



GLOBAL CITRUS SCAN (19/2010)

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

Citrus Growers Association (CGA)

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Citrus Australia welcomes rebate to citrus exporters

Citrus Australia Ltd, the national peak industry body representing citrus growers, has welcomed the announcement by federal Minister for Agriculture Tony Burke to provide one-off assistance payment to horticultural exporters. Late last year Citrus Australia was quick to launch the campaign which sought special consideration for citrus exporters and growers who paid a temporary but significant higher AQIS fee during peak citrus export season in July to September 2009. "We estimated the citrus industry alone overpaid AQIS approximately half a million dollars," Citrus Australia Ltd CEO Judith Damiani said. Ms Damiani reiterated the industry's commitment to horticulture's Export Certification Reform Package, being rolled out over the next twelve months. "We must now work with the Australian Government on creating a world class quarantine and export certification system, as well as fast-tracking high priority export market access requests", she urged.

[www.citrusaustralia.com.au; 17 June 18, 2010]

Exports of Chilean clementines to the U.S. doubled

The Chilean clementine season is having a good start in the U.S. According to the SimFRUIT's market report for week 22, so far this season the Chilean exports of clementines have doubled the tons shipped compared to the same dates of the 2008/09 season. Although the volumes of Chilean clementines in this market are still quite timid, the figures foresee a good scenario, which adds to the fact that there is a good demand and that the shortage of the fruit has led to slightly higher prices that predicted. This week the first shipments of Chilean lemon to the U.S were made, about 2800 boxes (50 tons) are already recorded, compared to the 2700 boxes of Mexican lemons. On the other hand, it is expected that between late June and the first weeks of July significant volumes of Chilean Navel oranges will enter the U.S, along with the South African and Australian oranges. However, the supply of Californian oranges in the market remains stable but the supply should soon begin to decrease with importers looking to complete their stock in the next two to three weeks with external fruit.

[www.freshplaza.com; 14 June 2010]

USDA say Florida's orange crop to be larger than expected

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Florida's orange crop will be 1.5 percent bigger than projected in May, this is due to perfect weather conditions. The 131.6 million boxes predicted last month, has now risen to 133.6 million boxes. The USDA's estimate is down from the original figure in October of 136 million boxes.

[www.freshplaza.com; 11 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

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