute

The first reefer vessel with the first shipment of South African summer citrus for the 2010 season is expected to dock in the Port of Philadelphia on June 24th as planned, despite the recent strike action among transport workers in South Africa. "Our export program to the United States has been unscathed by strike action, which was resolved about 10 days ago," said Ms. Joretha Geldenhuys, CEO of the Western Cape Citrus Producers' Forum. "The reason for this is that the vast bulk of our shipments travel to the U.S. on reefer ships and the workers responsible for loading these ships are not members of the striking union." The Forum represents the more than 350 South Africa citrus growers eligible to export to the U.S. Geldenhuys added that the Forum was confident of shipping close to 50,000 tons of citrus to the U.S. this season, up from under 40,000 tons in 2009.

[www.freshplaza.com; 9 June 2010]

Brazil: Crop squeeze to lift orange juice price

The price of orange juice will rise in coming months as Brazil's citrus crop, the world's largest, sees its worst harvest in seven years because of bad weather and diseases, according to Cutrale of Brazil, the leading orange juice producer. Orange juice is a \$20bn industry with prices affecting farmers in São Paulo and Florida, processors, trading houses and bottlers such as Coca-Cola and PepsiCo.

[ft.com; 9 June 2010]

South Korean oranges could be OK'd in U.S.

South Korean oranges that have been banned from the mainland U.S. since 2002 could be allowed back in. Under a proposed rule from the the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, fresh unshu oranges would be allowed back in the U.S., according to the June 8 Federal Register. Unshus are a mandarin citrus variety similar to imported satsumas and U.S.-grown tangerines. Japan is the major supplier of unshus to the U.S. Since 2005, unshus have only been allowed into Alaska. Fears over citrus canker and sweet orange scab led to their banishment from the U.S. in 2002.

[www.thepacker.com; 9 June 2010]

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/2010/citrus_week21-10.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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